**Michael Castle Trail**

Extended Hours Access Permit Acknowledgement

1. This permit is only valid from sunset to 9:00 pm on Thursday’s unless access is restricted for management purposes. This permit expires on Thursday, December 31st, 2020.
2. This permit is only valid for the Michael Castle Trail from the start of the trail in Delaware City and continuing westbound until the switchback at the Summit Marina. Dirt access roads and any other part of the C & D Canal Wildlife Area or areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Delaware City are not covered under this permit.
3. This permit is restricted to a maximum of 50 participants per scheduled event.
4. Each individual participant must sign both the waiver and acknowledgement. These waivers and acknowledgements must be forwarded to DNREC no later than 48 hours prior to event start.
5. Individuals acquiring this permit may only park at one of the two Michael Castle Trail parking lots in the area: Biddle’s Point parking lot and the St. Georges Bridge Parking Lot. Parking is not allowed on any of the other access roads. Parking may occur off site as long as the appropriate permits are obtained from the jurisdiction where you will park.
6. Permit must be displayed in dash of each vehicle participating in the event in a manner that is clearly visible by enforcement personnel.
7. Required Equipment:
	* Light – front and rear lights required.
	* Bicycle helmet required when operating a bicycle.
	* Reflective tape / clothing on front and back of all users.
	* Communication devices required (cell phone).
	* Valid state or federally issued identification must be carried by all trail users.
	* Extended Hours Access Permit must be carried by all users.
8. All incidents / accidents that occur while operating under this permit must be immediately reported to the Natural Resources Police. Their 24 hour dispatch number is 1-800-523-3336.
9. Extended Hours trail use must be conducted in such a way as to not interfere with other lawful activities being conducted on other areas of the C&D Canal Wildlife Area.
10. The extended hours for trail use shall not create undue circumstances that would increase staff time or expenses in providing special needs, accommodations / requests, monitoring of parking lots, enforcement or safety.
11. Wildlife Area rules and regulations apply.
12. This permit can be revoked at any time for any violations of these terms and for any reason deemed necessary by the Chief of Enforcement, Natural Resources Police, Fish and Wildlife Division.

***SIGNATURE REQUIRED***

I, ALONG WITH MY HEIRS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF DELAWARE, ITS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, AND ASSIGNS (“RELEASEES”) FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, ARISING FROM THE RELEASEES’ NEGLIGENCE AND/OR MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES AND/OR PRESENCE ON STATE OF DELAWARE PROPERTY INCLUDING ANY PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY.

**By signing this document, I understand and agree with the information provided.**

Printed Name:  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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