

# Willow Grove Farm / Orion Clydesdales

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## **Full and General Release of Liability- Clydesdale Trail Rides, Wagon Rides, Riding Lessons, Barn Visits, Special Events**

Willow Grove Farm and Orion Clydesdales operates an equine services business at Willow Grove Farm in Long Valley, New Jersey. Although Willow Grove Farm and Orion Clydesdales has taken reasonable steps to provide you with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so you may enjoy an activity for which you may not be skilled, we wish to remind you this activity is not without risk. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of the activity can be causes of loss or damage to your equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. Willow Grove Farm and Orion Clydesdales does not want to frighten you or reduce your enthusiasm for this activity, but we do believe it is important for you to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks. If a horse is frightened or provoked, it may divert from its training and act according to its natural survival instincts which may include, but are not limited to: stopping short, changing directions or speed at will, shifting its weight, kicking, biting, bucking, rearing, or fleeing from danger. Horses are animals and can be unpredictable and in no way is Willow Grove Farm, Orion Clydesdales, employees, volunteers and/or affiliates liable or responsible for any injuries you may incur from your involvement with horses or during any equine activity.

Wearing a helmet while riding a horse is a basic precaution and certain risks or injury or death cannot be avoided if not used. Willow Grove Farm demands that all riders wear riding helmets.

The undersigned desires to participate in one or more of our offered equine activities, and furthermore, the undersigned understands the potential dangers that he or she could incur in mounting/dismounting a horse and in riding a horse. You agree that all equine activities come with a risk of injury or death. Understanding these risks, the undersigned hereby fully and forever discharges and releases said Willow Grove Farm, Orion Clydesdales, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers, from all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action, if any, in the event of any injury and damage to the undersigned to the property of the undersigned (including perhaps even death), even if due to any provided equipment failures. This release shall be in effect regardless of the riding ability of the undersigned. When you participate in any equine activity, you take responsibility for knowing your capabilities and for any accidents that may occur.

In addition, a New Jersey Equine Liability Act warning shall be read on the posted sign at Willow Grove Farm, as well as, be read in this release of liability:

**“WARNING: UNDER NEW JERSEY LAW, AN EQUESTRIAN AREA OPERATOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ANIMAL ACTIVITIES, PERSUANT TO P.L.1997, c.287(C.5:15-1 et seq).”**

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she has read this full release; that he or she understands the same and it is not ambiguous; and that he or she voluntarily, knowingly, and intentionally has signed this full release.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The undersigned also approves the use of any photography or videography taken during his or her visit, to be used at the discretion of Willow Grove Farm and Orion Clydesdales, in its marketing and promotional activities and efforts.

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Applicant is under 18 years of age.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_