



Collecting Policy

Education is an important part of Tall Timbers' mission. We recognize the value that collecting potentially plays in research and education. All applications for collecting are reviewed in light of Tall Timbers' philosophy of land management. Tall Timbers is a private non-profit institution. It is not a state or federal park. Therefore public access is limited to special events. Collecting on Tall Timbers' properties is a privilege and may be granted or denied at the discretion of the Director of Research under the following stipulations:

1. An application has been submitted and approved by the Director of Research. The completed application must provide detailed justification for the need to collect specimens.
2. Copies of appropriate institutional, state and federal permits will be attached and submitted with the application.
3. Hobby collecting is not allowed.
4. A list of specific species and number to be collected is provided. Generic permits are not issued.
5. Vouchers of collected specimens will be deposited in an approved institution(s) museum/herbarium/collection and verification that vouchers have been deposited provided to Tall Timbers. The only exception is for common agricultural weed species. Documentation of voucher will also include the actual number of each species collected.
6. The Tall Timbers staff sponsor and Natural Resource Coordinator have reviewed and approved the application.
7. If sampling is to involve soil disturbance it should be noted in the application under the justification.
8. Collecting will not create a conflict with ongoing station projects or activities.
9. The species collected is not threatened or endangered (state or federal).
10. Collecting will not pose a threat of extirpation of small local populations.
11. Collecting or access outside of approved areas is not allowed.
12. A signed liability/release form is on file for all individuals that will be using the property.
13. Acknowledgment of Tall Timbers as the collection site in any publications generated and provide Tall Timbers Library with a reprint/copy of any publications generated from collected specimens.
14. Failure to meet any of the stipulations will result in revocation of collecting privileges.

I understand that by signing this form I agree to comply with the above collecting policy at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy. The Station administration reserves the right to change policy at any time.

Name (print)

Signature

Date

RESEARCH
INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
FOR COLLECTING ON
TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH STATION

All persons engaged in any type of research activities or the collection of any species of plants or animals, whether non-employees or employees pursuing research/collecting activities which are outside their assigned work-day duties, must sign the following agreement before engaging in such activities.

In consideration of the research/collecting privilege granted by Tall Timbers Research, Inc. the undersigned investigator, and the investigator shall not claim any costs or damages from Tall Timbers Research, Inc. or their officers or personnel, in connection with or an account of any injuries or damages arising from such research/collecting activities. The investigator proceeds with these activities at his or her own risk, and shall indemnify and hold Tall Timbers Research, Inc. their officers and personnel, harmless from and against any and all liability for personal injury, property damage or for loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with this research/collecting privilege. INVESTIGATOR WAIVES HIS OR HER RIGHTS ARISING FROM SAID ACTIVITY AND FURTHER WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.

By: _____
Investigator/Permitee/Collector

Date signed

TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH, INC.

By: _____
Staff Sponsor

Date signed

Director of Research

Date signed