



Conditions of approval for Parks Canada Research Permit

Permit

1. Research and collecting activities may only take place in national parks under the authority of an approved Parks Canada Research/Collecting Permit or Parks Canada Archaeological Permit and processes established under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. Parks Canada has final authority for approval of research and special projects conducted in national parks.
2. Research projects will be approved based on the scientific and educational value of the project, maintenance of ecological integrity and the appropriateness of the project in the context of Parks Canada's mandate for heritage protection and presentation, among other considerations.
3. The permit is valid only for the time, location and activities described on the permit, unless amended by the issuing officer and revalidated by the Superintendent, Western Arctic Field Unit, or her/his designate.
4. The Superintendent may suspend, cancel or restrict the scope of the permit if conditions justify it.
5. Permits are non-transferable and each work team must have a copy of the permit in its possession.

Regulations

6. Before entering the park where your research will be conducted you must register your field party at the Parks Canada office in Inuvik. You must then de-register in Inuvik upon completion of your trip. This registration is for the safety of your party.
7. The Canada National Parks Act and Regulations and Visitor Use Guidelines apply to researchers, as they do to other park users, unless specifically exempted in the conditions attached to the Research/Collecting Permit. The Act and regulations may be viewed on the Parks Canada website at <http://www.pc.gc.ca>.
8. A Parks Canada Aircraft Landing Permit must be obtained for all aircraft access to national parks in the Western Arctic Field Unit.
9. Most of our national parks are in remote areas and will require air access. Researchers must comply with aircraft conditions aimed to reduce harassment of wildlife, and to ensure that other park users enjoy the peace and wilderness ambience they are seeking.
10. If animal handling is involved for any project, the researcher is required to follow the Animal Utilization Protocol administered by Parks Canada or one of similar or greater rigour.
11. Failure to comply with national park and historic sites regulations or the conditions of the permit will constitute grounds to cancel the permit or to refuse to issue future permits, and may be considered as grounds for prosecution under the Canada National Parks Act for violations of the regulations.

Specimen Collection

12. All cultural materials within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region are the property of the Inuvialuit. Special conditions will apply for any collection or removal and will be specified on the Parks Canada Archaeological Permit.



13. Non-intrusive, low-impact techniques are preferred. Collection or manipulation of plants, animals or natural objects will only be considered if the research proposal makes it clear that the required information cannot reasonably be obtained by other methods or that the benefits clearly outweigh the impacts.

Safety

14. During the appropriate season, researchers are required to carry capsicum-based bear repellent spray at all times in the field and take active measures to minimize the risk of conflict with bears and other wildlife. In certain situations, we may require researchers to utilize an electric fence to protect their campsite. Note that scheduled air carriers only allow bear spray to be carried in an approved container - contact your anticipated carrier for their regulations well in advance of departure.
15. Researchers are also advised to have a satellite phone in case of an emergency. Note that some satellite phones do not work north of 70 degrees latitude.

Data Protocols

16. The permittee will adhere to the following Data Protocols:
 - communicate with the Data Management Officer at Parks Canada's office in Inuvik (address above), to facilitate standardized database development (this will happen once the project has received approval-in-principle)
 - complete a data catalogue form (to be provided by Data Management Officer)
 - develop a data dictionary for each data file created, using standard conventions, in consultation with the Data Management Officer
 - complete a short summary in non-technical terms (in a format to be provided), by November 15, for Parks Canada to use in its annual Research and Monitoring Report
 - upon study completion researcher will provide Parks Canada with the following:
 - a digital copy of all data files resulting from the project. These are to be submitted in the original software format and in ASCII file format. The ASCII file should be quote delimited.
 - a hard copy paper version printout of all digital data files
 - three (3) hard copies of the final report

General

17. Researchers may occasionally be accompanied during their field work by park staff who wish to observe and photograph the project.
18. Any information acquired through research activities in the Western Arctic Field Unit, upon completion of the study, will normally be considered to be in the public domain.
19. The permittee agrees to keep the specific location of sensitive park resources confidential. Sensitive resources include threatened, endangered or rare species, archaeological sites, caves, fossil sites, minerals, and commercially valuable resources.
20. Researchers are strongly encouraged to provide interpretation/educational material for follow up with local communities, and to make presentations to local communities and schools.



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21. If, during the course of the project, the study design is altered to other than what is stated and approved in the research proposal, the researcher must immediately identify changes to the Ecosystem Secretariat Manager.
22. Any damage resulting from a permit holder's activities shall be reported promptly to the Superintendent, Parks Canada, Western Arctic District who may then demand that the permit holders repair all damage promptly. Permit holders will be financially responsible for any damage resulting from their activities.