

RECREATIONAL USE PERMIT

Not valid until countersigned by DRHTA

Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Association, Inc. (DRHTA) hereby grants permission to

_____ to use a portion of DRHTA's property known as the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, (DRHT) for the following purpose:

_____ This permit is valid for _____ from _____ to _____ but may be terminated by DRHTA at any time by mailing a revocation to permit holder at the address given below. Permit holder agrees that he supports the goals and objectives of the DRHTA and the Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail. This permit is non-exclusive and may not be transferred to any other person, but permit holder may be accompanied by no more than _____ guests.

Permit holder acknowledges that DRHTA does not expressly or impliedly represent that the property is safe for the purposes for which this permit is issued, that most of the Railroad Corridor is maintained as a wildlife refuge/conservation area, that DRHTA may perform some maintenance on the property or have others do so, but no such maintenance is intended to or will result in removing all hazardous or dangerous conditions, and that there may be natural hazards (including but not limited to wildlife, falling and fallen trees, gullies, groundhog holes, uneven ties, roots, stumps, sinkholes, swamps and wetlands) and dangers from the activities of other users of Railroad Corridor or activities on adjoining land. Part of the Corridor is bordered by property owned by the Northern Virginia Shooting Facility and used as a rifle range. Permit holder has extensive experience in dealing with all such conditions, and assumes all risks related to his/her activities under this permit, and releases DRHTA and DRHTA's agents, trail property owners and easement holders from all liability, and covenants to hold each of the above harmless (including reasonable attorneys fees) from any loss, damage, claim or demand arising from or during the course of permit holder's use of, or activities on, the Railroad Corridor and those of permit holder's guests, whether by reason of latent or patent defects or hazards which may exist on property, or otherwise.

Permit holder has read, and agrees to abide by, the conditions on the reverse side hereof. *Initial* _____

<p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Permit Holder Signature</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Send this completed permit application with a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to:</p> <p>Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail Assoc. Inc. Attn: David G. Brickley 5000 Liberty Woods Lane Woodbridge, Virginia 22193</p>
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Conditions of use

1. To obey all Federal, State and Local laws and regulations. Restrictions due to eagle nests may be in effect on portions of the corridor.
2. To observe normal and customary safety precautions and practices.
3. To leave no litter and clear litter left by others.
4. To observe all “posted” and “no trespassing” signs. Corridor is Private Property and adjoins Private Property belonging to others. The private property rights of our neighbors must be respected whether or not their property is posted. There is no access to adjoining property from the Railroad Corridor without prior specific permission of the owner of the adjoining property.
5. To access Railroad Corridor appropriately. No access may be had via private subdivision roads unless specific permission has been given by the appropriate owners.
6. To use the Corridor in a reasonable manner at all times; to avoid disturbing and damaging Railroad Corridor and property of adjacent DRHTAs; to prevent damage to all roads and driveways that cross the Railroad Corridor; and to protect and preserve the area’s wildlife, plants, and other natural features.
7. Collecting railroad memorabilia is strictly forbidden. All ties, spikes, mileposts, etc. are DRHTA’s property and may not be removed.
8. No firearms may be brought onto the Railroad Corridor unless DRHTA has included “hunting” as a permitted use. This bars firearms including unloaded or inoperable weapons. Any “hunter” is required to carry picture ID at all times when on Railroad Corridor.
9. All dogs must be on leash or under control of permit holder. No dogs are permitted to chase wildlife or to run loose onto property of adjoining owners except where “hunting with dogs” is a permitted use and permission has been obtained from adjoining owners.
10. To respect adjoining owners’ rights to have horses and livestock adjoining Corridor without interference from Corridor users. Do NOT feed horses “treats” or pet them.
11. To watch for, and yield to, any horses on the trail. Stop for approaching horses and wait for them to pass. If coming from behind, let the rider and horse know you are there and wait for instructions from the rider.
12. A bypass is being negotiated around the cemetery of Little Ark Baptist Church, (LABC) and, during this sensitive time, care must be exercised to carefully follow the trail bypass signs near LABC. All users will take care not to enter the LABC cemetery for any reason. Also note that the parking lot at LABC is not for trail use. Trail users are never to use the parking lot(s) of LABC to access the trail.
13. To report any unauthorized use of Corridor to DRHTA.

Please carry this Permit with you when using the Corridor

ENJOY THE RAILROAD CORRIDOR AND HELP US TO PRESERVE IT

