

**Application for an Educational Activity Permit for The BNP
Permit 2005-001**

Last Name: Mitchell First Name: Randy MI: J

Semester and year of planned use: Spring 2005

Affiliation: University of Akron Biology Department

Class(es) or Group(s) you will take on the preserve: Conservation Biology
(3100:422/522)

Briefly describe the activity to be conducted on the BNP.

Survey habitats near and at locations of proposed oil drilling

How many students per visit do you anticipate? ~12 + instructor and TA

Where will the activities take place?

Round top and the southwest corner of the south woods. We hope to find the specific sites for the well drilling, and will also sample some reference areas near them.

What are the anticipated dates of your visit? (we understand this may be determined by weather-but please estimate when you will use the BNP)

Spring Semester 2005 - approximately 1-6 days (probably Wednesdays

Will the activity involve any destructive sampling/collecting? Yes XXX No

If so, please explain how the material will be collected (including equipment), and an estimate of how much material will be collected:

Some minimal collection of plant and soil material for identification and assessment. No permanent harm to the preserve through our work (although later drilling activities out of our control will be more destructive).

What is the potential impact of your activity on nature preserve?

None to Minimal. Students will remove only a tiny fraction of the existing plant material, and the areas under study will probably be bulldozed shortly after our visit.

We will thoroughly document the exact location of our plots through photos, GPS, and perhaps with some small metal tags.

Have you looked over the web sites of the other research/activities being conducted at BNP?

Yes XXXXX No

Are there any potential conflicts of your activity with others at BNP? Yes No XXX

Explain: _____

By requesting an education permit for work at the BNP, you must agree to the following terms:

- Educators are responsible for obtaining the appropriate state or federal permits for the conduct of their activity on the BNP (e.g., when working with regulated species).

- Educators are responsible for removing all markers, etc. from their research plots when the research is completed.
- Educators must review all research projects being conducted at BNP and must defer to them when there is a conflict (e.g. if you want to conduct an activity in an area that is closed because of a research project, we will ask that you find another area within BNP for your activity).
- These permits are good for one semester only.
- Educators must abide by the rules and regulations of the BNP in any and all conduct of activities at the BNP.

By signing the request for a BNP education permit below, I agree to the above terms and state that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to amend my above permit request if my activity plans change such that they are no longer well represented in the information supplied in this permit request. If I fail to notify the BNP oversight committee of significant changes in my research, or if I do not follow the rules of the BNP, I realize that the BNP oversight committee can revoke my research permit, and disallow any further work by me, research or otherwise, at the BNP.

Signature: *Randy Mitchell* Date: December 16, 2004
 Print Name: Randy Mitchell

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 Approved, University of Akron Bath Field Station Committee – December 2004 _____

Approved, Bath Township Trustees - _____