

Here is some basic information important for when preparing for your visit to the Mendocino College Coastal Field Station.

There is a small education building (class/laboratory) and several houses at the field station.

The houses offer kitchen/dining space, running water (including hot water), heaters and electricity. The well water is fairly hard, so we ask that you bring bottled water for coffee, tea, food preparation and drinking.

Most people get cell phone service, and there is fast wireless internet in the education building and House 1 (provided by FurtherReach.Net).

Regarding what to pack out: There is no trash service, so your group should plan to collect trash and recyclables from kitchen and bathrooms to haul away. There are some large plastic bags available. Each house should have two brooms and at least one dust pan. House 1 has a shop vac and mop, depending upon just how dirty things get.

What to pack in for overnight stays: Each house has several bedrooms and 2 bathrooms with showers. There is no linen service so each guest should bring bed clothes, pillow, a bath towel, shampoo and personal items that they will need for an overnight stay. We recommend that you bring a single sheet to place on the bed under your sleeping bag; or, instead of a sleeping bag, you may choose to just bring regular bedding and “make” your bed with regular sheets, blankets, etc.

Other information: You should find bath soap, plenty of toilet paper, and paper towels. House 4 (furthest north) is the caretaker house. Houses 1 and 2 have had a bit more interior renovation than House 3 has had. House 1 (furthest south) has the primary kitchen and dining space, and WiFi. House 2 has more gathering/hangout space with a TV/DVD available. Unfortunately, the remotes may not have batteries (they inexplicably tend to “walk away”!) Houses 1 and 2 have single (twin) beds throughout the 7 total bedrooms. House 3 has full size futon beds in its 3 bedrooms. Each person may also want to bring a flashlight, as well as cards/games for the evening. The main kitchen in House 1 has two large refrigerators for your use, and there should be coffee filters appropriate for the two coffee pots. Dishes, flatware and cooking implements are all available in this main kitchen, and there should be dish soap available. Houses 2 and 3 have small refrigerators and microwave ovens available as well.