

Welcome to the Biogeoscience Institute (BGI). This information sheet is to help you familiarize with the Barrier Lake field station.



Researchers are housed in cabin style duplexes which contain basic amenities such as kitchen supplies (dishes/pots/pans) and bunk-style beds. Linens (2 non-fitted sheets & blanket) and towels will be provided. For longer stays researchers are expected to wash their own linens. No housekeeping is provided once group checks-in. Upon arrival the staff will do an orientation/safety meeting and provide you with a duplex key.



Laundry facilities are available, \$2 a wash/ \$1 to dry, you will need to provide your own laundry soap. The machine only accept loonies and quarters.



Wireless Internet is accessible in most buildings. University of Calgary users can access internet with their eID. Researchers outside of the University of Calgary have access to Eduroam. A wired computer lab is available in the science building. Printing available by request (40¢ colour; 15¢ B&W).



Lab space is located in the science building. Access may be limited if an onsite course requires use. Contact the BGI field research manager for lab space, animal care space, and any chemical/gas storage requirements. General lab equipment include drying ovens, microscopes, fridge/freezer, fume hood, centrifuge, and incubator oven.



The BGS has a woodworking workshop that researchers can use to build or assemble equipment with permission from the building operator. An assortment of tools may be borrowed on a sign-out basis. Contact the Building Operator for access to the workshop or tools.

Additional information:

- Cell phone reception is extremely patchy at the station. A staff member can assist you if a long distance call is required during stay.
- Garbage, refundables, and recycling (paper/plastic/metal) must be placed in bear-proof bin located behind the Main Lodge. Do not leave any garbage on the decks.
- Pets and campfires are not allowed at the field station.
- Remove all muddy shoes at entrance of buildings.
- Vehicles can be parked at the duplex unit; additional parking spots are available at the entrance lot.
- The nearest grocery store is in Canmore (~40km) and nearest gas/convenience store is located at the Bears paw Travel Centre at Hwy40/Hwy1 overpass.

Duplex Expectations for Monthly Stays:

- You are responsible for keeping the unit clean.
- You will be provided with toilet paper, cleaning supplies, and dish towels at the start of your stay. When supplies run out, it is the researchers' responsibility to purchase.
- No housekeeping is provided during your stay.
- Keep your living and lab space clean. Researchers will be subject to surcharges if kitchen supplies are broken or missing, living spaces are left unclean, and for unreturned equipment.
- It is your responsibility to wash the linens as no further housekeeping will be provided during the stay.
- There is one vacuum cleaner that is shared between each duplex (ie Duplex 5A shares with 5B). Please let us know if you would like access to vacuum in the neighbouring unit if it is vacant.
- Please let us know if there is an item that is broken and requires fixing or replacement.

How you can help the Biogeoscience Institute:

The BGI runs on a cost recover model to keep your accommodation fees low. To help sustain this model we are continually seeking ways to promote the field station. By including the Biogeoscience Institute in your published papers, mentioning us in conference talks, and adding our logo to posters helps us spread our presence.

In return, the BGS helps promote your research through our research report which is sent across Canada, our website, and our researcher display board. Here is what we need:

- 1. Title of project**
- 2. Your full name**
- 3. Academic level (PhD, Post Doc, ect.)**
- 4. Department**
- 5. University**
- 6. Supervisor**
- 7. Brief project description (4-6 sentences)**
- 8. Picture**

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