



# Nature Vancouver

P.O. Box 3021, Station Terminal Vancouver, BC V6B 3X5

## Membership Application and Liability Waiver

Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: 2. (Family Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ / Renewal Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ ( \$40 a year)

Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 a year for 1- 2 adults plus children up to age 18)

Student Membership \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 a year for students Enrolled at an accredited educational institution in BC.)

\*I prefer Print \_\_\_\_\_ / Online \_\_\_\_\_ edition of *Discovery*.

\*I prefer Print \_\_\_\_\_ / Online \_\_\_\_\_ edition of *BCnature Magazine* (**Please add \$5 for print edition.**)

\*I would like to **Subscribe** \_\_\_\_\_ / **Not Subscribe** \_\_\_\_\_ to the weekly e-News

\*I would like to **Donate** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (**please select one**): 1. **NV Endowment Fund** (including **Education**) \_\_\_\_\_; 2. **Nature Conservation Fund** \_\_\_\_\_; or 3. **NatureKids BC** \_\_\_\_\_. (*Please note that undesignated donations go to General Operations by default. Tax receipts will be sent for donations of \$20 or more.*)

Total amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a cheque or money order, payable to **Nature Vancouver**, with a completed Membership Application form to:

**Membership Secretary, Nature Vancouver, P.O. Box 3021, Station Terminal Vancouver, BC V6B 3X5**

### YOUR PRIVACY

Information collected on this form will be used by Nature Vancouver and BC Nature to contact you and to deliver newsletter subscriptions. VNHS does not share personal information with third parties.

### INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

Please read the attached document carefully and sign at the bottom.

# INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

READ THE COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ATTENTION TO DETAIL PRIOR TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

This is a binding legal agreement. As a participant in the programs, activities, and events of the Federation of British Columbia Naturalists (BC Nature) and all of the affiliate organizations within the Federation including Vancouver Natural History Society (Nature Vancouver), the online acknowledgement and acceptance confirms agreement to the following terms.

The Federation Naturalists clubs/ groups/affiliates and their respective directors, officers, committee members, members, employees, volunteers, participants, agents, and representatives (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a participant during, or as a result of, any program, activity or event of the Organization, caused by the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the programs, activities and events of the Organization.

## DESCRIPTION OF RISKS

I am participating voluntarily in these activities, events and programs of the Organization. In consideration of my participation in their programs, activities and events, I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to any such programs, activities and events and may be exposed to such risks, dangers and hazards. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to, injuries from:

- Field trips, outreach events, outings and nature walks
- Bird counts and watching
- Road cleanup and restoration work
- Animal attacks, including but not limited to, bears, cougars and snakes
- Bites from insects, including ticks with possibility of leading to Lyme Disease
- Extreme weather conditions which may result in heatstroke, sunstroke, hypothermia, frostbite, or lightning strikes
- Inhalation of viruses or infections including but not limited to, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome
- Executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques including climbing and hiking
- Vigorous physical exertion
- Reactions to agents on grass or other surfaces that may produce allergies or infections
- Falling to the ground due to uneven, slippery, steep, rocky or irregular terrain or surfaces
- Failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment
- Spinal cord injuries which may render me permanently paralyzed
- Travel to and from activities, events and programs

Furthermore, I am aware

- That injuries sustained can be severe
- That I may experience anxiety while challenging myself during the activities, events and programs
- That my risk of injury is reduced if I follow all rules established for participation
- That my risk of injury increases as I become fatigued

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the organization allowing me to participate, I agree:

- That I do not know of any medical condition I might have that could possibly make it unwise from me to participate in the club's activities, events or programs, including but not limited to heart conditions
- To freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in such activities, events and programs
- To forever release the organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions and costs that might arise out of my participation in the activities, events and programs of the organization.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read this agreement and agree to its terms and conditions. I have executed this agreement voluntarily.

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Family Member): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_