

# HOT AIR BALLOON TETHERED RIDE INFORMATION

**A tethered hot air balloon can make a picnic, party, or meeting an unforgettable spectacular event.**

## ***What is a tethered balloon ride?***

A tethered balloon ride is when the balloon is tied to the ground with three or four very strong ropes to keep the balloon from flying away. This allows us to lift and "fly" a large group of people of all ages at a specific location.

## ***When can we tether?***

We can do a tethered event year-round, weather permitting. We inflate only when the winds are around 5 mph or less. When the winds are any faster the balloon becomes difficult to control. There cannot be any thunderstorm type activity within 50 miles of the tether location. The pilot will make all weather determinations.

## ***What time of day?***

Just like a regular free flight, the best time of day is within 2 hours of sunrise or two hours of sunset. This is because winds are at their calmest during these times. This is the same for tethered rides.

## ***Where can we tether?***

A hot air balloon tether requires at least a 250' x 250' space that is clear of debris, trees, light poles, bushes, and power lines. We will need four points to tie the balloon to the ground. These points can be large trees, some types of fence posts, and large vehicles.

## ***How much time is needed for a tether?***

The average event is approximately 2 hours long. This time frame is limited by time of day, fuel capacity, and weather conditions.

We do our best to do a complete 2 hour tether, but will shorten the event if conditions require.

## ***How high will we fly?***

Tethered flights usually fly between 25 feet and 100 feet. The exact height is determined by a number of factors including wind, terrain, location, anchor points, number of passengers, etc. The pilot will determine the exact height according to conditions at the time of the event.

## ***How many people can ride in the balloon?***

Two to four persons at a time can ride at a time depending on their combined weight. During a normal tethered balloon ride event each balloon should be able to lift 50 persons an hour. If you will have more than 100 people at your event we can schedule a second balloon.

## ***Who can fly?***

Anyone of reasonable health and who can get in and out of the basket can participate. Each participant must sign an Agreement to Participate / Waiver of Responsibility provided by **REAL ADVENTURE HOT-AIR BALLOON Co.** before being allowed to participate in the event. If any of the participants are under 18 years of age a parent or guardian must sign for them. The pilot & crew always reserves the right to limit who or how many can get into the balloon basket.

***When can we schedule your event?***



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