

ROOKERY BAY NERR VISITING INVESTIGATOR REGISTRATION FORM

In order to better and safely accommodate the existing, and growing, population of visiting investigators, the Reserve has developed this mandatory registration form. **This form serves as your permit for conducting research within the Reserve.** Please keep a copy of this registration form with you while conducting research within the Reserve. **For continuing projects, please submit an updated registration form annually.** Project descriptions will be entered into the **NOAA NERR Database** and the **Big Cypress Basin - Estero Bay Regional Research Database.**

This form also allows visiting investigators to schedule staff assistance, facilities and equipment to make time spent at the Reserve as efficient and productive as possible. This sheet will also serve to document the types of research activities, locations of study sites, techniques used and any reports/manuscripts generated to allow the Reserve staff to catalogue research activities at Rookery Bay. **Visiting investigators not requiring assistance, facilities or equipment must also complete this form** to ensure that their research is included in the Reserve's catalogue and to avoid conflicts with another researcher's activities, to prevent inadvertent damage to a study site due to the Reserve's management practices (e.g. prescribed fire, hydrologic restoration, exotic plant and animal control) and to provide important safety information. **A copy of a funded research proposal can be used to substitute for portions of this form containing redundant information.**

Please feel free to distribute this form to any of your colleagues interested in conducting research within the area managed by the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve or its watershed (please see attached map).

Please fax (239-417-6315, Attn: Research Coordinator or email: victoria.vazquez@dep.state.fl.us) this form at least one month prior to your visit. Your requests will be considered and, within two weeks of receipt, a signed form will be faxed back to you indicating which services will be available during your visit. In the case of unforeseen emergencies, we will notify you of any changes to this arrangement as soon as possible. **This form does not substitute for other required State or Federal collection permits.**

If you will be accessing remote areas (areas out of sight from roads or channel markers) of the Reserve, please plan to have or borrow a cell phone and provide its phone number, your destination and estimated time of return to the front desk (239-417-6310) prior to each excursion.

Please review, and if necessary, provide updated information prior to **each visit.** **Failure to provide accurate information or notify the front desk of excursions to remote areas will result in loss of Reserve visiting investigator privileges.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Rookery Bay NERR Visiting Investigator Registration Form

Date(s) of anticipated visit: _____

Principal Investigator's Name (Printed and Signature): _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Fax: _____

Cell Phone (for emergency field communications): _____

Are the Reserve's overnight facilities needed? _____
(The Reserve has limited dorm-type facilities available.)

Location of the Study Sites (Please identify the approximate location(s) on the attached map;
If available, list the GPS coordinates below):

Site ID: _____ : _____ : _____
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Please briefly describe the project being conducted as you have outlined it in your research plan
(include primary hypothesis/research question and the parameters to be measured)

Title: _____

Project Start Date: _____ Project End Date: _____

Please briefly describe the techniques being used to sample, mark and manipulate the study site:

Are Rookery Bay personnel or volunteers needed to assist with this research? If so, when and for what purpose?

Do you require a boat or vehicle during this visit? _____

Are you familiar with the waterways in the area? _____

Do you require a boat driver? _____

Are there any other types of equipment, storage or support services needed for this visit? *(If so, please request a list of available equipment from the Research Coordinator, Victoria Vazquez, and include the items you'll need and the dates requested below:*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please provide an abstract that we can put on the NOAA NERR Database and the Big Cypress Basin - Estero Bay Regional Research Database. This ensures that we receive continued support of the Visiting Investigator program.

Have any manuscripts or reports been generated from this research? _____

If so, please provide full citations on an additional sheet. Publications resulting from this research should be provided to the Research Coordinator as soon as they become available. They may be sent via e-mail attachment or mailed to: Victoria Vazquez, RBNERR, 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113-8059

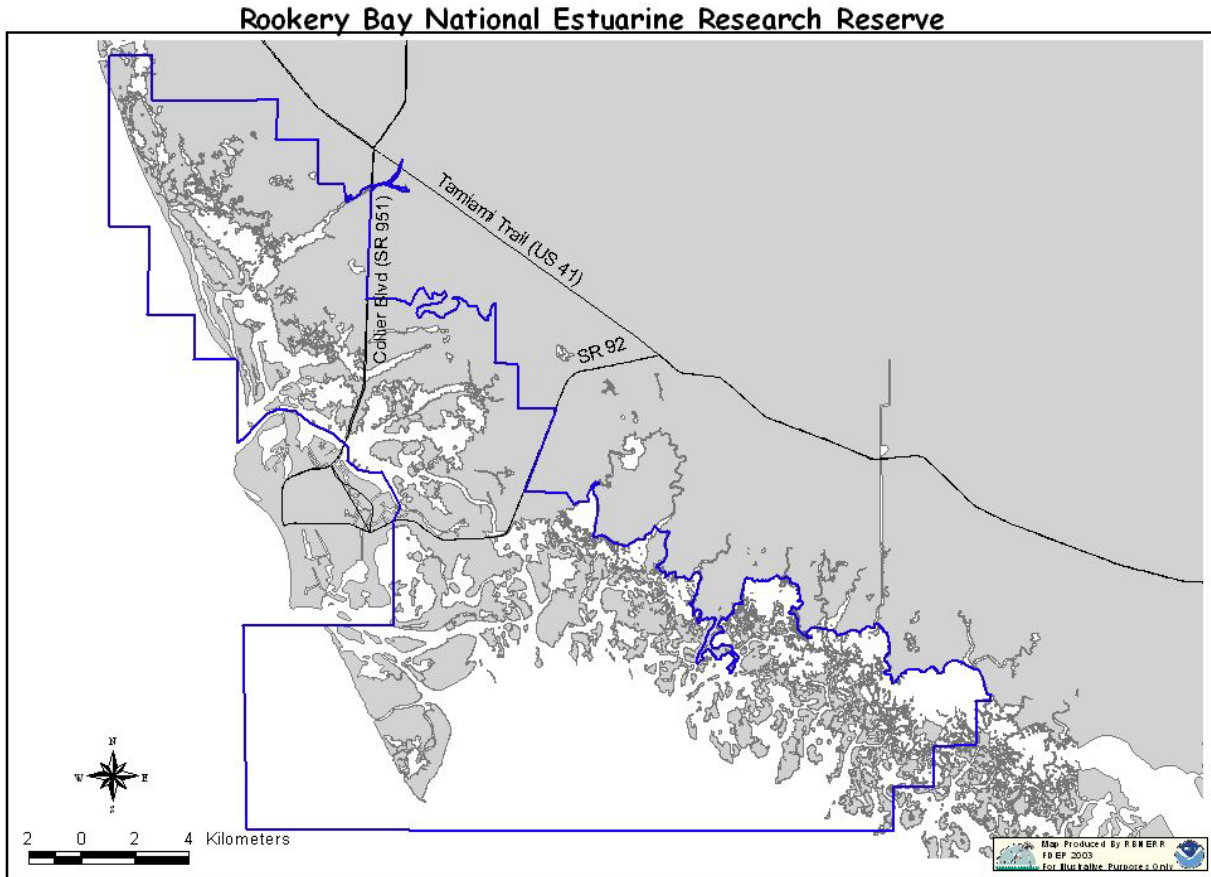
Your Emergency Contact (Name/Phone#):

_____ Date: _____

Signature of the Reserve's Research Coordinator

Submit to: Victoria.vazquez@dep.state.fl.us
cc: jill.schmid@dep.state.fl.us

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Please mark sampling locations / research sites on this map and submit it with your registration.

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