



## **Work procedures for the research of nature and the natural environment and of cultural remains in the Vatnajökull National Park**

### Article 1

All research of nature and the natural environment and of cultural remains in the Vatnajökull National Park that are not conducted by the National Park authorities or are not part of the implementation of a preservation project are subject to a research permit issued by the relevant National Park Warden, cf. Article 18 of Regulations No. 608/2008 on the Vatnajökull National Park.

Those who intend to do research inside the National Park also need to apply for the appropriate research permits from other relevant entities, such as permits for sample collection, pursuant to Act No. 60/1992, from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History and Natural History Museum Branches.

### Article 2

Those who are interested in conducting research in the National Park pursuant to Article 1 have to fill out an application form for a permit and send it to the Park Warden of the region where the anticipated activities will take place. If the intention is to conduct research in more than one region, then applications must be made out to the park wardens of the relevant regions.

Applications must be submitted with at least 30 days notice.

An application form for a permit is attached to these regulations.

### Article 3

The National Park Warden of the relevant region grants the research permit.

If the activities do not comply with the provisions of Act No. 60/2007 on the Vatnajökull National Park, the provisions of Regulations No. 608/2008 on Activities in the National Park, or with the provisions of the Preservation Plan for the National Park, then the National Park Warden shall decline to grant a permit. At the same time, the granting of a permit shall be declined if the National Park Warden thinks that the activities will cause damage or that they will cause a disruption to the biosphere, or to geological formations and the landscape inside the National Park, cf. paragraph 1 of Article 14 of Act No. 60/2007.

### Article 4

The holder of the permit must study and comply with the provisions of Act No. 60/2007 on the Vatnajökull National Park, the provisions of Regulations No. 608/2008, as well as the provisions of the National Park Preservation Plan.

The National Park Warden shall supervise the activities carried out by the holder of the permit in order to monitor compliance with the provisions, cf. item (3) of Article 10 of Act No. 60/2007. The holder of the permit must submit any information and documents that the Warden feels are necessary in order to perform his/her supervisory role.

It is permitted to have a supervisor at the site where the research is conducted if the National Park Warden deems it to be necessary for conservation reasons.

#### Article 5

The holder of a permit and his/her staff must treat the natural environment and the cultural remains in the National Park with orderliness and display the utmost care and consideration, so that the natural environment, the cultural remains and installations in the national park will not be corrupted, cf. paragraph 1 of Article 9 of Regulations No. 608/2008.

The holder of a permit and his/her staff must comply with the instructions given by the National Park Wardens and by other National Park employees concerning orderliness and conduct in the National Park, cf. paragraph 2 of Article 9 of Regulations No. 608/2008.

A National Park Warden may suspend the permit holder's activities if it becomes evident that such activities will have and/or may have a negative impact on nature and the natural environment, or on the cultural remains of the National Park, and the warden may likewise expel the holder of the permit or his/her staff from the National Park if the relevant person is in violation of the provisions of Act No. 60/2007 or Regulations No. 608/2008. Violations against the Act and the Regulations issued under it are punishable by fines or a prison term of up to two years.

#### Article 6

It will be requested that research results, reports and associated materials will be sent to the National Park Warden of the relevant region. Also, promotional materials for National Park visitors summarising the research on leaflets or posters or in the form of lectures are gratefully accepted.

This information will be requested with reference to Article 2 of Regulations No. 608/2008, which states that the National Park shall provide instruction on nature and nature conservation, history, daily life and the cultural remains of the region and promote research in order to increase knowledge of these issues.

## Application for a research permit for the Vatnajökull National Park

### *Information on the applicant/researcher*

<i>Project name</i>	
<i>School/Establishment/Firm</i>	
<i>Project supervisor</i>	
<i>Applicant: Name and ID No./State Reg. No.</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>Telephone/Mob./Fax</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	

**Date, timeline and duration of the project:**

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**Site inside the National Park:**

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**Description of the project, purpose and execution:**

**Description of methods for sample taking, if part of the research:**

**Other information that the applicant wants to submit:**

**Application to be sent to the relevant National Park Warden:**

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I, the undersigned, hereby confirm that I have studied the provisions of Act No. 60/2007, Regulations No. 608/2008 and the work procedures for research of nature, the natural environment and cultural remains in the Vatnajökull National Park and I warrant that those who are involved in the project shall comply with these procedures in every detail.

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*Place and date*

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*Signature of the applicant/representative*

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*Permit granted*