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# **Dragonfly Mercury Project Toolkit**

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This toolkit provides resources and interpretive materials for participants and leaders in the Dragonfly Mercury Project (DMP).

#### About the DMP

- Fact Sheet: Dragonfly Mercury Project Engaging Citizens in Resource Conservation
- Videos: <u>Dragonfly Mercury Project Introduction</u> by Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park Second Century Stewardship by David Shaw
- Project Webpage: <u>Dragonfly Mercury Project</u>

# Sampling Resources

- Protocol: Field Sampling Guide
- Video: <u>How to Sample Dragonfly Larvae</u>

# **Identifying Dragonfly Larvae**

- Flashcards
- Video: Identifying dragonfly larva to family

# **Learn About Mercury**

- Webpage: Effects of Mercury in Nature
- NP Gallery: Images for field use or presentations
- Music Video: "Don't Merc Me"- Mercury Impacts in National Parks

#### **Materials for Teachers**

- Handout: Mercury Data Literacy/ Graph Pack
- Handout: Communicating Data in a Graph
- Handout: The Graph Choice Chart

### Citizen Science and the Dragonfly Mercury Project

- Article: Collecting Data on Charismatic Mini-Fauna: Public Participation and the Dragonfly Mercury Project
- Webpage: <u>Dragonfly Mercury Project and Citizen Science</u>

## **DMP Products by Parks**

- Video: <u>Citizen Scientists use Dragonfly Larvae to learn about Mercury</u> by Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- Video: <u>Outside Science (inside parks)</u>: <u>Blue Skies and Dragonflies</u> by Colorado State University

- Video: <u>Citizen Science Program-Dragonfly Nymph Collection</u> by Big Cypress National Preserve
- Webpage: <u>Determining Mercury Levels through Dragonfly Nymphs</u> by Big Cypress National Preserve

# Experiences

• A day in the park - tracking mercury with dragonfly larvae by Jeff Atkins

# **Connect on Social Media**

• Facebook: <u>Six-Legged Scouts in the National Parks</u>

• Instagram: #dragonflymercuryproject