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Natural Areas Permit Application – Pg.1

To be filled out by applicant – Please Print

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Address (including zip code): _____

Applicant's phone: Day: _____ Evening/Weekend: _____ FAX: _____

Natural area(s) in which activity will occur: _____

Date(s) of activity: _____ Time(s) _____

Code #(s) of activity for which permit is being sought
(see <http://www.colocode.com/ftcollins/municipal/chapter23.htm#sec23d193>): Sec.23-193 (d) (_____)

Description of activity _____

Attach information listed as “Required Information” for this activity on the attached “Natural Area Permit Conditions table”.

I acknowledge that there are risks inherent in the activities pursuant to this permit, and that those activities may result in predictable or unforeseeable injury or property damage to participants or others. In consideration of permitting those activities, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and the organization on behalf of which I have obtained this permit (if any), I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages that I or the permitted organization may have against the City of Fort Collins, its officers, employees, contractors, or volunteers (the City), or any other person connected with the event, for any and all injuries or damage resulting from the permitted activities. I represent and warrant that I am authorized to sign this waiver and indemnity on behalf of the permitted organization or group, and I agree, and such organization or group (if any) agrees, to indemnify the City for any claims made against the City or damages incurred by the City as a result of authorizing the proposed activities.

I have read the Natural Areas Regulations (<http://www.colocode.com/ftcollins/municipal/chapter23.htm#sec23d193>). I, and if applicable, my group or organization, agree to abide by all conditions required for the requested activity. I understand that violation of these conditions or of any laws not exempted in this permit may result in revocation of this permit at any time.

Applicant signature

NOTE: Applicant is responsible for any additional permits that may be required.

Submit application to: City of Fort Collins, Natural Resources Department, P.O. Box 580, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Natural Areas Permit Application – Pg. 2

For department use only:

Date application was received by Natural Resources: _____ Date of reply to applicant _____

Both Pg. 1 and Pg. 2 of permit must be in possession of applicant at the time of event and must be shown to any citizen or law enforcement officer inquiring as to the applicant's activities on the natural area.

Additional Approval Conditions/ Reasons for Denial: _____

Approval: _____
Signature

Printed name/ title

Natural Areas Permit Conditions

Activity	Conditions to Allow	Conditions to Disallow (any one condition constitutes disallowance)	Examples of Allowable Activities/ Notes (dependent on conditions)	Required Information
Sec. 23-193. (d)1. Use natural areas between 11 p.m. & 5 a.m.	Specific event; and goals of activity cannot be reached other than in natural area during curfew hours; and other than flashlights or bike lights for navigation, no lights are used.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or interferes with law enforcement.	Wildlife surveys; astronomy classes	Purpose for being in natural area during curfew hours. How many people are involved. Why activity cannot occur elsewhere or during non-curfew hours.
d2. Operate motorized boat.	The activity is necessary and can only be done on the natural area and activity cannot be conducted with a non-motorized boat.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or strictly for recreation.	Survey work	Purpose of activity requiring motorized boat access. Why the activity cannot occur elsewhere or from a non-motorized boat. Map of where the boat will enter and exit the water. Proof of insurance. Proof that the boat is not leaking oil or gasoline. Detailed description of any substance that will be entered into the water. Detailed description of any substance/material/creature that will be taken from the water. Who will benefit from the activity.
d3. Land, launch, and fly aircraft.	The activity is necessary and can only be done on the natural area; and/or will benefit natural area protection; and the activity can only be conducted from an aircraft.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Survey work	Purpose of activity requiring aircraft access. Why the activity cannot occur elsewhere. Map of the portion of the natural area(s) over which the aircraft will fly and where landings are anticipated. Proof of insurance. How the activity will benefit natural area protection.
d4. Remove archaeological, geological, paleontological materials.	Removal must be done by qualified personnel; and site is returned to original condition if required by Natural Resources personnel.	Destroys the values for which the site was acquired; or harms wildlife, rare species of vegetation, or the material being removed, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Qualified educational, historic preservation or research purposes where activities' goals cannot be realized by leaving	Applicant's qualifications. Specific material/ artifacts to be removed. Why material needs to be removed from site (as opposed to leaving it on site and [possibly] having on-site interpretation). Map of portion of site that will be disturbed. Description of all equipment that will be used. How natural feature disturbance will be minimized.

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d4. Continued	See previous page	See previous page	the material on site.	Proof of insurance for all equipment/vehicles. Condition in which site will be left.
d5. Remove/rearrange downed trees, logs, groupings of branches, sticks*	Benefits the entire community: and/or Natural Resources personnel have determined that the activity will benefit natural values of the site; or is an appropriate educational activity.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Removal/rearrangement that is beneficial to the site.	How the community will benefit from removal/rearrangement. How the site's natural values will benefit. Description of all equipment/vehicles to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles. Map of where site disturbance will occur, including site of removal/rearrangement and where vehicles/equipment will enter/exit the area. Why goals of the removal/rearrangement cannot be met at a site other than a natural area.
d6. Collect seeds, vegetation *	Propagates native plants for restoration or enhancement of natural areas; or assists in vegetation management; and/or provides educational benefits, provided the benefits cannot be realized on a site other than a natural area, unless the natural area from which the collection is made has education as a primary purpose of the site; and activity will be conducted so as to have the least negative impact possible; and on sensitive natural areas, activity is conducted from trail if possible.	Destroys the values for which the site was acquired; or harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or removes too large a percentage of species population on site; or is for commercial gain; or a rare plant exists on site (unless it is determined that applicant can ensure rare plant will not be impacted).	Collection for native plant propagation to restore or enhance natural areas; education projects.	Approved Forester permit (for woody species) Description of collection and propagation method(s) to be used. Description of educational purposes, including why educational goals cannot be realized without disturbing a natural area. Map of disturbance area.
d7. Plant anything *	Natural Resources staff has determined that planting(s) will benefit the natural area;	Planting activities harm wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Plantings for enhancement, buffering,	Map of disturbance area (planting and access). Project objective(s). Species to be planted.

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d7. Continued	and species are native to the site or area (as determined by Natural Resources staff) unless Natural Resources staff approves non-native species.	See previous page	screening.	Source of plant materials. Description of after care. Number of persons involved in project. Name of trained supervisor. Any requested assistance from City staff. Description of equipment/ vehicles to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles. Approved Forestry application (for woody species).
d8. Build a structure *****	Benefits the community, wildlife or site visitors; and meets City Code.	Is for private use or benefit.	Structures for an approved wildlife release project.	How the structure will benefit the community or site visitors. Proof of building permits must be submitted before construction can begin. Description of vehicles/equipment to be used. Proof of insurance for vehicles.
d9. Build a campfire or other fire. ***	Enhances vegetation; is part of a grandfathered recreational activity.	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm.	Burning in a perpetual easement (e.g. burning of vegetation around the "A" on Maxwell) or burning by ditch management personnel within a ditch maintenance easement is allowed by easement without permit. Permit may be granted for grandfathered summer camp activities.	Statement of approval from air quality personnel. How the burning will benefit site vegetation.
d10. Allow livestock to graze	Is beneficial to the site.	Disturbs wildlife or harms rare species of vegetation, unless there is a compelling	Experimental weed management	How grazing will benefit the site. Vehicles to be used and proof of insurance.

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d10. Continued	See previous page	reason to permit harm.	See previous page	Proof of ownership of, or permission to use, livestock. Type of livestock. Proof of insurance on livestock (liability). Statement releasing City from liability for injury/death of animals.
d11. Feed wildlife	Permit applicant is an agency conducting special wildlife project; and/or project is beneficial to existing wildlife on the site and/or in the area.	Would introduce or attract undesirable or non-native wildlife.	Colorado Division of Wildlife, Rocky Mountain Raptor Program, US Fish and Wildlife Service projects.	Description of wildlife project. How project will benefit wildlife of the site/area. Vehicles/equipment to be used (including proof of insurance). Any site alteration required (e.g. installation of poles, feeding stations, nest boxes etc.).
d12. Post notices	Must pertain to an event related to use or management of natural areas or must be a lost/found notice; and should be 8 ^{1/2} x 11 or smaller; and must be dated and have contact name/ phone; and will be posted at approved site by City personnel; and applicant has no more than one posting per calendar month (events only) – each posting may be up for a maximum of two weeks.	Advertises goods or services for sale; or promotes illegal activities; or person or organization posts notices without permit in violation of this code.	Notes: Instead of written permit form, an official sticker will be initialed and placed on item by granting personnel; approved postings may provide information about items (including pets) found or lost in/near natural area where posted.	Copy of material to be posted. Site(s) on which posting is requested (list requested sites on back of posting).
d13. Hold group event **	Should be of interest to natural area users; and/or promote natural area education; and must stay within identified boundaries.	Harms wildlife or rare species of vegetation; or causes the natural area to be closed to other visitors.	School events; environmental type fairs, athletic races (sites to be matched to wildlife impacts); benefit	Size of group. Purpose of activity. Specific site(s) and locations within site(s) where activity will occur. Any equipment/vehicles to be used. Description of temporary structures to be used.

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d13. Continued	See previous page	See previous page	events.	See previous page
d14. Perform service for commercial gain, sell items ****	Is a part of an approved fair or other event.	Product or service is illegal.	Sale of products by Poude River Fest vendors.	Product/service to be sold. Event in which vendor is participating. Statement from event sponsor stating that this vendor has been approved to participate in the event.
d15. Dump rocks, wood, dirt	Enhances the natural values of the site.	Damages the site, or introduces undesirable vegetation; or degrades site's aesthetic values.	Construction projects that are removing soil containing native plants/seed that would be beneficial to the area.	Description of material to be deposited, including soil type, seeds/plants in soil, species of woody plant material; site/area from which material is taken; map of disturbance – including area over which vehicles will travel and location where material will be deposited.
d16. Release / introduce wildlife or insects	Beneficial research; or approved recreational value (fishing); or enhances natural area wildlife communities.	Threatens native wildlife or plants; or harms the site or destroys the values for which the site was acquired; or threatens private or public property adjacent to the area on which released.	CDOW stocking of fishing ponds.	Species to be released. Description of how activity will enhance wildlife communities. Purpose of project. Evidence of public review of project (if applicable). Impacts anticipated. Vehicles/equipment to be used. Description of any alteration of visitor activity required. Anticipated follow-up (e.g. removal of release towers).
d17. Deposit cremated remains	Must be scattered, not left in a pile; and scattering site must not be visible to visitors; and must be left on the surface, not buried; and no markers allowed; and specific location must be agreed upon between applicant and Natural Resources staff.	Strong winds (change day of scattering); or vehicle access required (other than in parking areas).	Remains may be those of humans or pets.	Name/relationship of deceased. Exact location of scattering.
d18. Operate/ Park motor vehicle other than on roads or	The activity is necessary and can only be done on the natural area and activity	Harms wildlife or vegetation, unless there is a compelling reason to permit harm; or creates ruts or otherwise	Required survey or construction work that can only be	Purpose of vehicle access. Why activity cannot occur elsewhere or without vehicle access.

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d18. Continued parking lots	cannot be conducted without a motor vehicle; or the activity is designed by the Natural Resources Department to use maintenance roads to make certain events accessible to persons needing assistance.	disfigures the site, unless the activity is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.	done by vehicle. Educational access at certain sites for groups having accessibility needs, when accompanied by approved interpretive personnel, and vehicle access is possible (e.g., on maintenance road).	Detailed map of where the vehicle will be driving. Explanation of measures to minimize harm to wildlife, vegetation and/or humans. Who will benefit from the activity. Proof of vehicle insurance.
e. Research or public safety related training.	Specific conditions to be negotiated with Natural Resources personnel (Refer to agreement reached between SAR and City in January 1999 as an example.)	Violation of previous or current agreement.	Search and Rescue dog training, Dive Rescue training. Note: Permit may be for up to two years.	Nature of activity. Reason activity needs to occur on natural area. Organizational affiliation. Proof of insurance if applicable. Names of all participating persons. Other information may be required depending on nature of activity.

- * May require City Forester permit
- ** May require Police Permit
- *** Requires Poudre Fire Authority Permit
- **** Requires City vending/sales tax permit
- ***** May require Building Permit