**Introducing Indiana State Rules for Recreational Prospecting in Indiana**

Indiana Prospecting Regulations

Indiana Administrative Codes
312 IAC 10-5-11
and
312 IAC 6-5-10

For more information on Indiana’s regulations for recreational prospecting, contact the IDNR, Division of Water by email @ water_inquiry@dnr.in.gov or call Toll free: 1-877-928-3755

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Prospecting in a navigable waterway

Except for those waterways listed in 312 IAC 10-5-11 and 312 IAC 6-5-10 (listed in this brochure), a person may prospect in a non-navigable waterway if they get a written permit from Indiana DNR, Division of Water

OR

Comply with the following criteria:

(1) obtain lawful ingress to and egress from the navigable waterway

(2) obtain written permission from any affected riparian owner

(3) use one or a combination of the following processes:
   (a) without the use of equipment, such as picking up nuggets
   (b) use non-motorized equipment, such as a pan, sluice box, or pick and shovel
   (c) use suction equipment, including motorized equipment, having a hand-operated nozzle that has an opening not larger than five (5) inches in diameter

(4) can not use mercury or other chemicals to assist with the recovery of hard mineral resources

(5) prospecting activities can only occur exclusively between sunrise and sunset

(6) no mussels are taken as prescribed by 312 IAC 9-9-3

(7) no endangered species are taken as prescribed by IC 14-22-34-12

(8) nothing in this rule modifies the rights of riparian owners

A list of navigable waterways can be found on the web at http://www.in.gov/nrc/2375.htm.