

# Free Tick Testing Order Form



**Bay Area Lyme**  
FOUNDATION

**Please complete this form in full, print and mail (with the tick) to:**

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**Directions:** Put your tick in a small Ziploc baggie with a moist cotton ball or piece of wet paper towel. If you have access to a small vial and alcohol, you can use that instead. Include this document with your tick. Put the baggie and the document in a small padded envelope.

**Please complete this 2-page form in full:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you found the tick: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you find this tick? (Please give as specific a location as possible)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinates (latitude and longitude if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Habitat (please describe the location where you think you picked the tick up):

What species of tick do you believe this is? [CLICK HERE](http://www.tickencounter.org/tick_identification/tick_species) for examples and try to identify it.  
(Or visit [www.tickencounter.org/tick\\_identification/tick\\_species](http://www.tickencounter.org/tick_identification/tick_species))

What type of activity were you engaged in when you encountered the tick?

Was the tick questing? If so, where? (This means, did you FIND it on yourself, on your clothing, or somewhere else and it was not embedded in you or someone else):

Were you or anyone else bitten by this tick? (Meaning, was it embedded in your skin or someone else's skin and it had to be physically pulled out of your skin?) Or, did you pull it off of a pet? Please explain.

Other notes:

### Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

By sending us this tick, I \_\_\_\_\_ release Bay Area Lyme Foundation and Northern Arizona University and its staff and employees of any liability with regards to the outcome of testing or any findings in perpetuity.

The Laboratory of Dr. Nathan Nieto at Northern Arizona University (NAU) will test the tick you submit using highly specific and sensitive methods for detecting presence or absence of DNA associated with disease causing pathogens. These tests are not intended to provide clinical diagnosis of disease nor should they be interpreted as a substitute for clinical testing or consultation with a physician. Dr. Nieto's laboratory does not practice medicine nor does it provide medical advice. Tick tests provide accurate assessment of infection status which is one factor in determining risk of exposure to disease causing microbes.

Results from your tick test are useful in determining the timing, location, and abundance of infected ticks. Accordingly, we share this information with the public and health agencies that may request it. The shared data is completely anonymous. NAU protects the identity of the individual bitten by or submitting the tick. Information about the bite victim and/or submitter is used only for the purpose of communicating results.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For more information visit: <http://www.bayarealyme.org/lyme-disease-prevention/>