



“Self-Issuing” Equestrian Permit
NYSOPRHP and Town of Aurora Joint permit for

[Name of Rider]

[Phone]

[Street]

[City]

[State]

[Zip Code]

- (a) I understand and agree to assume all responsibilities arising from my equestrian activity in Knox Farm State Park.
- (b) I understand and agree to bring only horses certified to be free of Equine Infectious Anemia into the park; to bring a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Equine Anemia Test Record for each horse brought into the park and to carry a copy of a current negative Coggins Certificate issued in accordance with the Agriculture and Markets Rules and Regulations, Part 64. This permit is valid only in conjunction with the current Coggins Certificate.
- (c) I understand this permit is valid only for the period of April 1- December 31 of _____ (weather permitting) and may be revoked at any time. [current year]
- (d) I shall promptly report any and all unusual incidents directly to the Park Police 716-278-1777. Unusual incidents include but are not limited to: damage to park property, accidents, personal injuries, death, and/or damages of any kind whatsoever.
- (e) I release **Knox Farm State Park**, its agents, servants and/or employees, as well as the **State of New York and the Town of Aurora**, from any and all liability for personal injuries, death and/or damages of any kind whatsoever.
- (f) I agree to assume all risk in connection with this permit and will be solely responsible and answerable in damages for all accidents or injuries to person or property and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the People of the State of New York; New York State Executive Department; Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Knox Farm State Park and the Town of Aurora; their commissioners; officers; agents and employees from any claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature and description in connection with equestrian activity while at the park.
- (g) I acknowledge that this agreement will be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns forever.
- (h) I understand that this permit is not valid until signed by rider (and Parent or Guardian if applicable).
- (i) I agree to abide by all rules whether written or spoken by any NYS Parks and Recreation employee. I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of Knox Farm State Park’s Equestrian Rules (see page 2) and agree to comply with same.

This permit must be signed and kept with you (along with the applicable negative Coggins Certificate) while riding at Knox Farm State Park and must be produced upon request of any Law Enforcement Officer or employee of NYS Parks or Town of Aurora.

[Signature of Individual]

[Date]

[Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18]

[Date]



Equestrian Rules
(read before signing)

EQUESTRIAN RULES OF KNOX FARM STATE PARK
and NEIL & BARB CHUR EQUESTRIAN CENTER

- The “Self-Issuing” Equestrian Permit must be completed, signed, and held by each rider while riding at Knox Farm State Park, along with a legible copy of applicable negative Coggins Certificate
- All riders are required to wear ASTM certified riding helmets
- Stay out of areas marked as restricted and mansion lawn areas
- Do not ride when trails or grounds will be damaged due to wet conditions
- Stay on designated trails and grass areas, avoiding blacktop areas wherever possible.
- Keep off polo and soccer fields
- Ride at a walk, trot, or cantor; galloping is prohibited anywhere in park
- Jumping obstacles is prohibited
- Horses must be properly saddled and bridled
- Riding double or bareback is prohibited
- Meet and pass other horses or hikers at a walk and in single file; trails are multi-use
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- Load and unload horse(s) at equestrian field parking area (corner of Knox Rd. and Gypsy Ln.)
- Black-out dates may be imposed due to other conflicting park events. Whenever possible, signage will be posted in advance at equestrian field and at informational kiosks located within park indicating the affected dates and areas
- Equestrian permits are non-transferrable; State Parks and the Town of Aurora reserve the right to revoke permit due to any violation of the above rules or other acts of misconduct