

**Abenaki Cultural Use Land Access Project:
Questionnaire for Establishing Agreement to Allow Abenaki Citizen Land Access**



If you are interested in allowing Abenaki citizens access to your private forestland to harvest plants and/or hunt, please complete the survey below. The questions will help define what your particular access agreement might look like. If you have any questions, please contact Vermont Family Forests (453-7728, info@familyforests.org).

1. Contact Information

- a. Your name _____
- b. Phone _____
- c. Email _____
- d. Preferred method of contact (phone call, text, email) _____

2. Location of your land (Address, plus any information that you think could be helpful in identifying the property area)

3. Would you like to restrict the species and amount of plants gathered on your land?
Check all that apply.

- No restriction
- Yes, I would like to use the approved list generated by the state ([available here](#)) and restrict gathering to a sustainable harvest—defined as one that yields a population the next year of the harvest species that is greater than or equal to the population of the species in the year it is harvested.
- Yes, I would like to use the approved list generated by the state and restrict harvests to a sustainable harvest. I would like to allow for further harvesting of the following plants (*this can be useful in the case of invasive species. Please specify the for which plant species you'd allow additional harvest and specify harvest quota*)

- Yes, I would like to generate my own list for an acceptable plant species and quotas (please specify).

4. Would you allow hunting on your land, following the applicable state laws and regulations as stated by Vermont Fish and Wildlife?

No hunting

Yes, all hunting is allowed

Yes, but only bow hunting

Yes, but only rifle hunting

Yes, but I'd like to generate my own list (chosen from Vermont Fish and Wildlife's approved list) of animals to be hunted on my land (please specify).

5. Would you like to restrict the times of day that Abenaki citizens can access your land?

No, they can access my land at any time of the day

Yes, only during daylight hours

Yes, I would like to restrict access to my land to specific hours (please specify).

6. Where would you like people to park? _____

7. Would you prefer Abenaki gatherers to let you know in advance if they are coming, or can they visit unannounced? (It is very unlikely you will experience a high volume of Abenaki citizens accessing your land at one time or over the course of a year, but requiring notification allows you greater control over visitation.)

No, you are welcome to visit unannounced.

Yes, please contact me before coming to my land and wait for a reply

Yes, please contact me before coming to my land the first time and wait for a reply. After your first visit, there is no further need for prior notification.

Yes, please notify me before coming to my land, but you do not need to wait for a reply.

8. Would you like Abenaki citizens to stop at your house and introduce themselves before walking into your forest?

Yes, please stop by the house before harvesting on my land.

Yes, please stop by the first time. After your first visit, there is no need to come to the house again.

No, please respect our privacy.

Either way, feel free to stop in if I or others are home, but this is not a prerequisite for access.

9. Is there a restriction in which times of the year (seasons) you would allow access to the land?

No

Yes (please specify)

10. Are there any additional notes that you would like Abenaki citizens to see before coming to your land?
