

MOUNT HOPE

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Bag Search Policy

This Policy applies to all Public Events. Previous policies set for School Days at the Faire remain in effect.

The safety and security of our guests is our top priority. As part of our efforts to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, we have implemented a bag search policy for all guests.

What to Expect

- All hand-carried items, including backpacks and belt packs, are subject to search.
- All persons desiring entry are subject to additional random search of person.
- All wagons, strollers, or carts are subject to search.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- We reserve the right not to allow any bag, parcel or other item to be brought into the Fairegrounds.
- Refillable water bottles are encouraged and can be filled throughout the park, however, they must be empty coming in the castle gates to prevent unauthorized liquids from being brought into the site.

What You Can Bring

- One factory sealed water bottle per person. Water bottles can be refilled at the Privy Lane Privies water fountain or by requesting water wherever soda is sold.

Acceptable Outside Refreshments:

We offer a variety of fresh, delicious food for our guests to enjoy at concession stands throughout our site; however, we understand that guests may need to bring outside food and drink to meet their dietary needs. Please note the following guidelines for bringing food and drink into our park:

Acceptable items:

- Any food required for medical purposes and medically indicated nutritional supplements, or any food required for special dietary needs. You must be able to verify the medical items with a note from your physician
- Baby food/baby formula

All other food items can be left in your vehicle. The festival has a standing policy allowing exit and re-entry. Do not forget to get your hand stamped as you exit to return to the festival.

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Prohibited Items:

If any prohibited items are found during a bag search, guests can return them to their vehicles. Otherwise, prohibited items will be confiscated & disposed of.

- Food and drink (except for one factory sealed water bottle per person)
- Items that can be used as projectiles or weapons that are not part of your costume or cannot be peace-tied.
- Recreational devices such as drones & remote-controlled toys are prohibited.
- Selfie-sticks (hand-held extension poles for cameras and mobile devices) and large tripods are not allowed, except for commercial photography with prior written approval.
- Any non-period weapon or firearm. Period arms must comply with the Shire Weapons Policy.
- Prop and/or replica firearms capable of launching projectiles and/or making gunfire sounds are not permitted.
- Picnic lunches
- Food that requires heating or refrigeration
- Outside Alcohol
- Glass containers (excluding baby food jars)
- Coolers (Except as needed for medical or baby needs)
- Clothing with offensive language or content
- Clothing that represents someone as emergency personnel. (i.e. STAFF, EMT, SECURITY, POLICE, etc.)
- Any item that in the opinion of an authorized representative of the festival site is offensive, illegal or poses a danger to public
- Due to the pathway configuration and terrain as well as large crowds, that include small children and strollers, we cannot permit the use of golf carts or two-wheeled, self-balancing electric vehicles, such as Segways on the festival grounds. Mount Hope Estate allows guests to bring mobility devices, including wheelchairs, scooters, walkers with seats, cane chairs, knee walkers.

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Lost or Stolen Items

- Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire and its employees are not responsible for lost or stolen items, including items that fall out of pockets.
- Guests should always keep an eye on their belongings and report any lost or stolen items to park staff immediately.

The festival reserves the right to deny admission, prevent entry or require a person already admitted to leave the Mount Hope Estate property without refund, liability or compensation, for failure to comply with any of these rules, for unsafe, illegal or offensive behavior, to ensure safety, security or order, or if we consider that the circumstances otherwise so require, in our sole and absolute discretion.

By following these guidelines, we can continue to foster a safe and enjoyable experience for all guests.