



THIS PERMIT AND ATTACHED CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES WHILE CONDUCTING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE DESIGNATED PARK(S)

(Date)  
4/14/2014

(Principal investigator's signature)  
*Kendra Straub*

I Agree To All Conditions And Restrictions Of this Permit As Specified (Not valid unless signed and dated by the principal investigator)

Biologist / Research Coordinator

Title:  
*Kendra Straub*

Date Approved: 4 April 2014

Yes  No

Reviewed by Collections Manager:

Recommended by park staff (name and title):

apart from the PI, MAKE COPIES FOR EACH "SATELLITE" GROUP and Inform Resource Coordinator of additional names (paul\_super@nps.gov; 828-926-6251). A copy of the permit should be displayed visibly in your parked vehicle when within the park.

LOCATIONS OF RARE SPECIES MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN YOURSELF AND PARK STAFF. Rare species include federally listed (must have USFWS permit as well), federal special concern, state listed and state special concern, and taxa determined by park biologists to be rare park-wide and/or at risk of decline due to human activity. DO NOT PUBLISH SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, PUT ON WEBSITES, OR USE IN PRESENTATIONS! WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS! IF SPECIES ARE FOUND IN UNUSUAL HABITATS OR IN OTHERWISE UNIQUE SITUATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARK BEFORE RELEASING ANY LOCALITY INFORMATION.

AT ELEVATIONS ABOVE 5,800 feet, IN FRASER-FIR AREAS, DISTURBANCE TO SPRUCE-FIR MOSS SPIDER HABITAT (moss mats on rock outcrops) IS NOT ALLOWED.

Please be respectful of park visitors and neighbors; a permit to conduct research within the park does not convey or imply permission to conduct research on private land surrounding the park.

CAMPING IN THE BACKCOUNTRY requires a separate backcountry permit and is allowed only in designated sites without specific advance approval. All shelters and many campsites require advance reservations to stay there (call 865-436-1231 to make reservations). Reservations can be made up to one month in advance. All public rules and regulations regarding camping, hiking, and horse use in the park apply to all permitted researchers.

DO NOT FLAG OR TAG TREES IN THE PARK.

PROVIDE THE RESEARCH COORDINATOR WITH THE DATES OF YOUR WORK IN THE PARK AS SOON AS YOU KNOW THEM (it is acceptable to provide a range of dates if you are working both inside and outside the park over a period of time).

Your data is extremely valuable to us! We are charged by Congress to inform our management decisions with the best scientific data available. Please contact park Kendra Straub, Data Manager (Kendra\_straub@nps.gov; 865-436-1703), as early as possible in your study to discuss mutual access to datasets and compatibility. Please record coordinates for all collections and observations made within the park and report these at the end of your study or sooner. The park prefers the UTM coordinate system (datum WGS84 or NAD83) but can accept lat/long.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ONLINE REPORT OF YOUR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES EACH YEAR. Even if you did no work in the park during a calendar year, you must go online and say so. The report can be submitted at the end of your year's work at any time with your research account password that you used to submit your permit. We also request two copies (or one electronic copy) for our library of any publications, dissertations, etc. that use data collected in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and a final report at the end of the study.

Breach of any of the terms of this permit or for violation of park regulations will be grounds for revocation of this permit and denial of future permits.