

Ithaca College Natural Lands Robinson Preserve/IC Natural Resources Reserve User Permit Conditions

The primary use of the Bob Robinson Family Preserve and Ithaca College Natural Resources Reserve (ICNRR), located on Piper Road in the Town of Newfield, is for substantive teaching and research by members of the Ithaca College community. The property is managed through the Ithaca College Natural Lands (ICNL) committee which serves as an advisory body for the stewardship of Ithaca College's natural areas. The mission of ICNL is to maintain the educational value and ecosystem services of these lands, to support co-curricular activities, and to guide compatible economic and recreational development. **Therefore, a User Permit is required for all individuals who wish to visit the Robinson Preserve and ICNRR. All visits to the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR as part of a class or lab experience, as well as individual research, must be arranged through the Ithaca College Biology Department and shall be coordinated by the ICNL Faculty Manager.**

User Permit Conditions:

The provisions of these Permit Conditions describe the terms and conditions of such individual permits for use of the Robert 'Bob' Robinson Preserve/ICNRR, Piper Road, Newfield NY 14867. The holder of an ICNL User Permit for the property agrees to strictly observe and abide by all of the terms and provisions of these Permit Conditions, and further agrees that any violation of such terms or provisions may result in the suspension or revocation of his/her ICNL User Permit. Users are requested to sign the trail registry when visiting the preserve, which will allow authorities to locate them more easily in the event of an emergency (as well as to track use numbers and justify funding). It is requested and expected that users report any non-permitted or improper activities or situations they may observe while on the Robinson Preserve. Users should report such activities or situations of concern to ICNL land management staff by leaving a message at 607-274-3225.

Allowable Activities

Allowable activities on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR include the following: hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, bird watching, nature observation, and shoreline fishing.

Angling is the only permissible means of fishing on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. Angling is as defined in New York State Environmental Conservation Law Section 11-0103. Users must hold a valid New York State fishing license in order to fish on Natural Lands.

Dates and Hours of Use

The Robinson Preserve/ICNRR are closed from sunset until sunrise.

Prohibited Activities and Equipment

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to: camping, building and maintaining fires, trapping, horseback riding, bicycling, snowmobiling, operating motorized vehicles, hunting, ice skating, sledding, swimming, and boating.

Users shall not bring any pets or livestock animals onto the properties. Guide dogs, hearing dogs, and service dogs, when assisting persons with disabilities, are permitted on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR.

Tents and other temporary or permanent structures are not allowed. Any tents or other structures erected on the properties in violation of these Permit Conditions may be removed and disposed of by ICNL without liability to the permit holder or Ithaca College.

All firearms and bows and arrows are prohibited from the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. Such equipment may be allowed during certain hunting seasons identified by ICNL under the conditions for receiving a separate ICNL Hunting Permit for the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR.

Fishing and tackle rods are allowed.

Possession of any animal traps is prohibited.

User Safety

Users shall exercise caution by observing accepted hiking and fishing safety standards at all times. Failure to follow safety standards may result in suspension or revocation of the ICNL User Permit.

Users shall not consume alcohol or non-prescription; controlled substances while on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR, or be intoxicated while on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR.

Users are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and inform a responsible person of where they are going and when they plan to return. By entering the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR for any purpose, users expressly acknowledge the presence of, and assume all risks associated with the hazards such as dead trees, cliffs, steep slopes, and open pits that are part of the natural environment. Users should maintain a keen awareness of their surroundings and of the weather, which can change quickly.

Users are requested to sign in at trail registry when visiting the preserve. This will allow authorities to locate them more easily in the event of an emergency.

Other Users of Natural Lands

Only ICNL User Permit holders are allowed on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR for recreational purposes. There may also be ICNL staff or other authorized personnel including researchers, land managers, private contractors, and loggers on or near the properties.

Users are advised that active logging operations may be in progress on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR during certain times of the year. Users are advised to avoid visiting such areas or to take adequate precautions if entering logging areas or coming within three hundred feet of logging equipment. Information on those areas undergoing forestry operations may be obtained by calling the ICNL Information Line, 607-274-3161.

Trespassing on Adjacent Property

Users shall confine themselves to permitted areas. Users shall respect the rights of adjacent property owners and shall not trespass on private lands. Complaints from adjacent landowners regarding trespass may lead to revocation of all Natural Lands User Permits

Signs

Boundaries of the Robinson Preserve and ICNRR are indicated by signs posted at regular intervals which read "Ithaca College Property Line." Additional signs may be posted by ICNL to indicate that certain use, or entering certain areas, is prohibited. Users shall observe and abide by all instructions or warnings displayed on such ICNL signs.

Trails on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR are not marked or maintained and may be incomplete.

Users shall not post any signs or mark any trails on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR without prior written approval from ICNL.

Valid User Permits

No one shall use the Robinson Preserve or ICNRR without a valid ICNL User Permit issued to them by ICNL.

As a condition of permit issuance, a User must read, agree to, and abide by these Permit Conditions, and acknowledge such. A release and assumption of risk shall also be required as a condition of permit issuance.

Carrying of Permit

Users (unless minors; see below) shall carry their User Permit and one piece of current photo identification, such as a motor vehicle license, with them at all times while within the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. Users shall produce and show their identification upon request to Ithaca College employees and/or law enforcement officers. Failure to do so may result in immediate eviction from the property, revocation of the ICNL User Permit, and Ithaca College judicial action.

Users who choose to fish must also carry and produce their valid New York State fishing license upon request.

Minors

Persons under under 18 years of age who are not Ithaca College students must be accompanied by a person over 18 years of age who has a valid ICNL User Permit in order to enter and remain on Robinson Preserve and ICNRR.

Protection of Water Quality

Guide dogs, hearing dogs, and service dogs, when assisting persons with disabilities are permitted on the Robinson Preserve and ICNRR. Every effort should be made to properly dispose of animal waste.

Users shall not bring any other pets or livestock animals onto the Robinson Preserve /ICNRR.

Users shall not bathe or swim in any reservoir or watercourse on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. Users shall not use a boat on or to access the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. No objects shall be washed on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR.

Property Cleanliness

Carry in, carry out. Users shall collect all of their litter prior to leaving the Robinson Preserve and ICNRR, carry it away, and dispose of it properly. Users are encouraged to collect other litter found on the property or report its presence to ICNL Land Management by calling 607-274-3225

Wildfire Control

Users shall not build or maintain any open fires while on the Robinson Preserve or ICNRR.

Smoking is prohibited.

Protection of Natural Resources and Infrastructure

ICNL protects natural resources on its lands, including plants, animals, soils, stone, and also cultural resources (e.g. stone walls, foundations). Users shall not disturb, remove, or injure any vegetation, trees, wildlife other than fish (see Allowable Activities), soil, stone, or other natural or cultural resources.

Cutting and marking of trails is expressly prohibited without specific written permission from ICNL.

No species which appears on any endangered, threatened, or special concern list of the Federal of New York State government or are otherwise protected by the Federal or New York State government shall be possessed, harassed, taken, or otherwise disturbed on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR. (Such action may occur under the conditions of a Research Permit).

Users shall not disturb, deface, remove, or injure any property infrastructure on the Robinson Preserve/ICNRR including but not limited to: fences, gates, stonewalls, boundary markers or monuments, blaze marks, roads, trails, or other improvements of any type.

Enforcement of Access Permit Conditions

Failure by a permit holder to comply with any order of ICNL personnel may be considered a violation of these Permit Conditions and grounds for revocation of the ICNL Access Permit and may result in Ithaca College judicial action, civil action or criminal penalties when appropriate.

Closure of Lands

ICNL may close the Robinson Preserve and/or ICNRR to public access periodically, and during emergency situations or hunting seasons by posting signs, e-mailing an advisory to users, indicating such on the ICNL website (www.ithaca.edu/naturallands), and/or placing a notice in the media. It shall be the responsibility of users to find out from ICNL whether the Robinson Preserve or ICNRR continues to be open during emergency situations or hunting seasons.