



Trail Maintainer Registration Form

Name _____

Street _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Email(s) _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____ Secondary Phone (_____) _____

Club (if any) _____

Area(s) that I am assigned to: (Check here if you are not assigned to a specific section of trail.)

Map _____ Start _____ to Map _____ End _____

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Training: I have received (check those you have taken and enter date taken):

In the last 3 years, training (workshops, "on-the-job" mentoring/coaching, etc.) in basic trail maintenance or construction (standards and techniques for clearing, building, blazing/signage; trail use policies; landowner relations; etc.)

Chainsaw (Training Provider: _____) (____/____/____)

First Aid (Agency/Type: _____) (____/____/____)

CPR (____/____/____)

Other (____/____/____) Specify: _____

What training do you need? _____

Safety Handbook: Prior to maintaining or building trail or trail facilities for the FLTC, **you are required to read** the FLTC's *Safety Handbook*, available at www.fingerlakestrail.org → Members → Trail Workers or from your crew leader, Regional Trail Coordinator or ClubTrail Chair. Read the handbook *before* returning this form. Your initials here _____ and the date ____/____/____ indicate you have read the handbook.

Check here if you work on (or *might* work on) State land administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. If so, you will also need to complete the state's **Individual Volunteer Application** that can be found on the NYSDEC website so that you will be covered under their **Volunteer Stewardship Program**. That application must be submitted to the FLTC office.

Liability and Workers' Compensation protection is provided to a volunteer at no charge performing authorized work on the Finger Lakes Trail System where it traverses state land administered by the NYSDEC, providing that the volunteer has registered in the Volunteer Stewardship Program. Registration is required prior to performing work (see above). The Finger Lakes Trail Conference has assumed administrative responsibility with NYS for all FLTC trails on state land administered by the NYSDEC. Your signature below constitutes acceptance of this agreement. I agree to report all injuries to the FLTC Service Center within 24hrs and provide any information required by the State.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Liability Waiver

Those persons enjoying the Finger Lakes Trail (FLT) and/or activities sponsored by the Finger Lakes Trail Conference (FLTC) or any clubs conducting activities on behalf of, or in support of the FLTC, accept full personal responsibility for their own wellbeing, or, for the wellbeing of a minor when acting in the capacity of parent or guardian. Further, as a member of the FLTC and/or a sponsoring club, users of the Finger Lakes Trail accept and understand that hiking and trail maintenance activities are rigorous activities often conducted in rugged outdoor conditions subject to variations in weather and terrain conditions which may involve the risk of injury or death, and, that I am fully responsible for my own safety and selecting activities that are consistent with my physical capabilities. Furthermore, I agree to follow FLTC Safety Procedures while doing trail work.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Trail Maintainer Registration Form Notes

The main purpose of this form is to get basic information about **ALL** of our trail workers. That includes those who may only be one-time helpers. The FLTC needs to communicate with trail workers from time to time, so having your contact information is essential. Three times a year, we will send the *Trail Tender News* (TTN) to each registered worker who is actively involved in trail work. TTN contains helpful information and announcements that you will most likely need to know about. Whenever possible, we prefer to send this information by email to save paper and postage.

If you are associated with one of our Sponsoring Clubs, please indicate that on the form. If you are assigned to a specific section(s) of trail, please indicate what area (or if not, just check the “not assigned” space).

Another reason for this form is to collect information about Training. This will help us plan future training. It would be helpful if you could give as much detail here as possible. Feel free to attach more information if there’s not room on the form. Please be sure to tell us your **NEEDS** so that we may provide support to you. We also require all our maintainers to read our Safety Handbook and acknowledge that they have done so on the front of this form.

If you work on state land administered by the NYSDEC, you are eligible for Liability and Workers' Compensation protection at NO charge through a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement between the FLTC and the State. **But to activate your eligibility, you must complete the state's Individual Volunteer Application that can be found on the NYSDEC website and return the completed form to the FLTC office.** Please complete the form if you work on NYSDEC lands now or might do so in the future. It provides just one more measure of protection for both you and the FLTC.

As a part of our Risk Management Program, we have developed safety measures and standards for trail workers, BUT no matter how careful everyone is, there is always a chance of injury. We don’t want our workers taking on projects that they can’t handle and we require everyone to follow our safety procedures. The last section of the form asks you to sign an acknowledgement that you are aware of risks and that you agree to “be safe” in the way you conduct yourself while involved in hiking or trail work.

If you are a husband-wife team or if you have a partner sharing a trail assignment, BOTH need to fill out a form even if it contains much of the same information.

Return this form to either of the following:

- Finger Lakes Trail Conference, 6111 Visitor Center Rd., Mt. Morris, NY 14510
- Your Club’s Trail Chairman (or designated leader)

THANK YOU
for your cooperation in this matter!

Having this data makes our administration of trail maintenance much easier.

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