

Dear Permit Applicant:

Please read the information below prior to submission of your application. When completing the application on page 2, be sure to fill in a response to all fields on the form.

The holder of a special use permit is subject to the Rules for Management of Illinois Nature Preserves and to the Rules for Public Use of Illinois Nature Preserves.

Collecting activities that are allowed in a preserve include:

1. Collecting that is provided for in the master plan.
2. Collecting, under permit, of voucher specimens of species not already recorded as occurring on a nature preserve provided specimens are deposited in a permanent institutional collection in Illinois and are available to research workers.
3. Collecting, under permit, for a research project which will significantly contribute to knowledge of the nature preserve, provided the specimens taken are limited in numbers and are of species represented by large populations with high reproductive potential.

Permits for collecting and research may be denied if the vegetation of the nature preserve is well known, no methodology is presented, no need statement for the study is presented, or the planned activity will cause unacceptable impacts to preserve resources. Likewise, a permit may be denied due to related ongoing ecological investigations.

A person who wishes to collect for scientific purposes any fauna protected by the wildlife code or fish code is also required to secure from the Department of Natural Resources a scientific collecting permit. An endangered species permit, obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, is required for collecting any endangered or threatened species.

All applications must specify the name of the preserve and county the site is located in. The Nature Preserves Commission will not issue statewide or county wide permits.

Permit holders must obtain the owner's permission and signature on the permit prior to beginning research.

Landowners retain the right to deny a researcher access to a preserve for research. Landowning agencies such as Forest Preserve, Conservation and Park Districts may also require a permit through their agency. Please check directly with such landowners to determine if they will require a permit. Contact the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission at the number below if landowner contact information is needed.

Permits will be valid for a maximum period of one year and will expire on 31 December. Within 30 days of expiration, permit holders shall submit an annual report in electronic format to the landowner and the Commission including the following information:

1. Names of preserves visited and dates of visits.
2. Number of specimens and species collected by date and preserve.
3. Disposition of specimens.
4. Types, dates and locations of disturbances made on preserves.

Permits may be renewed upon submission of a report and the original permit to the e-mail address below. Failure to submit an annual report will result in denial of renewal of the permit for future years and denial of additional special-use permits.

Permit holders shall provide the landowner and the Commission copies of all reports and reprints of publications derived from the research allowed under this permit.

PERMITS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL TO:

MAIL: Kelly L. Neal
Stewardship Project Manager
Illinois Nature Preserves Commission
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271
FAX: 217/785-2438
E-MAIL: kelly.neal@illinois.gov
PHONE: 217/785-8686

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ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL-USE PERMIT

NAME: _____
POSITION: _____
ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
GENERAL FIELD OF INTEREST, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION: _____

PROPOSED VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

NAME OF PRESERVE(S) or LAND AND WATER RESERVE(S) AND COUNTY: _____

FREQUENCY AND LENGTH OF VISIT: _____

DURATION OF PROJECT (WITH DATES): _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE NUMBER IN PARTY AND USE OF EQUIPMENT IN PRESERVE): _____

OBJECTIVE OF PROJECT: _____

METHODS AND PROCEDURES: _____

RECORDS TO BE KEPT: _____

COLLECTING (INCLUDING CAPTURE AND RELEASE)

SPECIES OR MATERIAL: _____

NUMBER OF SPECIMENS: _____

DISPOSITION OF SPECIMENS: _____

METHODS OF COLLECTING: _____

OTHER DISTURBANCES TO BE MADE: _____

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION(LIST ALL PERMITS HELD): _____

BY MY SIGNATURE, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION AND THAT THE ABOVE SUPPLIED INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

X _____ DATE: _____