

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address2: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Provide phone numbers that you wish to be used for flying/club related communication:

Phone(home): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(work): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(cell): \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

USHGA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot Rating: HG \_\_\_ PG \_\_\_

List signoffs & appointments (i.e., XC, turbulence, flat slope launch, Observer, etc):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ham Radio Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

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(3/26/2024)

Mail to: Luke Higginbotham 184 Lake Catherine Drive Buchanan, VA 24066

# Crawford Mountain Liability Waiver

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Larry G. Dennis and Barbara A. Dennis, Frank Thomas, and Orchard View Farm and Cattle Company, as Landowners (hereinafter referred to as landowners) of the Crawford Mountain (Eagle Rock, Virginia) launch sites and landing fields, grant permission to enter the Crawford Mountain area only under the terms of this contract.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned accept all responsibility for damages, accidents or harm (including bodily injury or death) to myself or other persons, or real and personal property damage on account of coming onto said property including but not limited to, connected with or growing out of any and all activities of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to any activities associated with or related to Paragliding, the use of flight devices, including but not limited to launching, flying or landing of any flight device while in the Crawford Mountain area or any property owned by landowners or any property owners or heirs upon which the pilot and/or flight device may land upon. This contract includes all of the time I am in the area. Once I enter the Crawford Mountain area, I am responsible for myself and other people who are with me under the terms of this contract.

I also agree to waive my rights to legal action and to hold blameless the landowners and property owners upon which the pilot may launch or land and their family members, heirs, agents and employees from any and all claims (including legal costs) while I am in the Crawford Mountain areas.

This contract is binding upon heirs, next of kin, executors and administrators of estate.

I also agree that while I am in the Crawford Mountain area I will:

1. Have in my possession a valid and current USHPA Membership Card, with a minimum of a P-3/H-3 rating. Individuals who are not current USHPA Members, may not fly from this site. P-2/H-2 pilots may fly with the concurrence and presence of a site monitor.
2. Enter through the gate and leave the gate as you found it.
3. Observe safety precautions necessary to keep the area safe for myself and others, including no public consumption of alcohol or any use of illegal drugs.
4. Advise the landowners of any defaults of this contract. All unauthorized persons are trespassing and the landowners should be notified.
5. Any terms of this contract not adhered to will nullify any and all rights I might have had to be on the property for myself and I will be considered trespassing and must leave the area immediately.
6. The terms of this contract will continue throughout any and all entries to the area; additional changes or new terms may be required for future entry.
7. The pilot must fly with a reserve parachute and exhibit good and conservative judgments.
8. All pilots are strongly urged to carry 2-way radios on a Frequency of 151.625 MHZ.
9. This agreement is subject to the terms of Virginia, which shall be the sole jurisdiction for its interpretation and enforcement.
10. No modifications to the agreement may be made except by written agreement subscribed and witnessed by all parties involved.
11. I have read and agree to the terms of this contract.
12. Landowners reserve the right to terminate this contract at any time without cause or recourse or notice.

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

USHPA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail signed waivers to:  
Luke Higginbotham

184 Lake Catherine Drive

Buchanan, VA 24066

# CRAWFORD MOUNTAIN FLIGHT RULES

Eagle Rock, Virginia

## RULES

1. Must be current USHPA member for legal liability and site preservation reasons.
2. Must have a current P-3/H-3 or higher USHPA rating. P-2/H-2 pilots may fly with the concurrence and presence of a site monitor.
3. Helmets must be worn.
4. Always clear traffic and yell, "launching" before taking off and entering the flight pattern.
5. No use of motors from the launch site.
6. Dogs must be on a leash when on the launch site and landing field when pilots are preparing to launch, packing up gliders and while launching or landing.
7. Please send an email to the Skywackers Google Groups ( [skywacker@googlegroups.com](mailto:skywacker@googlegroups.com) ) with the total **number** of flights from the mountain that day.
8. A car going **UP** the mountain has the **right-of-way**. Do **NOT** back down the mountain to let someone pass since this can be dangerous and hard on your brakes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Initials**

## BE AWARE

- The landing zone just below the SE launch is small and requires accurate landing skills
- There are power lines in several of the farmers' fields used for landing
- Follow the rules of the ridge
- Clear your launches and turns all around, above and below you
- After landing, move your glider out of the middle of the field so others can safely land

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## MISCELLANEOUS

- If you have a radio, please USE it. It might save a life (yours!). The official radio frequency is 151.625 MHz. It is strongly encouraged that everyone use a radio.
- It may be helpful to carry a cell phone for emergencies.
- All vehicles must stay on the roads and park in parking areas.
- Do not park on the road or block access to the tower on the top of the mountain.
- Do not drive onto or park on the launch site. Park in one of the parking lots.
- The site is for day use only. No overnight camping without prior permission from the landowners.
- In case of an emergency, ask for a cell phone to call 911.
- DO NOT LITTER.
- Please respect all landowner's property. Remember that we are able to fly only with the consent of the landowners. Please treat all landowners kindly.

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## RULE OF THE RIDGE

- Always clear your turns. See, Be Seen and Avoid.
- Do not pin other pilots against the ridge. Leave enough room to turn out from the ridge.
- In ridge soaring conditions, pass on the right but realize that not everyone will follow this rule.
- Watch other pilot's head and eyes for clues as to the next move.
- First pilot to enter a thermal establishes turning direction. The lower pilot has the right of way.
- In ridge soaring conditions, the faster glider overtaking another glider, passes on the inside (ridge side).
- Please stay in a counter clockwise rotation when ridge soaring. The glider on the right has the right of way. Thermaling should be done outside the ridge soaring pattern.

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