

Ivey Research Station (IRS)

The Ivey Research Station (IRS), located at 567 East Shore Road, on NCC's Middle Point Woods property, Pelee Island, is available for researchers and volunteers working on NCC properties. In order to make use of this facility, potential researchers and volunteers must provide a brief workplan detailing the activities they wish to undertake, the properties involved, and how long they expect these activities to take. For researchers, this is covered by the NCC Research Permit. To help cover the costs of maintaining the IRS, we ask that visitors pay a small fee of \$20/person/night.

NCC is extremely grateful to volunteers providing assistance with stewardship actions. However, we are unable to provide access to the Ivey Research Station beyond the time required to conduct the proposed work.



The Ivey Research Station is located along the eastern shore of Pelee Island. NCC currently owns and manages over 1,000 acres of forest, alvar and shoreline on Pelee Island, and has several active restoration and research projects.

Facilities

The IRS has electricity and running water. The tapwater is **NOT** guaranteed drinkable. We often switch off the electrical breaker for the hot water in order to save power when we are not on the island: the breaker board is above the water tank in the kitchen. There is a firepit and hibachi (charcoal) BBQs outside. There is a woodstove and small electric heaters available for use in cooler months.

Kitchen	Bedrooms	Washrooms
2 fridges with freezers	1 room with double bed	1 upstairs with toilet, sink and shower
Electric oven with stovetop	1 room with 2 single beds	1 downstairs with toilet and sink
microwave	1 room with 1 set of single bunkbeds and 2 single beds	
toaster	Blankets and pillows	
coffeemaker	*no sheets/pillowcases are available	
kettle		
dishes, cutlery and misc.		
cookware (pots, pans etc)		

House Rules

Outside:

1. Camping is not allowed on the property.
2. Small fires for cooking are allowed only within the designated fire pit immediately south of the building. Fires must be attended at all times, and must be properly extinguished. Firewood should **NOT** be collected from the property.

Inside:

3. Any breakages of cookware, utensils, plates, glasses, mugs etc are to be replaced by the tenant at the tenant's expense, unless the item can be shown to have been defective or unnecessary.
4. Tenants should bring their own food, water and expendables (e.g. toilet paper). Stores of food left by NCC should not be used except in an emergency, and then should be replaced by the tenant at the tenant's expense.
5. **The tap water is not guaranteed to be safe for drinking without boiling.** NCC staff will ensure that during their field visits, the drinking water dispenser is not left empty. The tenant should also ensure that this drinking water supply is maintained. Refills for the dispenser can be purchased at the Co-op.
6. All parts of the IRS used by the tenant should be kept clean. Upon departure, the tenant should conduct a thorough clean of all areas used, including the kitchen, bathrooms, living room and bedroom. Cleaning agents and utensils are provided.
7. No smoking inside or within 5 m of the IRS. Cigarette butts should be disposed of in the garbage.
8. Please recycle as much waste as possible. The municipal transfer station on the island accepts garbage at a cost of \$2.50 per bag, but recyclables are accepted free of charge. Empty food containers should be rinsed. A composter is available behind the IRS. NCC will endeavour to remove garbage and recyclables during field visits, but these are not regular and we ask that users remove their own waste.
9. Keep all food items in sealed containers at all times to discourage rodents and insects.
10. Conserve water as much as possible: our septic tank is small and has no overflow, and costs over \$800 to empty. Please minimise your waste water production as much as possible!

NCC would be grateful if tenants can remove any garbage detected on the property, including on the beach, as time permits.

Please notify the southwestern Ontario Conservation Biologist if you notice things which need to be repaired, replaced, or if you have any suggestions:

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Financial donations towards the upkeep of the IRS are always welcome! Please visit
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or contact: **Pia Kaukoranta, Major Gifts Coordinator**
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Please ensure you mark your donation with "Ivey Research Station".