

**BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESERVE
RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER
(managed by Padmasambhava Peace Institute)**

LIABILITY RELEASE STATEMENT

Dear Guest

Welcome to the Black Mountain Preserve Retreat and Conference Center (BMP) in Cazadero, California. We are delighted to have you here and hope your stay will be enjoyable. In order to ensure everyone's safety and comfort, all visitors are required to read the following and sign the Release Statement at the end:

Health and Safety Issues

There are various potential hazards on the property – both man-made and natural – which visitors should be mindful of. The woods and green areas have poison oak and ticks, and scorpions and rattlesnakes are often found around the property, including close to buildings. Mountain lions have been seen on some parts of the land. Walking trails may not be clearly signposted. During or after rainy weather, cliff edges, roads and paths can become soft or unstable.

There are work sheds in the camp area where heavy machinery and equipment are stored. Hot stoves or sharp/heavy utensils in the kitchen may present risks to children. Visitors are requested to remain in designated areas and keep away from all areas marked as being off-limits.

Children

Parents or designated guardians need to be responsible for children at all times. This includes keeping children away from closed-off areas and dangerous equipment or machinery, and informing children as appropriate of the various risks and hazards on the property as explained here and by BMP staff. Parents and guardians are urged to cooperate fully with each other to ensure monitoring of children at all times.

In the case of children's camps and workshops, camp organizers and counselors hold primary responsibility for the welfare and safety of each child. Camp counselors should familiarize themselves with health and safety issues and procedures at BMP, and clarify any questions with BMP staff as soon as possible.

Medical Care

In the event of illness or injury, the nearest emergency medical facilities are in Santa Rosa, about 80 minutes away. We do not have our own medical facilities or personnel. Sometimes other visitors with medical or alternative health care training may offer help or advice to adults; if this help is accepted, please understand that the visitor is acting entirely on their own initiative and not on behalf of or under the direction of BMP.

Other Guidelines

Possession or use of illegal drugs of any kind is expressly forbidden. Offenders will be reported to the authorities without delay.

Smoking is strictly prohibited throughout the camp and property.

Food and drink may not be stored or consumed in the dormitories or guest house rooms.

Candles, incense or fires of any kind are not allowed. There is one regulated campfire for use – please talk to staff.

To prevent wild animals from entering the buildings, please keep doors closed.

Camping is not permitted; please sleep in the room to which you are assigned.

We hope to make your stay here at BMP as pleasant as possible, and are working to improve our facilities as best we can, so as to ensure the comfort of our guests at all times. If you encounter difficulties or discomfort, please speak to a member of staff, who will work with you to address the issue.

Staff at BMP are always available to answer any queries you may have pertaining to the above. If in doubt, please ask.

Release Statement

I have read the foregoing information carefully and understand that certain conditions at the Black Mountain Preserve Retreat and Conference Center, including but not limited to those detailed, could possibly pose hazards to guests.

I will exercise care and caution, and I understand that I am entirely responsible for my own health and safety during my visit. If I am signing on behalf of a child below 18, I understand that myself or the designated guardian will take responsibility for the welfare of my child at all times.

I release the Black Mountain Preserve, Padmasambhava Peace Institute and its personnel and representatives from any and all claims, responsibility, liability, actions, damages, and losses resulting from any act or omission (including negligent acts or omissions) or from any conditions, circumstances or event occurring at BMP at any time.

Name: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

(on behalf of minor by the name of _____)

Date: _____

This original document will be retained and stored securely at the Black Mountain Preserve Retreat and Conference Center. If you require a copy for your own records, please duplicate before returning to BMP or the event organizer. Thank you!