

Fossil Collecting Day - Use Permit Mazonia-Braidwood Fish and Wildlife Area

Name (Individual or Group) _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
If a group, # of individuals _____
Is fossil collecting the primary reason for your visit to the site today? Y N

The Mazonia- Braidwood FWA is a multipurpose public facility for recreational activities including hunting, fishing, boating and other activities. In addition, this site contains rich Pennsylvanian age fossil deposits known throughout the world as the Mazon Creek concretions (nodules). The IDNR web sites at, http://museum.state.il.us/exhibits/mazon_creek/MazonCreekSite.html and <http://www.isgs.uiuc.edu/isgshome/fossils.htm>, have a wealth of information on these fossils.

Amateur and scientific research collecting will be allowed subject to the issuance and terms of this permit. **Collection for commercial purposes is prohibited at this site.**

In order to make sure that information on fossil bearing nodules is not lost and to comply with relevant laws, the Department requires that a report be filed for nodules that are removed from this site. Reports may be returned to the park office, mailed in or filled out online. The information on this form is very important to increase scientific understanding of this unique site. **Therefore, your assistance in this scientific endeavor by filing this report is greatly appreciated.**

Persons wishing to donate opened or unopened concretions may leave them at the park office.

Rules for collecting at this site:

1. The Department will manage specific areas with minimal vegetation to facilitate surface exposure for fossil collecting. Collecting is also allowed in other areas where the surface is exposed from erosion. **Excavation is prohibited in any areas.**
2. The daily limit of fossil concretions which can be removed from the site is one (1) five gallon container per person. This limit will allow many people to enjoy this activity.
3. Fossils collected will not be commercially sold.
4. A signed copy of this permit must be available for inspection by park personnel for the day of your visit.

I agree to the terms and rules stated above _____
(Individual or Group leader) Date