

**PERMISSION AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON STATE LANDS AND
FOREVER WILD LAND TRUST PROPERTIES**

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE/INFORMATION:

Describe below or attach a copy of the project proposal, abstract or a brief description of the research including the intended methodologies. This research is: () Personal () Commercial or () Academia Related

PROPERTY FOR WHICH RESEARCH PERMISSION IS BEING REQUESTED. Attach a map or provide coordinates with specific delineation of the area for requested access. NOTE: Areas of some properties may have specific restrictions.

PERIOD OF TIME RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED: START DATE / END DATE

RESEARCHERS (All Researchers Must Fill Out This Page And Sign)

Name, Organization, E-mail Address, Mailing Address, and Phone Number Are Required

Principal Investigator:

Additional Investigator:

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SIGNATURE

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POINTS OF AGREEMENT

Return this signed form in PDF format via email to Will Underwood: will.underwood@dcnr.alabama.gov

This agreement pertains only to land owned by the State Lands Division and Forever Wild Land Trust. Boundaries for properties can found here: <http://conservationgis.alabama.gov/fwlt/>. Adjacent properties within a Park or WMA may be owned by other landowners including private individuals. Permission for access those properties must be obtained directly from the land owner as advised by the tract manager. Application for permit renewal will utilize the process previously followed.

RESEARCHER AGREES TO:

1. NOTIFICATION OF LAND STEWARDS OF COLLECTIONS DATES: Researcher MUST report intended site visits to appropriate land steward 48 hours prior to access.

Forever Wild Land Within A Wildlife Management Area:

- Contact the designated Land Stewardship Office (See Attached List)
- Contact each District Conservation Enforcement Supervisor (see attached). Such notification must be made during normal working hours (M-F, 8am-5pm). When collections are to be carried out over a given period of time or on a scheduled basis, a copy of the schedule, including locations of collections and methods to be used in collecting will be acceptable in lieu of notification of each collection trip.
- Notifying the Enforcement Radio operator at (334) 242-3923 in Montgomery after hours. The radio operator will require the following information: when and where collections will be conducted, species/taxa to be collected, and collections methods.

Forever Wild Recreation Areas and Nature Preserves

- Contact the designated Land Stewardship Office (See Attached List)

Forever Wild Land Within State Park

- Contact each Park Superintendent/ Manager prior to the visit to facilitate local Park conditions, events, limitations and to be able to account for your locations while in the Park and Tasha Simon (Tasha.Simon@dcnr.alabama.gov). Park Superintendent/Manager contact information will be provided by Tasha Simon.

Forever Wild Land Managed Within a Historic Park or Locally Operated Nature Preserve.

- Contact the designated Land Manager (See Attached List)

2. IDENTIFY COLLECTION VEHICLE

- All vehicles actively used in sampling must be plainly identified by a logo and/or signage so that an observer can easily identify the agency or organization. All boats/vessels utilized for collecting on public waters must have signage with a minimum of three-inch block letters with contrasting color to vessels hull, identifying the agency and/or organization. Agencies with a logo should also display their logo on the vessel.

3. REPORT SPECIES DISTRIBUTION DATA

- Quarterly reports on progress are **MANDATORY**; send to will.underwood@dcnr.alabama.gov
- Provide a digital copy of all raw species distribution data collected. Data can be reported directly to the <https://heritage.dcnr.alabama.gov/>. This is the same data reporting location required for scientific collecting permit renewal. Data submitted with collecting permit number will satisfy both requirements.

4. ACT AS GOOD STEWARDS OF PUBLIC LAND

- *Respect* Forever Wild Land Trust tract management plans, WMA hunting programs, the potential for private timber reserves and the rights of the general public and other researchers.
- *Pay* park entrance fees as required during your visit.
- *Minimize* the number of specimens collected, collect in a non-destructive manner, and archive the collected specimens in a recognized depository for natural history materials such as a herbarium, university research collection, or museum of natural history within Alabama. When in State Parks, *only those target samples be manipulated*, and ingress into sensitive areas of the Park may require that a Park Naturalist, if available, accompany the researchers to the site.
- *Label all research equipment* (as an authorized exception to Regulation 220-4-.15) *and remove from the tract all evidence of the research* upon completion of the project.
- *Acknowledge* the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources specifying Forever Wild Land Trust Program when applicable, in publications and presentations.

5. OBTAIN A VALID COLLECTING PERMIT

- If covered wildlife species are to be sampled, researchers must have a valid Scientific Collecting Permit issued by ADCNR, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and comply with all Collecting Permit requirements.
- If resources protected by other State or Federal regulations are to be disturbed or collected all required permits must be obtained from that regulator agency directly.

IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED, THE RESEARCHERS ADDITIONALLY AGREE TO:

6. ADDITIONAL PROJECT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

- To Be Determined

The Department of Conservation and Natural resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin, or disability in its hiring or employment practices not in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.