



**NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
and Town of Aurora Joint Equestrian Permit and Agreement
Knox Farm State Park
East Aurora, New York**

[Name of Individual] [Phone]

[Street] [City] [State] [Zip Code]

- (a) I understand and agree to assume all responsibilities arising from equestrian activity in **Knox Farm State Park**.
- (b) I further 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 provide the park office with a legible copy of a current negative Coggins Certificate issued in accordance with the Agriculture and Markets Rules and Regulations, Part 64. **This permit is only valid as long as the Coggins Certificate is in effect and on file with the park office.**
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) I acknowledge that this agreement will be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns forever.
- (g) I further agree that this permit is not valid until the attached copy is signed by rider, guardian or parent and park manager. After completion, return in person or by mail to:
Park Manager's Office: Knox Farm State Park 437 Buffalo Rd. East Aurora, N.Y 14052
A hard copy of the signed permit will be returned to me by mail only if I provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- (h) In addition to the above conditions, 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 and agree to comply with same.

This permit may be revoked at any time for failure to adhere to park rules and regulations.

I am of legal age and agree to the conditions as outlined.

[Signature of Individual] [Date]

[Signature of Parent or Guardian] [Date]

[Signature of Park Manager] [Date]



Equestrian Rules

Please read before signing

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

- All riders are required to wear ASTM certified riding helmets.
- **Stay out of restricted areas.** This includes the old stable, surrounding pastures and mansion lawn areas.
- Stay on designated equestrian trails and grass areas. Avoid blacktop areas wherever possible.
- Keep off polo and soccer fields.
- Ride at a walk, trot or cantor. – Galloping is prohibited anywhere in park.
- Jumping any obstacle 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. Keep in mind, trails are shared by all.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Load and unload horse(s) at equestrian field parking area (Knox Rd @ Gypsy Ln) weather permitting.
- Certain dates may conflict with other park activities. Therefore, certain black-out dates will be put in force. Whenever possible, signage will be posted in advance at equestrian field and at informational kiosks located within park indicating the effective dates.
- Equestrian permits are non-transferrable and 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.

**RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH A LEGIBLE COPY OF THE COGGINS CERTIFICATE TO:
KNOX FARM EQUESTRIAN PERMIT**

Knox Farm State Park
437 Buffalo Rd.
East Aurora, N.Y 14052

Or scan the completed form and Coggins Certificate and return via e-mail to:

andrew.hillman@parks.ny.gov