

Volunteer/ Program Participant Liability Waiver

Park Rules and Regulations

Please abide by the following rules when visiting Pine Valley Park and Charlotte's Quest Nature Center. These rules are intended to secure the fullest enjoyment of the facilities for our visitors. The commission of offenses under local ordinances or state law shall be cause for arrest.

Protect our natural resources:

1. Remain on designated trails to protect woodland habitat and prevent erosion to vulnerable hillsides.
2. Be respectful of all wildlife and habitats.
3. Trails are reserved for foot traffic only.
4. Do not litter. Dispose of trash in the cans provided near the porta-potties and in each pavilion.
5. Camp fires are prohibited without prior permission.
6. Vehicles are restricted to designated roads and parking areas only.
7. The pond and streams provide habitats to precious wildlife and therefore are not available for boating or swimming.
8. Catch and release fishing is permitted in our pond.

Protect your experience:

1. Be considerate of others and do not use excessive noise. Fellow park goers usually wish to experience and enjoy the sounds of nature.
2. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, and illegal substances are prohibited on park property.
3. Pets are welcome and must be on a leash at all times. Please use bags and trash cans to clean up after your pets.
4. Weapons or firearms, hunting, trapping or endangerment to animals are not permitted on park property.
5. Camping or lodging is prohibited without prior permission.
6. Structures, plants, and natural features may not be removed, damaged, defaced.
7. Structures, plants, and natural features may not be added without prior permission.
8. If you or your group is involved in a structured activity under the direction of CQ volunteers, follow their guidance and rules, especially when using non-powered hand tools and navigating equipment, plants, and debris. Power-tools are prohibited.

In the case of an emergency, please call 911.

Charlotte's Quest Nature Center (Upper Pavilion and Main Building)-3400 Wilhelm Lane Manchester, MD 21102

(Lower Pavilion and Pond)-Walnut Street Manchester, MD 21102

Personal Safety Guidelines

1. Be aware of your surroundings for your own safety. This is a public park and welcomes all patrons. In addition there is wildlife and varied plantlife and terrain throughout the park (all of which may be hazardous).
2. Be aware of current weather conditions and be mindful of the possibility of falling branches or structures.
3. We do not have potable water at the park. Please bring your own.
4. Be mindful of temperatures/ excessive heat or cold.
5. Wear protective clothing such as gloves, closed-toed and sturdy shoes, socks, long sleeves, long pants, a head covering such as a brimmed hat, sunscreen, and bug spray. The park may contain poisonous plants and insects; please be aware and cautious.
6. Bring your own first aid kit, for scrapes, insect stings, etc. In case of an emergency call 911 and be prepared to provide your location within the park.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out using the website www.charlottesquest.org

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

By execution of this agreement, the undersigned waives any claims that any participant may have against Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, the Manchester Parks Foundation, the Town of Manchester, any employees, contractors, or volunteers of the nature center, the foundation or the town for any injury to person or property that may occur as a result of participating in nature programming or any activity at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center or Pine Valley Park.

- ☐ I understand that we are assuming all risk of personal injury to any participant or guardian of participant that may occur as a result of the Town of Manchester permitting use of this facility, whether the injury results from negligence of any employee or volunteer of Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, the Manchester Parks Foundation or the Town of Manchester, by any means whatsoever. We hereby agree to release and hold harmless from any liability, the above-mentioned organizations, their employees, contractors, volunteers and all other elected officials.
- ☐ I grant to Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, its representatives and affiliates the right to take photographs of me and my property. I authorize Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, its assignees, and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically. I agree that Charlotte's Quest Nature Center may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including, for example, such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.
- ☐ I have read, acknowledge and will follow the guidelines listed above, including both *Park Rules and Regulations* and *Personal Safety Guidelines* to maintain a safe and enjoyable park environment for myself and fellow park visitors.

Signature

Date