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TRAIL USE AGREEMENT

This Trail Use Agreement is between _____ and the **North Country Trail Association** acting through its local Trail Chapter, the _____ **Chapter** in _____. The purpose is to establish an agreement which is acceptable to both parties for the North Country National Scenic Trail to be established on the landowner's property.

AGREEMENT

Both parties agree that the following conditions shall constitute the Trail Use Agreement. The conditions can be changed at any time with the agreement of both parties.

1. The trail shall be open for public use. Any trail closings will be stated under (A) on page 2 of Agreement.
2. There shall be no fees charged to hike on the trail. Overnight campsite fees may be charged at private campgrounds.
3. The trail shall be used by the public only for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The landowner may add other uses that are stated under (B) on page 2 of this Agreement.
4. The original trail route and any subsequent changes will be approved by the landowner.
5. The trail will be maintained by the local NCTA Chapter to keep the path clear, marked, and clean. This will be accomplished through regular planned trail work sessions and special trail work sessions for conditions reported that need attention.
6. The construction of any bridges, boardwalks or other necessary improvements will be made only after consultation and agreement with the landowner.
7. The trail route will be marked with 2" by 6" blue paint blazes and Carsonite posts so that the route can be followed easily in all seasons of the year.
8. Trailhead markers, Private Property courtesy signs and signs prohibiting undesired usages (motorized travel, horses, or hunting, for instance) will be installed at pertinent locations.
9. The landowner will be put on the North Country Trail Association's **North Star** mailing list and receive our newsletter free four times a year.
10. The landowner is protected from liability under the State's Recreational Use Statute. When permission is granted for free public access, the landowner incurs no duty to keep the premises safe for that access, nor any responsibility for acts of the users. A copy of the law is attached.
11. The landowner may revoke this Agreement at any time by notifying the local NCTA Chapter or the North Country Trail Association.

12. If the landowner sells the land on which the trail is located, it is requested he/she notify the local Chapter or the North Country Trail Association. This Agreement does not extend to any new landowner, but for continued existence of this long distance trail it is asked that the new owner be made aware of the trail and the Agreement that will be requested of the new owner for its continued existence.

A. Trail Closures? (see item 1)

B. Landowner-approved uses for the trail? (beyond those stated in item 3)

Authorized For: Owner ____ Invited Guests ____ Public ____

Other uses for the Trail:

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL ROUTE COVERED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT:

Location on Attached Map: Describe starting and ending location using roads, access points or mileage points, fence lines and other natural features or man made facilities. Include a simple sketch map.

LANDOWNER

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Signature _____ Date _____

LOCAL NCTA TRAIL CHAPTER

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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