

Hiking Kit Lending Policy

1. The Library's Hiking Kit can be checked out by an established Bethlehem Public Library card holder who is 18 years of age or older AND in good standing (no outstanding fines, fees, or overdue items). The patron must present current proof of address (i.e., a driver's license or current utility bill) and sign a new Lending Policy and Agreement each time the Kit is borrowed. The Library will make and keep a copy of the patron's proof of address along with the signed Hiking Kit Lending Agreement.
2. The Kit may not be assigned or sublet to any other person. The Kit is the responsibility of the person who signs the Hiking Kit Lending Agreement and Liability Waiver.
3. The Kit can be checked out for a maximum of one week with no renewal and must be given directly to library staff when returned. DO NOT leave the Kit outside of the library or leave it unattended at the library's circulation desk. If the Kit is left unattended outside of the library, the patron will be charged a \$25 fee for unnecessary risk to the Kit.
4. The Kit cannot be renewed. If there isn't a waiting list for the Kit upon return, the returning patron may re-check out the Kit (with new agreement signed) after staff have conducted the full check-in process.
5. The Hiking Kit includes a Hike Safe application; a Compass; a Bug magnification box; Two (2) insect catcher nets; a Whistle; Two (2) adult-size and Two (2) child-size rain ponchos; a first aid kit with tweezers; Trail maps for the White Mountains, Pondicherry, Franconia Area, and Bretzfelder Park; laminated pamphlets on wildlife, birds, and trees and wildflowers; a Nature Scavenger Hunt handout; and books: *The 2 oz. Backpacker*, *Leave No Trace*, and *Outdoors with Kids*. The Kit is valued at \$200. There is no cost to borrow the Kit. However, if the Kit is not returned in the same condition, a fee will be determined by the Library based on the cost of repair or replacement. Any missing items will result in charges to the patron.
6. Please treat the Kit with care. Do not attempt to repair the Kit; notify Library staff of any deficiencies upon return.
7. The Kit may be reserved by calling the library at 869-2409; emailing the library at lclerkin@bethlehemlibrary.org; or going into the library catalog via our website: www.bethlehemlibrary.org.

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Hiking Kit Lending Agreement

I, _____, have read and fully understand the Bethlehem Public Library Hiking Kit Lending Policy and Lending Agreement and take full responsibility for the Kit I am checking out. I agree to return the Hiking Kit in at least as good and clean order and condition as when received.

I understand that hiking involves inherent and other risks of injury and death, and that by signing this Agreement, I am waiving any and all claims for myself and for anyone who I allow to use the Kit. I relinquish any and all claims against the Bethlehem Public Library, its Trustees and employees, and the Town of Bethlehem, its officers, agents, and employees, for any and all personal and property damage that may arise from using this Kit.

I agree that the Kit is complete and in working order at the time I am checking it out.
User Initials _____

Signature of Patron & Library Card Number

Checkout Date

STAFF USE ONLY

Checkout

Staff member name: _____ Date/Time _____

- Kit is functional with no damage
- All items listed in Hiking Lending Policy item 5 are accounted for.
- Copy of patron's license attached to agreement
- Patron contact info confirmed
- Copy of this completed agreement given to patron

Check In

Staff member name: _____ Date/Time _____

- Kit is functional with no damage
- All items listed in Hiking Lending Policy item 5 are accounted for.
- Kit returned directly to library staff member

\$ _____ \$25 unnecessary risk fee recorded in Atrium or paid (circle)

Damage noted: