



OFF THE BEATEN PATH - PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH, 2014

11AM-5PM

Rules and Regulations

*Please note that all Participants **MUST** sign the *Off The Beaten Path* waiver before participation is allowed in the event*

1. REPRESENTATIVE'S AUTHORITY

Members and guests (Participants) must recognize the authority of the event coordinator(s)/organizer(s) and follow any additional rules they set up for Off the Beaten Path Toronto (OTBP) events - especially if the additional rules involve your safety. Events can be canceled or modified at the discretion of the OTBP Representatives (for lack of interest, inclement weather or having a personal conflict with the Event). OTBP has the authority to:

- a. Remove or reject any person from participation if they are not in condition for the Event. This is a safety issue and also helps assure the enjoyment of the other Participants.
- b. Participants are expected to stay together with their teams during the event
- c. Participants are expected to commit to the entire Event. OTBP cannot do their job if some Participants only go part way through the Event and then return on their own or do not return at all
- d. Any participant/team that cannot complete the event for reasons beyond their control, they must inform an OTBP staff member as soon as possible.
- e. If there is an emergency and/or injury, OTBP will terminate the Event or let someone help the injured back to transportation or medics. The volunteer will be required to be familiar with the way back.

2. BEHAVIOR

Remember that you are representing OTBP while participating in any OTBP event! Please conduct yourself in such a way as not to detract from the enjoyment of the other Participants (at all times). You may be removed or excluded from the Event should your behaviour warrant such an action. Note that we encourage all members to follow our rules and regulations at all times while participating in OTBP events.

3. CANCELLATION POLICY

- a. How to cancel from an event.
- b. No-shows
- c. Cancellation policy for paid events.

This policy has been designed out of consideration for event attendees and coordinators, to ensure that the following situations are avoided as often as possible:

- Event coordinators and attendees being left to waste time waiting for members who do not show up for an event.
- OTBP and/or event participants being forced to make up for another member's financial responsibilities.

These policies are not designed to punish people, but only to be fair to all concerned parties.

As well, exceptions may be made to this standard cancellation policy for any event. If there are exceptions to the policy, they will be stated as part of the event details. Make sure you read the event details carefully.

A. How to cancel from an event:

OTBP does not provide refunds for unused tickets. In the event you **must** cancel due to unforeseen circumstances, you must contact the event coordinator directly in order to discuss the possibility and have yourself deleted from the participant list. The event coordinator's contact information can be found by going to the event webpage. It is suggested that you follow up with an email to confirm your removal.



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B. No-shows

A no-show is awarded to a member or team who does not show up to an event for which they were registered, when they have not notified the event coordinator at least 24 hours in advance that they will be unable to attend. An event coordinator may use their discretion in awarding a no-show. No-shows forfeit the right to attend the event or be reimbursed for their ticket purchase.

- If a member is more than ten minutes late for a carpool or meeting place, they may be recorded as a "no show" at the coordinator's discretion. If you are uncertain as to where you're supposed to meet, make sure to contact the coordinator for clarification prior to the day of the event.
- Event attendees are responsible for having a valid e-mail address and for checking their e-mail prior to an event.
- Event attendees must inform an OTBP representative as soon as possible if they are aware that they are not going to be able to attend the event, or will not be completing the event after it has commenced

4. REFUND POLICY

- A full refund (including transaction surcharge) will be issued if an event is cancelled.
- For all other circumstances, please refer to our Cancellation Policy for other information.

5. ALCOHOL

OTBP encourages responsible drinking. The venue that the event after party is hosted at may allow for the purchase and/or consumption of alcohol. We simply ask that you do not overdo it. By consuming alcohol, you give permission to allow OTBP to find alternative ways to transport you home/get you through the remainder of the Event or exclude you from the remainder of the Event.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY

All Participants are encouraged to document the Event and in some cases are required to do so; however we stress you take extra measures to protect your equipment from undergoing damage. Also note that, during the Event, OTBP may be taking photos for use on the web site, in newsletters or other promotional materials. By participating in this event, you are giving OTBP permission to reuse these photos of you in such a manner.

7. LEAVE NO TRACE

When participating in an outdoors activity, we ask that you leave a clean trail and please do not litter. We encourage you to clean up after others that have come before you, as much as you can, as well as after yourself. This allows others to enjoy as you did.

- e. Stay on the sidewalks or city marked paths. Do not create shortcuts. Shortcuts can cause erosion and damages the trail and trail environment.
- f. Carry out all litter. Leave the area cleaner than you found it. If there is pre-existing litter, please dispose or take with you as much as you can.
- g. Do not remove and take with you pieces of nature or city that you may encounter. OTBP Representatives may ask you to surrender such items and/or return them to where you found them.

8. FIRST AID

Event Attendees are responsible for their own First Aid care and are encouraged to carry a First Aid kit, and have first aid training.

9. WILDLIFE

Treat wildlife with respect. Always observe from a safe distance. The OTBP does not encourage or condone approaching wild animals or attempting to feed them.



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10. FIREARMS/WEAPONS

Firearms/weapons are prohibited on all Events.

11. EVENT CRASHING POLICY

Event Crashing means attending (or attempting to attend) an event that you are not registered for. Showing up at the event, meeting spot, or venue with the intention or hope of attending without being on the official sign-up list (or having prior clearance from the event coordinator) is against OTBP policy. Our event sizes are restricted for a number of reasons, and it is not fair to the event coordinator to show up and ask to attend (putting them, and the group, in an awkward position).

Of course, many of our events take place in public venues, accessible to anyone. If you happen to be in the same place as one of our events, this in itself does not constitute crashing, however, integrating into the event group and participating as a member of the group does. If you are simply participating in the same activity at the same place/time as a group, be sure to participate on your own rather than attempting to integrate with the group.