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Abenaki Gathering Agreement - Green Mountain Audubon Center

This agreement authorizes the collection of plants by citizens of the four (4) Vermont state-recognized Abenaki Tribes (Vermont Abenaki) on certain Green Mountain Audubon Society (GMAS) Lands in Vermont for non-commercial purposes. As used herein "GMAS Lands" means land owned by GMAS in Huntington, Vermont, known as the Green Mountain Audubon Center (GMAC).

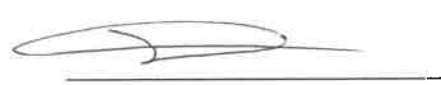
The Vermont Abenaki comprise the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, Koasek Abenaki of the Koas, the Abenaki Nation at Missisquoi and the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation. The intent of the Vermont Abenaki is to remove plants in minimal amounts that are considered important for traditional ceremonies, food, art and medicinal purposes. All collections shall occur within the following parameters.

1. All gathering shall occur in a sustainable manner that ensures populations are the same size or larger the year following each harvest.
2. Only hand tools will be used during gathering activities.
3. Amounts harvested shall be able to be carried out by the person(s) collecting, in bags or baskets. Wheelbarrows, wagons or other wheeled or non-wheeled carts or devices may not be used to transport harvests on or from GMAS Lands.
4. No species on federal or state endangered, threatened or species of special concern lists may be collected on GMAS Lands. Vermont Abenaki citizens should consult federal and state lists before each harvest to ensure that these species are not harvested. Vermont Abenaki citizens are responsible for ensuring that no species listed on federal or state endangered, threatened or species of special concern lists is collected on GMAS Lands.
5. The Vermont Abenaki Tribes covenant that their use of GMAS lands will comply with all applicable laws.
6. Vermont Abenaki citizens harvesting on GMAS Lands may verbally identify their tribal affiliation and reference this agreement.
7. The terms and conditions of this letter will remain in effect for one year and shall renew automatically at the sole discretion of GMAS.


We look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship that allows Vermont Abenaki citizens to collect from GMAS Lands the plants that support the Abenakis' long history and cultural traditions.


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