



LAKE ARROWHEAD

Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club

Lake Arrowhead is proud to provide endless outdoor recreation and active lifestyle opportunities to our homeowners. Our goal in creating the **Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club** is to offer members *extended* hiking and recreational opportunities, in addition to the standard options available to all property owners.

Lake Arrowhead has been able to expand on the vast hiking and outdoor amenities that are currently available to residents by making designated private property*, which is not part of the Lake Arrowhead Common Property, available for **Hiking Club** members to use, on a temporary license basis. So, sign up to become a member and get ready for adventure!

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Access to Summit Trail, which is located on designated private property that is contiguous to, but not part of Lake Arrowhead Common Property for the purpose of hiking, running or other recreational use as appropriate.
- Opportunities to participate in and provide feedback relative to the Lake Arrowhead hiking and trail amenities and future planning relative to the trail system.
- Exclusive opportunities to participate in volunteer efforts to enhance and expand the Lake Arrowhead hiking and trail amenities.
- Exclusive opportunities to participate in organized hiking and outdoor events.
- Members will receive personalized identification required for legal access to the expanded trail system and programs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on upcoming events and activities, membership or questions about the Hiking Club, contact membership@lakearrowheadclub.net.



**The private property is designated for future development. The temporary use of this property for hiking trails and recreational use does not create any easement, other right, or ownership interest in the property.*



ETIQUETTE, RULES & REGULATIONS

The following information is supplemental to the existing Lake Arrowhead Community Rules and Regulations. Any violation of the rules and regulations may result in loss of Hiking Club membership or other sanctions as deemed appropriate.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

- Hours of Operation: Trails are generally open for use from sunrise to sunset. Trails may be closed from time to time for maintenance, general safety, or other purposes.
- Hiking Club Membership Cards must be carried at all times, while on the Summit Trail. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Department and Georgia Department of Natural Resources have been notified that this area is off-limits to everyone except Lake Arrowhead employees and Hiking Club Members. Without your card, you could be arrested for trespassing.
- Wild boars/hogs, snakes, black bears, ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes are common in this area of Georgia. Be prepared with insect repellent, and take appropriate precautions relative to indigenous wildlife.
- Know your physical capabilities when choosing a trail.
- Always carry water to ensure you stay hydrated. Watch the weather and dress appropriately.
- Always carry a fully charged cell phone. There are areas on the trails where cell phone reception is extremely limited; however, each hiker should always carry a fully charged cell phone.
- Read the information on the trailhead signs and maps to become oriented and aware of the trail terrain, length and special features.
- This section of land adjoins a Wildlife Management Area, which is actively used by hunters. These hunters have entered Lake Arrowhead property, knowingly or unknowingly, historically. Extra caution should be used by all hikers during hunting seasons, including wearing blaze orange clothing. Hunting season dates and information can be found at: georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations.
- Georgia law (OCGA 51-3-20 through 51-3-26) explicitly shields landowners from civil liability for injuries to persons who use their land for recreational purposes without charge unless the landowner willfully or maliciously fails to guard against or warn of a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity.

TRAIL RULES

Please help maintain and preserve the beauty of the Lake Arrowhead trails by following these rules:

- Children under eighteen (18) years of age may access the trails only when invited and supervised by an approved Hiking Club Member.
- Only hikers and backpackers, *as designated*, are permitted on the extended trails.
- All pets must be kept on a leash for their protection and that of other visitors and wildlife.
- Removal of plants, animals, rocks, downed timber, artifacts or relics is prohibited.
- Cutting implements such as saws and hatchets are not allowed on trails.
- No fishing, hunting, or possession of weapons is permitted.
- Camping and camp fires are prohibited.
- All other rules and regulations pertaining to the Lake Arrowhead community are applicable to trail users. (Lake Arrowhead Rules and Regulations are available online at lakearrowheadclub.net)

THE ETHICS OF GOOD TRAIL USE:

- **Carry out what you carry in.** If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash, too. Deposit refuse only in trash receptacles.
- **Stay on the trail.** Do not take shortcuts. The trail has been laid out to minimize destruction of surrounding vegetation and to prevent erosion.
- **Avoid using a trail when wet.**
- **Respect wildlife.**
- **Be considerate of other hikers.**



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME _____ DATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Any allergies, medications or other information needed in an emergency: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Upon completion, the Membership Application and Liability Release Form can be submitted to the Administration Office to receive your official Hiking Club card.



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LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I, _____, understand that during use of the designated trails made available to me as a member of the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club ("LA Hikers"), certain risks and dangers may arise including, but not limited to, hiking or traveling in remote areas, animals, forces of nature, accident and illness.

Lake Arrowhead does not undertake and does not have any responsibility for the accuracy of any information it provides or to determine or assure the suitability of any hike or any other event or activity of the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club, in general or as to a particular person. I understand that this property may not be actively maintained, and I assume all risk associated with the natural condition of the property.

Lake Arrowhead has no duty to provide medical assistance or advice to any hiker. All persons who utilizes private property made available for hiking through the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club, or participates in any hike or other activity accepts responsibility for making their own determinations as to the suitability of the activity and for their own safety, conduct and wellbeing and agrees to participate solely at their own risk.

In consideration of the right to participate in any hikes, use private property as designated by the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club or other activities of the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club, I, the undersigned, assume the risk associated with these activities and will hold the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club, Lake Arrowhead Yacht & Country Club, Inc., Lake Arrowhead Communities, LLC, The Johnson Development Companies, LP, Johnson Development Company Georgia, LLC, the Purcell Co., Inc., JV Ventures, LLC, and any other related entities, its officers, partners, members, shareholders, directors, hike leaders and agents (collectively "Released Parties") harmless from and defend them against any and all liability, actions, suits, claims and demands which could arise from any of the Club's activities and from any loss or injury which I may sustain as a result of my participation in any of these activities.

WILDLIFE WARNING: Lake Arrowhead contains (or is adjacent to) a number of man made, natural and environmentally sensitive areas. These areas include, among other things, various wetlands, streams, woodlands, and lakes. These areas may serve as habitats for a variety of native plants and wildlife including, without limitation, wild animals, wild boar, black bear, deer, insects, ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes, venomous and non-venomous snakes, and other reptiles, some of which may pose hazards to people, pets, or property coming into contact with them.

Each LA Hiker (i) acknowledges that such plants and wildlife are indigenous to the area and are not restrained or restricted in their movements within or throughout Lake Arrowhead and (ii) assumes all risk of personal injury and damage to property arising from the presence of such plants and wildlife. The areas described

in the paragraph above may also contain creeks, streams, ponds, intermittent pools of water, muddy areas and underbrush, among other things, all of which are important to the ecological balance and maintenance of the area and no Hiker may use or enter upon such areas in violation of (i) these rules and any applicable rules and regulations adopted by Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club and Lake Arrowhead Yacht & Country Club from time to time or (ii) any applicable governmental laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

Further, I, for myself and my heir, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby release, waive and discharge the Released Parties and Lake Arrowhead Yacht and Country Club, Inc., and its owners, officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers of and from any and all claims which I or my heirs, administrators and assigns ever may have against any of the above for, on account of, by reason of or arising in connection with the LA Hikers or my participation therein, and hereby waive all such claims, demands and causes of action.

Further, I expressly agree that this release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the State of Georgia, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I currently have no known mental or physical condition that would impair my capability for full participation as intended or expected of me.

Further, I have carefully read the foregoing release and indemnification and understand the contents thereof and sign this release as my own, free act, and that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Any minor, under the age of eighteen (18), may access trails only under the supervision of an adult Hiking Club Member. As a Hiking Club Member, I accept full responsibility for the supervision and safety of any minors and/or non-hiking club individuals accompanying and invited by me.

By my signature below I agree to all aspects of this disclaimer, have received, read and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club, and understand that those rules and regulations may be amended at any time. I further understand that participation in the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club requires that my Lake Arrowhead Yacht & Country Club account must remain in good standing at all times, and any rights and privileges associated with the Lake Arrowhead Hiking Club may be terminated unilaterally at any point in time by the Lake Arrowhead Yacht & Country Club for any reason. I further assume full responsibility for any invited minor or adult guest accompanying me on the Lake Arrowhead trails, and understand that it is my duty and obligation to fully inform them of all rules, regulations, safety and other information provided to me as a Hiking Club member.

PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

