

**The Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park (ORWRP)  
Heffner Wetland Research and Education Building  
Reservation Policy and Request Form for Research Activities**

Research activity requests must be made at least 60 days prior to intended date of research activity. You are strongly encouraged to seek approval prior to submission of grant proposals requiring use of the facility. Please contact our facility at [water@osu.edu](mailto:water@osu.edu) for a current fee schedule.

**USE CONDITIONS**

Approved research participants must register with the ORWRP staff at least 24 hours prior to their first scheduled use. A schedule of subsequent research activities must be provided to ORWRP staff at that time; ORWRP staff should be contacted at least 24 hours prior to changes in scheduled research activities. Appropriate information relative to the use of the facilities will be provided during user's initial visit. Users are responsible for any and all damages to ORWRP research equipment during the user's occupation. *Violation of any of the guidelines provided will result in the forfeiture of any uses of the facility by the using group.*

Facilities available for research use:

- Constructed, experimental wetlands
  - o Two experimental wetlands with elevated boardwalks for observation and sampling.
- Natural oxbow wetland
  - o One natural, experimental wetland, no formal structures
- Mesocosm Compound
  - o 80, 100-gallon Rubbermaid Tubs for controlled experiments using either well water or river water.
- Olentangy River
  - o Access to approximate 0.9 km reach of Olentangy River located between two low head dams. Manual boat launching is available, however the location does not include a formal boat launch structure for motorized access to the river.
- Bottomland forested floodplain and riparian zones
  - o Intermediate aged bottomland floodplain forest adjacent to Olentangy River
- Tributary streams to Olentangy River
  - o Small streams flowing between wetlands and Olentangy River with shrub and grass riparian zones.
- Laboratory facilities may be available.
  - o Requests will be reviewed and negotiated on a case by case basis

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Research Request Form/Application**

Primary Investigator (PI): \_\_\_\_\_

University Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

PI Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ PI Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source/Sponsor (including total amount of funding and proportion allocated for research conducted at this facility):

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Names and email addresses of all individuals conducting project-related research activities:

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Research Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project summary (brief project background and concise description of specific research objectives):

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ORWRP research activity description:

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Research timeline and schedule:

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Facilities Requested (Check all that apply):

- Experimental Wetlands
- Oxbow Wetland
- Mesocosm Compound
- Floodplain Forest and Olentangy River Access
- Tributary Streams
- Other special research needs, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Fees for the use of the facility must be negotiated and/or received at least one month prior to commencement of approved projects. Payment by request is possible using internal vendor: Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park (organization number 11734) Please make checks payable to: The Ohio State University, Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park.

I (We) have read the Facility Use Guidelines and accept the responsibility for this property while I (We) am (are) using it. I (We) further indemnify and save and hold harmless The Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, their officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all loss, liability, damages, cost, and expense, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, for injury, death, loss or damage of whatever nature to any person or property resulting from tortuous acts or omissions by the user in connection with the use of the premises. In the event that any action or proceeding is instituted against The Ohio State University and/or the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by any reason of any such claim or event, the user shall resist and defend such action or proceeding at the user's sole cost and expense, or cause it to be resisted and defended by an insurer.

For the user:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature Date

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Print Name and Title

For questions concerning the area, contact the Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetlands Research Park Office at (614) 292-9774 or email at [water@osu.edu](mailto:water@osu.edu)

Return this application to:

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Heffner Wetland Research and Education Building  
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Columbus, OH 43210  
Fax (614)292-9773  
Email: [water@osu.edu](mailto:water@osu.edu)

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