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**Sensitive Resources:** By law, you cannot share protected information that you develop or acquire with anyone through any means except as specifically authorized by the NPS. This prohibition applies to inadvertent disclosures such as, through websites, maps, scientific articles, presentations, and speeches. Protected information includes the specific location of endangered, threatened, rare, commercially valuable, minerals, paleontological resources, archeological sites, museum collections, caves, fossil sites, gemstones, and sacred ceremonial sites. Publications must report locations at the county level ONLY. Park staff must review publications prior to submission.

**Parking:** 1) If designated parking areas are not convenient, park on the road shoulder or in a safe place with plenty of sight distance for you and other traffic that does not cause any damage to the resources. Use care when pulling off on road shoulders. Grass can be slick and soils soft, resulting in sliding off the shoulder or getting stuck; and 2) A copy of this permit must be displayed in the dashboard area of the vehicle involved in the research, so law enforcement may see it (please hide your personal information: name, address, phone number, email, etc.) 3) This permit does not authorize vehicle access behind closed gates unless accompanied by park staff.

**Collecting:** 1) Unless specified in the permit, the following areas are closed to research and other activities: Grandfather corridor (MP 300-305), Craggy Gardens corridor (MP 360 to 367), and Devils Courthouse corridor (MP 420 to 425); 2) All collecting/research must be carried out away from roads, trails, and developments unless otherwise specified in the permit. Collection methods shall not attract attention to the public (the public does not understand why you can collect and they cannot) or result in permanent changes or degradation of habitat. Rocks, logs, etc., should be replaced as nearly as possible in their original position after collecting. Any disturbance shall be rehabilitated; trails brushed in; natural contours reestablished, soil scarified and mulched; 3) No chemicals may be used during research collecting, including anti-freeze as an attractant, unless approved as part of this permit; 4) Researchers working in wetlands must dip waders and associated equipment in a 10% chlorox solution and clean any mud from lug soles. Alternatively, a 50% chlorox solution may be sprayed on waders and associated equipment in lieu of the dip method. This is an effort to reduce the spread of Chytrid fungus. For more information contact Bob Cherry, Parkway Wildlife Biologist at 828-348-3515; 5) No species collected from outside the park are permitted to be introduced or reintroduced into the park; 6) In the event of mortality, carcasses will be placed in a sealed plastic bag with relevant information to include, Species, Location, Date, Researcher's name, cause of death. Carcasses will be placed in cold storage and Parkway Staff notified immediately. Contact Bob Cherry, Biologist at 828-348-3513 or Jackie Holt, Museum Curator at 828-348-3436; and 7) When submitting the IAR, include GPS coordinates so park staff will know the exact location of research.

**Marking:** Markers may be used in areas not visible to visitors, landmarks/field surveying procedures shall be used to reach plot sites. Plots may be marked using biodegradable flagging tape, standard aluminum tree tags, non-reactive aluminum nails, or marker stakes (< 1-meter high). Plot markings shall be marked with researcher/project name & year. Plot markings shall be removed at end of the study.

**Required Conditions:** 1) To indemnify, save and hold harmless, and defend the United States against all fines, claims, damages, losses, judgments, and expenses arising out of, or from, any act or omission of the research permittee, its employees or representatives, arising out of or in any way connected to activities authorized pursuant to this Agreement. This obligation shall survive the termination of this permit; and 2) To cooperate with the NPS in the investigation and defense of any claims that may be filed with the NPS arising out of the activities of the cooperator, its agents and employees.

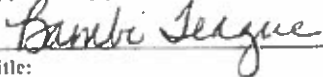
Recommended by park staff(name and title):


Reviewed by Collections Manager:

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Approved by park official:

Date Approved:

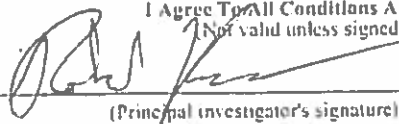




Title:

Chief Natural Resources Management & Science

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

  
(Principal investigator's signature)

  
(Date)

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