



Introduction

Provincial parks, wildland parks, wilderness areas, natural areas and ecological reserves are administered and maintained by Parks and Protected Areas (PPA) Division of Alberta Community Development, as set out in the Provincial Parks Act and the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act

Research and collection activities are permitted in parks and protected areas, as long as significant conflicts with visitor use and the environment are negligible, and in cases where use of a specific site is essential to the research.

Research and collection activities are divided into the following categories:

- a) Restricted research activities within a protected area require a PPA research and collection permit.
- b) For controlled research activities within a protected area, written approval from a conservation officer may be issued instead of a research and collection permit, provided legislative requirements are met.
- c) Non-regulated research activities may be conducted by individuals without the issuance of a permit or written conservation officer approval, provided the research activities fall within the privileges normally extended to protected area visitors.

Restricted Research

Restricted research is defined as any research or collection activity conducted by individuals, institutions, corporations or other government agencies that requires special privileges.

Restricted research activities include but are not limited to:

- Collection or removal of flora, fauna or geological specimens.
- Collection or excavation of historical resources as defined by the Historical Resources Act
- Studies that involve interviewing protected area visitors.
- Research that involves work in an area of a park or protected area to which public access is restricted or prohibited.
- Research that involves physical disturbance of the land or any other significant adverse impact on the environment.
- Research that involves setting up scientific monitoring instruments or structures in connection with research activities.
- Research that requires significant assistance from department employees in the park or protected area.
- Research that requires exclusive use of any portion of a park or protected area.

Additional permits may be required by other government agencies having jurisdiction over the resources in question. Issuance of a permit by PPA Division may be contingent upon the granting of a permit by these other agencies.

Application for a Research and Collection Permit

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY	
Date Received _____	Project No. _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address: Business _____
Home _____

Telephone Number: Business _____ Home _____ Email _____

Name of other project members (if applicable) _____

Sponsor (individual, agency, etc.) _____

Have you previously obtained a permit for the same or similar project in the park? _____

If yes, when _____

Location of project _____

Please attach MAP (topographic map preferred) showing specific location of project areas

Title of project _____

Project purpose and overview _____

Area Offices:

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
Northwest Management Area
Room 1905, 10320-99 Street
Grande Prairie, AB T8V 6J4

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
Northeast Management Area
PO Box 1019, 9503 Beaverhill Road
2nd Floor Provincial Building
Lac La Biche, AB T0A 2C0

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
West Central Management Area
52322 Golf Course Road
Stony Plain, AB T7Z 2K9

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
East Central Management Area
#404 First Red Deer Place
4911-51 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 6V4

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
Kananaskis Country
Suite 201, Provincial Building
800 Railway Avenue
Canmore, AB T1W 1P2

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
Southwest Management Area
416 Administration Building
909-3 Avenue North
Lethbridge, AB T1H 0H5

Alberta Community Development
Parks and Protected Areas
Southeast Management Area
Room 301, Provincial Building
346-3 Street SE
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 0G7

General Permit Conditions for Restricted Research

- In accordance with the philosophy and mandate of Alberta Community Development, resource protection and approved recreational use of lands administered by the department will take precedence over research and collection activities. The permit holder shall exercise all reasonable discretion to ensure that the research and collection activities do not conflict with authorized recreational use or compromise the protected area's resource base.
- The permit is valid only for research and collection activities in the specified areas and for the dates identified on the permit.
- The expiry date for all permits is December 31 of the year in which the permit is issued, unless otherwise stated.
- Permits are not transferable and must include the names, when known, of all authorized project members, who must be prepared to show a copy of the permit when requested to do so by a conservation officer or other authorized person.
- All specimens collected under the authority of a research and collection permit will remain the property of the province. Collected specimens may subsequently be retained or repossessed by the province if this is deemed to be in the public interest. This condition does not apply to those specimens that will be destroyed during research or that will not be kept indefinitely (i.e. small mammal carcasses, water samples, etc.).
- The permit holder will report to the conservation officer or other authorized person and provide an outline of the project itinerary prior to initiating any fieldwork in the protected area.
- Irrespective of any previous authorization given to the permit holder, a conservation officer or other authorized person may restrict travel within or access to any area covered by the permit. All such restrictions will remain in place and in effect until such time as the conservation officer removes them.
- Unless specifically approved, the use of any aircraft for access to and work within the project area; camping in places other than designated campgrounds; travel on roads, trails, or water bodies (other than those that are open to the public); and the use of any off-highway or snow vehicle, will not be permitted.
- The permit holder is responsible for ensuring public safety is not endangered by activities associated with the project.
- The permit holder may be held accountable for any damage to resources or property arising directly or indirectly from the project.
- Should the permit holder discover any significant, previously unknown or unrecorded artifact, site or natural or cultural feature in the course of any research and collection activity, the find will be secured and reported immediately to a conservation officer. Fieldwork shall not continue at the immediate site of the find until such time as authorization to proceed has been obtained from a conservation officer.
- If the project results in production of a publication or thesis, the permit holder is required to forward two copies of the document to the area manager.

Special Conditions

Special conditions may also be attached to a permit where deemed necessary to minimize potential conflicts with visitor use or site operations, or to reduce environmental impacts.

Special conditions can include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Designating specific areas in which the research activity may be carried out; the times and manner in which it is carried out; the manner in which the collection, storage and disposition of specimens will occur; or the type and number of specimens that may be collected.
- Within 30 days, or a period of time that is mutually acceptable to the permit holder and the department, the permit holder may be requested to furnish the conservation officer with:
 - a detailed list of specimens collected;
 - the number of, and location where, each specimen was collected; and
 - the proposed disposition of each specimen.
- A written report outlining the research purpose, methods, and results shall be prepared and submitted to the conservation officer by the permit holder within the period of time specified on the permit.
- The applicant for or holder of a permit will be required to provide evidence of adequate liability and insurance coverage prior to beginning the research and collection activity.
- The department reserves the right to add any other conditions that may be required.

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Proposed methodology (describe in detail) _____

If known, type and number of specimens to be removed (attach list if necessary) _____

Planned disposition of specimens _____

Anticipated written products of projects: Thesis _____ Publication _____ Research Notes _____

Other (specify) _____

Where will you be staying while working in the park? _____

Anticipated commencement of field operations _____

Anticipated termination of field operations _____

Name of person who will supervise field operation in applicant's absence _____

Vehicles used for project (description) _____

Unit No. _____ Licence No. _____

Dates when vehicles will be in the park _____

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF VEHICLE ACCESS IS REQUIRED OFF PUBLIC ROADS ON LANDS ADMINISTERED BY ALBERTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

Purpose of travel _____

Anticipated access route(s): (include map) _____

Description of vehicles that will be used for such travel _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if applicable) _____

This application should be sent to the Area Office having jurisdiction over the area in which you are proposing to conduct research and/or collection activities.