

Mackinac State Historic Parks
Waiver of Liability
Firing Black Powder Weapons

Disclaimer

There are elements of risk and hazards to participants participating in the firing of black powder weapons at Colonial Michilimackinac and Fort Mackinac. The Mackinac State Historic Parks has made every effort to provide a safe environment with trained staff, but cannot eliminate all of the elements of risk and danger given the nature of this activity. All participants must submit a signed Assumption of Risk and Release form; a parent/legal guardian must sign for participants 13-17 years of age. Efforts will be made to ensure that participants can fire weapons as advertised, but staff reserve the right to substitute or eliminate weapons from the program at their discretion.

Risks

The risks involved in the participation of firing black powder weapons (flintlock musket, flintlock wall gun, flintlock blunderbuss, .45-70 Springfield rifle, mortar, cannon) at Colonial Michilimackinac and Fort Mackinac include but are not limited to:

- Failure of equipment;
- Failure to follow the safety policies and procedures;
- Misuse of equipment or facilities, or any other associated equipment;
- Cuts, bruises, abrasion, muscle and tendon strain, burns, hearing loss;
- Getting dirt or material in the eyes;
- Slips or trips while walking to or upon the firing sites.

Assumption of Risk and Release

I hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in participating in black powder weapons firing programs and that given the nature of the activity not all risks can be eliminated. Further, I expressly agree and assume all of the related risks. My participation is purely voluntary. I understand the importance of listening to the staff instructors and properly wearing the required earplugs and gloves. I understand the importance of following all safety regulations and properly using all equipment and listening to instruction.

I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, agree to indemnify and hold harmless and covenant not to sue the State of Michigan/Mackinac Island State Park Commission, its board members, employees, its volunteers and agents ("Releasees") for any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damage, personal injury, cost and expense which are in any way connected with my use of the Mackinac State Historic Parks equipment or facilities whether caused by the negligence, omissions, or carelessness of the Releasees. This release shall be binding on my family, heirs, estate, administrators, personal representatives and assigns.

My signature below indicates that I have been made aware of the risks involved and/or given a copy of the Disclaimer and Risks that I have read and understand this Assumption of Risk and Release.

Participant signature

Date

Parent/guardian signature, if participant is under 18

Date

Participant address

City

State

ZIP

Location of black powder program (circle one):

Colonial Michilimackinac

Fort Mackinac