

MENDOCINO COLLEGE COASTAL FIELD STATION RULES

We are pleased that you will be able to take advantage of the educational experience offered by Mendocino College's field station at Point Arena. The following rules are designed to preserve and protect the unique natural environment that the setting offers plus insure that the facility continues to be useable in the future. Thank you for your help.

1. The 2 gates to the property must be kept closed and locked at all times except for immediate entrance and exit.
2. Please drive slowly on the access road and watch carefully for cattle that may be crossing the road.
3. All groups using the field station must complete an instructional use form. All participants must complete and sign an assumption of risk and release form. All groups and participants must be covered by an appropriate liability insurance policy.
4. Smoking is expressly forbidden in any building on the property at any time. Smokers may smoke outside, 25 feet away from doorways (per California law), but must collect their ash and cigarette butts and remove them from the property. **No open fires are allowed on the property at any time.**
5. The entire property and tide pool area are part of an ecological preserve. **No materials, specimens, plants or animals of any kind may be removed.** This includes even rocks, empty shells, sticks or other natural debris as they may form part of the natural ecological environment. **It is possible that there will be no access to the sensitive study areas during your use of the field station (please check with the chairperson of the field station committee.).**
6. Participants should be aware of the potentially dangerous conditions found on the coastal headlands. The cliff edges are unstable and large waves can strike without warning.
7. Since the field station is owned by Mendocino College, a California community college, **no alcohol** is allowed on the property at any time.
8. You will be assigned the use of a particular house or houses. Please do not enter other buildings that are not assigned to you. **Please do not move furniture or appliances from one house to another.**
9. We recommend that participants bring a bed sheet to cover the mattresses on the beds in the houses.
10. The houses are heated by means of electric baseboard heaters. They will keep the rooms comfortably warm by using a low setting. Please make sure that the heaters are turned off when you leave.
11. You may use the cooking and eating utensils in the kitchen of the main house (house #1). Please wash, dry and replace them before you leave.
12. You are welcome to use the class/lab room and the AV equipment. Microscopes may be supplied by previous arrangement.
13. **There is no refuse pickup service at the site, so please plan on taking out everything you bring in, including trash.**
14. Please do not leave any food at the field station. Such stuff attracts rodents and insects and creates a mess for the next group to contend with.
15. No animals are allowed on the property at any time.
16. No one under the age of 18 is allowed on the property, except by prior arrangement.
17. Not more than 20 persons maximum for overnight use in Houses 1 and 2. Please inquire regarding larger groups. No open camping or RVs.
18. Please leave the field station just a bit cleaner than when you arrived.

I/We acknowledge receipt of these rules governing the use of the Mendocino College Coastal Field Station.

Signature(s)

Printed Name(s)

Date