

Application for an Educational Activity Permit for The BNP

Permit 2007-002

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Semester and year of planned use: Spring 2007

Affiliation: University of Akron Biology Department

Class(es) or Group(s) you will take on the preserve: Flora and Taxonomy (3100:342)

Briefly describe the activity to be conducted on the BNP.

Collection and observation of plants.

How many students per visit do you anticipate? 12 + instructor and TA

Where will the activities take place?

We will study plants throughout the preserve; primarily in the research and conservation areas (Grandview alley, Field Station Building area, Tamarack Bog, Garden Pond, Wetland Restoration/wet meadow, Beefey Woods, Steiner Woods), but occasionally also in some public areas (Bath pond, Lilypad Lake, Round top, North Fork, Bath Ditch, South Woods).

What are the anticipated dates of your visit? (we understand this may be determined by weather-but please estimate when you will use the BNP)

Tuesday afternoons during the semester (January through May 2007)

Will the activity involve any destructive sampling/collecting ? Yes XXX No

If so, please explain how the material will be collected (including equipment), and an estimate of how much material will be collected:

Students will collect and preserve plant specimens using standard methods. Only enough material to allow identification and preservation of voucher specimens will be collected. This will be approximately two dozen specimens per student, and each specimen is approximately the size of a sheet of legal paper.

What is the potential impact of your activity on nature preserve?

Minimal. Students will remove only a tiny fraction of the existing plant populations, and will be instructed on how to avoid collecting rare or otherwise imperiled plants. Experience has shown that these collections and this intensity of collection will not affect local populations. Sampling will not destroy habitat nor impact preservation values.

Have you looked over the web sites of the other research/activities being conducted at BNP?

Yes XXXXX No

Are there any potential conflicts of your activity with others at BNP? Yes No XXX

Explain: _____

By requesting an education permit for work at the BNP, you must agree to the following terms:

- Educators are responsible for obtaining the appropriate state or federal permits for the conduct of their activity on the BNP (e.g., when working with regulated species).
- Educators are responsible for removing all markers, etc. from their research plots when the research is completed.
- Educators must review all research projects being conducted at BNP and must defer to them when there is a conflict (e.g. if you want to conduct an activity in an area that is closed because of a research project, we will ask that you find another area within BNP for your activity).
- These permits are good for one semester only.
- Educators must abide by the rules and regulations of the BNP in any and all conduct of activities at the BNP.

By signing the request for a BNP education permit below, I agree to the above terms and state that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to amend my above permit request if my activity plans change such that they are no longer well represented in the information supplied in this permit request. If I fail to notify the BNP oversight committee of significant changes in my research, or if I do not follow the rules of the BNP, I realize that the BNP oversight committee can revoke my research permit, and disallow any further work by me, research or otherwise, at the BNP.

Signature: *Randy Mitchell* Date: November 27 2006
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