

Unguided Hike Liability Release Agreement

Downtown Bicycle Rental, Inc. d.b.a. **Flattop Mountain Shuttle** (hereafter "**Shuttle**") offers and the undersigned individual(s) ("**Hiker**"), accepts for good and valuable consideration, to be bound by the following contractual terms and understandings.

This is an unguided hike. Shuttle only provides van transportation to and from the trailhead. The moment van arrives/stops at trailhead, Hiker's status is no different than people who drive themselves to the trailhead. (Wherever/whenever it is parked, it is hiker's responsibility to safely enter and exit van.)

While hundreds of people hike it almost every day, hiking Flattop, like hiking any mountain, is an inherently dangerous outdoor activity. Some of the inherent risks include spraining your ankle or knee, falling, being hit by a dislodged rock, or having a heart attack. Hiker acknowledges that Shuttle has no medical or liability insurance to cover the cost of any injury, death, or rescue arising out of this unguided hike.

Also, Hiker takes responsibility for actions and choices that are the proximate cause of injury to others. For example, if Hiker trips and knocks down someone else, Hiker, not Shuttle will answer/take responsibility for the injured's alleged claim.

Before leaving for the trailhead in the van, Hiker should PREPARE and BRING appropriate clothing, footwear, and bottled water. Weather can range and change from hot and sunny (shorts and t-shirt) to rain, wind and cold. Thin wicking layers and a breaker are better than bulk. After arriving at the trailhead, hiker should assess the weather, decide what to wear, and what, if anything to store in the van. For most people, a hiking sneaker with GOOD TRACTION is the best footwear choice. For a few, a light hiking boot with ankle support is sometimes preferred. At the trailhead there are outhouses but no water.

In sum, neither Shuttle, its driver, employees, referring agents, or Chugach State Park (State of Alaska) are responsible for any injury incurred during this unguided hike. If Hiker is a parent or guardian, the foregoing contractual terms apply to my child/ward.