

Research Agreement Form (Appendix A)



Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College functions with the same code of conduct and professionalism as the Goshen College campus.

1. The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and unauthorized firearms is strictly forbidden on Merry Lea property.
2. Merry Lea is a natural sanctuary, so unauthorized camping, hunting, fishing, trapping, building fires, and using motorized vehicles on trails are prohibited. Bicycles can be used on Merry Lea property providing they remain on lanes designated for use by motorized vehicular traffic.
3. Merry Lea requires that hikers remain on designated trail systems and that any accompanying pets remain on a leash, are kept under control at all times, and their waste is removed by the owner.
4. Research vehicles are not permitted on access roads unless approved by the Merry Lea Research Oversight Committee. A guest placard must be displayed on the dashboard of research vehicles on the Merry Lea property at all times. If vehicles are required to move equipment, please inquire.
5. It is the responsibility of all visiting researchers to know the Merry Lea boundaries and avoid trespassing on neighboring private land. Merry Lea is not responsible for prosecution of trespassers.
6. Approximately 394 acres of Merry Lea property located west of Bear Lake are part of the Indiana Nature Preserve system. Research in the Merry Lea State Nature Preserve may require special approval and a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves, available through Merry Lea's Natural Resource Manager.

Upon completion of the research project I/we agree to:

1. Remove all equipment, temporary transect markers, tags, and other research items.
2. Provide Merry Lea with a copy of written reports/findings/data from the research.
3. Provide Merry Lea with copies of any publications resulting from the research.
4. Reference Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College in the "Acknowledgement" section of published works.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name & Title: _____

