

WKU Green River Preserve

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Facilities and Fees – updated January 2014

The mission of the Green River Preserve is conservation, research, and education. The 1,500 acres of the WKU Green River Preserve were purchased with funds from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund, which is supported by your purchase of Kentucky Nature license plates as well as state environmental fines. Ongoing maintenance is managed by Western Kentucky University. Low-impact use for education and research consistent with these goals is encouraged.

All roads throughout the Preserve are either gravel or dirt paths, rugged, and require good vehicle clearance. 4WD vehicles are encouraged, and in some areas essential; non-4WD pickup trucks are discouraged because they tend to damage the roads; any driving on dirt paths when wet is prohibited in order to protect vegetation and habitat.

No trash pickup is available anywhere on the Preserve: bring your own trash bag, and plan to pack in and pack out all food and trash.

Hunting on Preserve property or fishing from Preserve property is prohibited. The only exception is an annual fall hunt by Wounded Heroes to help manage the deer population.

Facilities List and Fee Schedule

Because the Preserve has ongoing maintenance costs in addition to any education or research activities conducted there, we must charge fees. We have tried to keep these as modest as possible.

Use of the **Education Pavilion** is \$10/day (no electricity or restroom facilities).

Field House: Facilities include kitchen with pots, pans, dishes, utensils, dishwasher; laundry washer and dryer; 3 full bathrooms with showers; 14 beds in 3 bedrooms and 1 open space; 2 computers and wireless internet; local-only phone line for emergencies. Ground floor only is wheelchair accessible. The Field House accommodates about 20 people for day use only, or 14 people overnight, with tent camping available as a supplement.

Non-exclusive use of Field House is \$10/person/day for day use only, or \$20/person/day for overnight (other classes or researchers may be present). Exclusive use of the house is \$175/day regardless of number of people, and includes overnight access (so the break-even point for this rate is at 9 or more people).

Canoes: Up to 8 canoes including paddles, life vests, and trailer are potentially available for education or research use; reservations in advance are required.

Use of one canoe is \$20/day and includes paddles and life vests.

Use of the small trailer and two canoes is \$40/day.

Use of the large trailer plus 6 or more canoes is \$100/day (so break-even point is at 5 canoes; not all 8 canoes are necessarily guaranteed to be available, as research reservations take priority).

Vehicle: A 4WD Tahoe capable of towing the canoe trailers may be available for use within the grounds of the Preserve at a cost of \$25/day with no charge for gas.

Assistance: We may determine that some groups require the assistance of one of our student interns or guides at a rate of \$12/hour plus travel expenses. We may require reimbursement for mileage for travel between campus and the GRP for other personnel who drive to meet with you or your group. At state mileage rates the cost of one round trip is \$45.

Arrangements and reservations for visits should be made through the Director for Management, Education, and Outreach, Dr. Ouida Meier (ouida.meier@wku.edu, 270.745.5201). We'll request other information at that time to make sure we understand your needs, and will provide information needed to facilitate your visit and your work.

Any research activity or collection of organisms must be proposed in writing and approved by a consensus of the Co-Directors. Some fees may be waived as grants at the discretion of the Co-Directors, by consensus. Donations to the Green River Preserve Endowment Fund are always welcome, and support long-term sustainability. We look forward to having your participation at the WKU Green River Preserve! Thanks for your interest. Visit us online at www.wku.edu/greenriver.