

# **Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve**

## ***Standard Operating Procedures Manual***

### ***(a.k.a. User Manual)***

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## 2. Slackline Preserve Overview

- a. Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve provides and maintains a variety of outdoor slacklines and associated activities for visitation and usage. This includes, but is not limited to, slacklines, treenets, aerials, hiking and pedestrian travel. Fourth Moon Camp does not take any fee for visitation/usage, however all policies and procedures must be followed by all involved parties.
- b. Use of Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve without permission or without adherence to policies and procedures constitutes a minimum of trespassing and will be pursued to the fullest extent of the law.
- c. Usage of all Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve property is contingent on the adherence to policies and procedures. Failure to be aware of policies, or inability/refusal to comply will result in immediate and indefinite cessation of the ability for visitation/usage. All persons present on Fourth Moon Camp property must adhere to and abide by these policies and procedures, or they are not permitted on premises. Additionally, all persons must agree to, sign, and agree to follow Fourth Moon Camp Waivers, Releases, and Codes of Conduct.

## 3. Slackline Types

- a. Lowline
  - i. Other terms; parkline, primitive line
  - ii. Definition; short, basic slackline using simple equipment
- b. Longline
  - i. Other terms; NA
  - ii. Definition; high-tension slackline using advanced equipment set up relatively low to the ground for extended walking without requiring a harness
- c. Trickline
  - i. Other terms; ratchet line
  - ii. Definition; high-tension slackline used for trampoline-style aerial maneuvers
- d. Waterline
  - i. Other terms; NA
  - ii. Definition; any slackline setup over water deep enough to fall into without risk of impacting ground
- e. Leashed Slackline
  - i. Other terms; highline, midline
  - ii. Definition; any slackline setup at height requiring safety harness and tether (i.e. leash) to prevent impacting ground

## 4. Other Included Activities

- a. Spacenet
  - i. Other terms; treenet
  - ii. Definition; a purpose-built installation of rope and soft goods to create a stable structure within one or more trees
- b. Aerials
  - i. Other terms; swing, hammock, silk, lyra, hoop, trapeze, pole, etc.
  - ii. Definition; a broad categorization of several disciplines using apparatuses in a configuration in which they are hung from an anchor point
- c. Trail Usage
  - i. Types; hiking, running, biking, snowshoeing, skiing, horseback riding
  - ii. Definition; designated routes for travel and transportation

## 5. Usage (how to visit)

### a. Participant Types

#### i. Visitors

1. Visitors are those who are visiting Fourth Moon Camp and/or the Slackline Preserve, but do not possess adequate certifications related to the activities offered there. Visitors are limited to hiking only, and may not use slacklines, treenets, aerials, or any other Fourth Moon Camp property.

#### ii. Uncertified Users

1. Uncertified users include those who do not possess a Slackline Preserve certification, but are in the presence of either: a Fourth Moon Camp representative OR an approved certified user.

#### iii. Certified Users

1. Certified users have successfully obtained a Slackline Preserve certification.
2. Certified users may ONLY use Slackline Preserve equipment for which they have been certified.
3. Certification types

<u>Treenet/Aerials</u>	<u>Slackline</u>	<u>Waterline</u>	<u>Midline</u>
<i>Harness, PAS x2</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>PFD, Whistle</i>	<i>Harness, PAS x2, lineslide</i>
Harness/PAS usage	Anchor inspection	Anchor inspection	Harness/PAS usage
PAS usage	Ground control	Tension	Lineslide usage/Rescue
Anchor inspection	Tension	Maintenance	Anchor inspection
Aerial usage	Maintenance	Open water	Maintenance

### b. Visitation/Usage Process

#### i. All visitors/users must adhere to the following process

1. Schedule requested date(s) with an official Fourth Moon Camp representative. Only recordable requests will be accepted (i.e. email, website submission, online booking, etc).
2. The best method for booking day-visits is through our [Hipcamp online booking platform](#)
  - a. Blackout dates may not be advertised and are only available with certainty by checking with Fourth Moon Camp prior to visitation.
3. Submit full, nonrefundable camping payment for their desired campsite or camping service.
4. Report to check-in on arrival. All visitors/users must check-in with official Fourth Moon Camp representatives.
5. Obtain/Demonstrate appropriate certification for desired activities by successfully passing Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve Testing.
6. Follow all rules, policies, and procedures, including recertification.

#### ii. Limitations

1. Memberships are only available for the calendar year. No matter what time of year a guest purchases a membership, it applies for that calendar year. For example, if a guest purchases a membership during 2025, their membership will apply until 12/31/2025, regardless of the date they purchased their membership.
  - a. Memberships may be purchased up to two months prior to the start of a calendar year.
2. There are some dates for which pre-existing reservations, events, or black-out periods apply. During these times, general visitation to the Slackline Preserve is unavailable.
3. Visitors to/Users of the Slackline Preserve may stay for up to 4 consecutive nights during a single stay. More nights may be booked via [Fourth Moon Camp's Hipcamp booking platform](#) and require additional camping fees.
4. Visitors/Users are not permitted to make use of their membership within the same number of consecutive days they've recently stayed. For example, if a guest stays at the Slackline Preserve for 4 days, they will next be granted camping admission to the Slackline Preserve after

- the next 4 days. If a guest stays for 3 days, they will be re-granted admission 3 days after they depart. Etc.
5. Visitors/Users may stay for more than the aforementioned limitations if they switch their campsite to a Fourth Moon Camp Hipcamp campsite via the [Hipcamp booking platform](#).
  6. No single visitor/user will be granted more than 144 visitation days/stays in a single year, without prior approval or added camping fees via the [Hipcamp booking platform](#).
  7. Additional limitations may be applied or initiated without explanation or notice.
  8. Visitors/users of the Slackline Preserve may be asked to move their campsites or discontinue their stay at any time.

c. Camping

- i. When you obtain an annual membership, you do not need to pay for camping each time you visit. You will be provided a Slackline Preserve Campsite on arrival to Fourth Moon Camp. These sites are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ii. All day-visitations must book through our [Hipcamp booking platform](#). You may select any of our available campsites, not just the Slackline Preserve sites. However, you must ALWAYS at least book the Slackline Preserve site to indicate you plan to visit/use the Slackline Preserve.
- iii. Currently, you are required to bring your own camping/portable toilet solution until our bathhouse completes construction. There is a public toilet available in the parking lot before Roy Gap Road.
- iv. ALL WASTE MUST BE PACKED OUT AND DISPOSED OF. There is a dumpster in the parking lot before Roy Gap Road.
- v. Fires are only permitted in sanctioned fire rings and subject to all policies set forth here:
  1. <https://wvforestry.com/fire-laws>
- vi. If camping is unavailable at Fourth Moon Camp, additional camping is available via Yokum's Vacationland Princess Snowbird Campground.
- vii. A Shower Pass may be purchased at Yokum's General Store and permits access to the Princess Snowbird Bath House located in town.

## 6. Risk Mitigation

### a. Overview

- i. Fourth Moon Camp does not offer any guarantee/expectation of safety to its guests/visitors/users.
- ii. Per West Virginia state law, property owners are not liable for any outdoor recreation related incidents in the absence of financial fee/exchange for services, activities, guiding, etc.
- iii. Fourth Moon Camp does not take any fee for usage of its Slackline Preserve, nor pays any employees.
- iv. As such, Fourth Moon Camp may not be held liable for any outcomes related to visitation or usage of the Slackline Preserve and its associated features/activities/etc.
- v. Any and all participants, visitors, users, or other persons physically occupying or using Fourth Moon Camp Property are required to fully read, agree to, and comply with Fourth Moon Camp Waiver, Release, and Code of Conduct.

### b. Maintenance

- i. Fourth Moon Camp regularly maintains its associated features/activities/etc by way of equipment and staffing protocols
  1. Equipment
    - a. Equipment and its associated installation is documented with historical notations
    - b. Equipment is regularly inspected and retired/replaced when there is any uncertainty to the advertised usage of the product(s) in question.
    - c. All equipment is batch tested annually, and stored in light-protected, temperature controlled storage between the months of December and March.
    - d. Equipment with numeric locks can be opened using 4 for all digits.
  2. Staffing
    - a. Fourth Moon Camp representatives possess industry-specific certifications qualifying them for installation, inspection, and maintenance of related equipments/activities
    - b. A Fourth Moon Camp representative is available for communication with visitors/users prior to, during, and after their visit/use.
- ii. These protocols do not provide any increased safety or guarantee of lowered risk. All participants/visitors are aware of the inherent danger of outdoor activities, and recognize that Fourth Moon Camp and its associated owners, operators, and representatives have NO obligation to provide safety for Slackline Preserve participants or visitors.

## 7. Terms and Conditions

- a. Usage of all Fourth Moon Camp Slackline Preserve property is contingent on the adherence to policies and procedures. Failure to be aware of policies, or inability/refusal to comply will result in immediate termination of products/services without refund, comprehensive refusal of future products/goods/services, as well as potential civil/criminal lawsuits.
- b. All persons present on Fourth Moon Camp property must adhere to and abide by these policies and procedures, or they are not permitted on premises. Additionally, all persons must agree to, sign, and agree to follow Fourth Moon Camp Waivers, Releases, and Codes of Conduct.
- c. All sales are final and nonrefundable; including, but not limited to, memberships, day/weekend visitations, campsites, experiences, extras, guides, equipment, and/or services.
- d. ALL Fourth Moon Camp property is private property and subject to West Virginia No Trespassing laws, statutes, codes, and ordinances. No trespassing on Fourth Moon Camp property.
- e. Purchase of admission to the Slackline Preserve is for [camping services only](#), and does not include any products, services, or sales of any type for slacklining or other outdoor recreation.
- f. Any and all Fourth Moon Camp products and services are subject to cancellation at any time, without notice, and without refund.
- g. All Standard Operating Procedures and Policies, rules, regulations, and manuals are subject to change at any time, without notice.
- h. Roy Gap Road is a narrow gravel road with little room for error; normal speed limit is 5 mph. On weekdays, there are no formal restrictions for vehicles on Roy Gap Road. On weekends, please limit your driving on Roy Gap Road to as little (ideally none) as possible; SPEED LIMIT 5MPH!