



# Portable Skidder Bridge Rental Program Rental Agreement

The Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District requests your assistance in helping us gather information on the use of the bridge. The information that you provide will help us improve the rental program to best meet your needs. Thanks for your help.

Bridge Host Site:  Deposit Amount:
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**Contact Info:**

Renter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Renter's Address (Mailing and Physical): \_\_\_\_\_

Renter's Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Job Info:**

Job Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Road

Town

County

Directions to Job Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Volume of Timber transported Over Bridge (estimate): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres accessed with the bridge (estimate): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Equipment (Make and Model): Forwarder \_\_\_\_\_ Skidder \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Rental Info:**

Date of Rental: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Rental Period (number of months): \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of Bridge upon Rental (circle one): Good      Suitable      Needs Replacement

Type of Bridge Rented (circle one): Heavy Duty      Standard

**First Month's Payment (\$100) and a Security Deposit (\$100) are due upon bridge rental.**

Additional monthly payments will be invoiced by WNRCD until bridge is returned in good condition.

*By signing the WNRCD PSB & Rental Agreement (Appendix A) the RENTER agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this document. You also give permission for a forester from the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation to enter the job site for monitoring purposes of the bridge (not typical).*

**WINOOSKI NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT (WNRCD)**

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WNRCD District Manager

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RENTER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## WNRCD Portable Skidder Bridge & Rental Agreement Appendix A – Terms and Conditions

Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District, hereinafter called WNRCD, agrees to rent the following equipment: **Portable Skidder Bridge** to the following company or person: \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as RENTER, under the following terms and conditions:

1. **Equipment Rented:** Portable Skidder Bridge constructed of green hemlock; reinforced with ¾" threaded steel rod and 10" screws and/or cabin spikes. Each bridge is made up of three panels measuring 20' long and 4' wide. You have been rented the \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge.
2. **Rental Rate:** A total of \$200 is required at the onset of the bridge rental, \$100 for the first month rent and \$100 for a Security Deposit. Checks payable to WNRCD. The rent for the above equipment is \$100 per month of use. Rental fees for subsequent months will be invoiced at monthly intervals or sent at the completion of the rental period whichever comes first. WNRCD reserves the right to require prepayment or a deposit. The Security Deposit of \$100 will be paid upon the return of the bridge in good condition.
3. **Rental Period:** The rental and related charges shall commence on the day the equipment is picked up and shall terminate on the date the equipment is returned. Rental is on a monthly basis. Any partial month will be charged by WNRCD at the whole month rate.
4. **Ownership:** The equipment is, and shall at all times remain, the property of WNRCD.
5. **Renter's Responsibility:** Any damage and associated repair or replacement costs caused to the bridge beyond reasonable wear and tear and deemed "preventable" is the responsibility of the RENTER. Preventable damage includes inappropriate use, inappropriate loads, or general negligence.
6. **Warranty:** WNRCD makes no claims as to the condition of the bridge upon rental. It is the responsibility of the RENTER to examine the bridge for structural quality prior to use and to abide by procedures as outlined in the Standard Design Operating Procedures provided to RENTER.
7. **Instructions:** RENTER agrees that he/she has been/will be given adequate instructions on the use of the skidder bridge before use of the skidder bridge and RENTER has been properly warned about the risks of harm associated with the use of the skidder bridge.
  - a) RENTER agrees that he/she possesses the proper experience to use the skidder bridge safely.
  - b) RENTER will install, use, and remove the skidder bridge following guidelines as published by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, in the pamphlets titled "Wooden Portable Skidder Bridge Information Sheet" and "A Guide for Constructing and Using Portable Skidder Bridges".
  - c) RENTER agrees to follow Vermont's Acceptable Management Practices as published.
8. **Alterations:** No alterations or repairs may be made to the equipment by RENTER during the rental period.
9. **Assignment:** Neither this agreement nor the equipment may be assigned, transferred, or be in any way encumbered by RENTER without the written consent of WNRCD.

10. **Validity:** By its verbal or written authorization to WNRCD, RENTER accepts the terms and conditions of this Agreement and agrees to return a signed copy of the Agreement to WNRCD.
11. **Maintenance:** Proper care (i.e. tightening hex nuts) and maintenance of the equipment during its field use will be the responsibility of RENTER. Equipment, which is returned in poor condition requiring cleaning or repairs due to abnormal wear and tear, will be brought back to rentable condition at the expense of RENTER.
12. **Default and Remedies:** RENTER shall be deemed to have breached this Agreement if RENTER
  - a) defaults in any payment;
  - b) defaults in any of the terms herein and such default shall continue uncorrected for ten (10) days after written notice thereof to RENTER by WNRCD; OR
  - c) becomes insolvent, or if a petition is filed by or against RENTER under the Bankruptcy Act or any other law for relief of debts.
12. **Default and Remedies (continued):** RENTER shall be deemed to have breached this Agreement if RENTER  
In the event of any default, WNRCD may declare the entire amount of unpaid rental payments immediately due and payable to WNRCD and may immediately terminate this Agreement. In the event of such termination, RENTER agrees to immediately return the equipment to WNRCD or pay the costs for a replacement bridge of approximately \$3000 or RENTER agrees WNRCD may enter into the premises where the equipment is located and remove same. All costs and expenses, including legal fees incurred in execution of this section of the Agreement will be paid by RENTER.
13. **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed for all purposes in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.
14. **Liability:** RENTER shall accept responsibility and liability for all personnel and sub-contractors used by it. RENTER shall also keep safe and hold harmless WNRCD and assume the entire risk and liability for all and any suits, claims, causes of action, liability and damages of any kind, whether direct or consequential, brought asserted or recovered against RENTER, by third parties. Furthermore WNRCD shall not be liable for any loss of use, profit or product or for expenses or liabilities incurred by RENTER whether or not such losses are caused or claimed to be caused by the operation, non-operation or any use whatsoever of the services or equipment provided by WNRCD in connection with this Agreement.
15. **RENTER**, for the lease herein and other good and valuable consideration does hereby remise, release and forever discharge WNRCD and its successors and assigns, of and from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, controversies, agreements, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, which against the said WNRCD and its respective successors and assigns RENTER ever had, now has or which his/her successors or assigns hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or things whatsoever, as it may relate to RENTER's lease and use of the equipment noted and this lease agreement.

A Technical Assistance Provider is available to assist loggers in the placement, installation, and removal of bridges. WNRCD will provide logger information to the Technical Assistance Provider when a bridge is rented. They can also answer questions about the "Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont" as regulated by the Agency of Natural Resources.

For Winooski Natural Resources Conservation Districts:  
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**BRIDGE RENTER**

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Authorized Representative	Date
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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_