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Dear Long Distance Hiker:

Enclosed please find the General Release and Covenant Not To Sue Form that the Seminole Indian Tribe requires hikers to sign before crossing the Reservation.

Since we've gotten a lot of questions from prospective hikers regarding the procedure for gaining permission to cross the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation (and complaints to us from the Reservation), please follow these steps.

- 1) Complete and sign the Release in front of two witnesses. The witnesses are required to sign also. Be sure to get the signatures notarized if you are a legal resident of the State of Florida.
- 2) Make a copy of the release for yourself. The Reservation will NOT notify you in any way unless you are denied passage.
- 3) Mail the original release to this address:
SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA
Attn: Real Estate Services, Room #104
6300 Stirling Road
Hollywood, FL 33024-2198
- 4) Figure out approximately what date (within a few days time span) you will be on the Reservation and notify the FTA office a week or so in advance. If your hike starts at Loop Rd or Oasis Ranger Station, plan on 3-4 days to get to the Reservation. You can call us toll-free at 877-HIKE-FLA, email us at fta@floridatrail.org or fax us at 352-378-4550.
- 5) Carry the copy of your release with you while on the Reservation.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Diane Strong
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Administrative Assistant