

# Guidelines for permission to do scientific research and collecting on Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs

## Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks

*Note: Two separate permits may be necessary depending on the sort of work you propose to do.*

- 1) A Scientific Purposes License issued by the Division of Fish & Wildlife
- 2) A Research/Collecting Permit issued by the Division of State Parks

A Scientific Purposes License is required by state law in Indiana Code 14-22-22 for activities pertaining to the capture/handling/collection of wild animals for scientific purposes, including scientific education. Wild animals, by definition (IC 14-8-2-7), include mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, mollusks, and crustaceans. Activities including but not limited to electro-shocking fish, banding birds, surveying mussels, mist-netting bats, and trapping or capturing mammals and reptiles protected by law require a scientific purposes license. The application form is available online at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/scientific-collectorspurposes-license>.

For more information, contact Linnea Petercheff at 317-233-6527 or at [lpetercheff@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:lpetercheff@dnr.IN.gov)

A Research/Collecting Permit is required by 312 IAC 8-2-10 for activities that may compromise preservation of habitat and natural and cultural resources on a DNR property except as authorized by a license. State Park & Reservoir Research/Collecting permits serve as such license and apply only to state park & reservoir properties unless otherwise noted. While additional individual property policy may apply, Research/Collecting permits are selectively released as a partnership between the Division of State Parks and the permitted individual, agency, or organization named on a permit. All permits are released with the intent of potentially increasing the knowledge base with which the Division of State Parks may make future resource management decisions. All permits require an annual report that includes detail of any/all findings (data, collection samples, etc.) and copies of any published work resulting from a permit, regardless of permit period or publication date. Future permits are contingent upon full compliance. Below are guidelines for submitting an application for a State Parks & Reservoirs Research/Collecting Permit.

Questions or proposals for Research/Collecting Permits can be directed to [spresearch@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:spresearch@dnr.IN.gov). Phone inquiries should contact Anthony Sipes at 317-232-4128.

Proposals should be submitted no less than two months prior to planned activity. Properties involving research/collecting on state dedicated Nature Preserves within state parks and reservoirs require additional review and approval by the Division of Nature Preserves, so please plan accordingly.

All research proposals must include the following:

**1. Research contact**

(Primary name, address, phone number, e-mail)  
(Major Professor – if applicable, phone number, e-mail)

**2. Research/Collection Intent**

(Research statement/purpose, properties and specific sites at each involved, potential significance to the property/division)

**3. Research/Collection Start & End Times**

(Starting week of month and ending week of month - please include general times of day/night)

**4. Research/Collection Methods**

(Specific details regarding protocol: species, numbers, specific parts, sizes, areas, disturbance, materials, markings, construction, ongoing intent beyond initial permit, etc.)

**5. Copy of valid Scientific Purpose License (if applicable)**

