

The Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park (ORWRP)
Heffner Wetland Research and Education Building
Request Form for Teaching Activities

This request for teaching activities should be submitted ONCE for courses held at the ORWRP. If you are teaching multiple courses at the ORWRP, you will need to complete a separate request for each course. If your course plan changes (e.g., utilizing different locations, deploying additional equipment, etc.) after initial approval, an amendment must be submitted to the original request. Please contact our facility at water@osu.edu with questions.

USE CONDITIONS

ORWRP staff must be notified at least ONE WEEK prior to changes in the course plan that are not described on the initial request form. You must receive permission from ORWRP staff PRIOR to the change to ensure that your course's activities will not interfere with other class activities, ongoing research, or site management. Users are responsible for all damages to ORWRP research/monitoring equipment and habitat during use. *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 teaching use (Figure 1):

- Heffner Building
 - Classroom (Room 128, *max capacity = 65*), teaching laboratory (Room 128, *max capacity = 25*), and Prairie Conference Room (Room 101, *max capacity = 20*).
- Olentangy River
 - Access to about 0.9km reach of Olentangy River (non-wadeable) between two low-head dams and access to 0.2km reach of Olentangy River (wadeable) below one of the low-head dams. Manual boat launch is available in the larger reach; however, the location does not have a formal boat launch for motorized boat access.
- Tributary stream to Olentangy River
 - Small stream with shrub and grass riparian area. Begins at outflow of experimental wetlands and travels to the Olentangy River. Receives inputs from bioreserve pond and oxbow wetland.
- Bioreserve Pond
 - Small pond surrounded by grassy vegetation that is connected to a tributary of the Olentangy River
- Constructed, experimental wetlands
 - Two experimental wetlands with elevated boardwalks for observation and sampling.
- Oxbow wetland (I.e., Billabong)
 - Experimental wetland, no formal structures
- Mesocosm compound
 - 80, 100-gallon Rubbermaid Tubs for controlled experiments using either well or river water

- Sandefur Pavillion
 - Accessible deck overlooking the experimental wetlands (includes small, accessible, sheltered patio on lower deck)
- Other educational areas/habitats include:
 - Bottomland hardwood forest, stormwater wetland, Odum Pond (ephemeral)

Please note that faculty research requests will be given preference for research activities for certain facilities (e.g., mesocosm compound, constructed experimental wetlands, etc.). ORWRP staff will communicate potential conflicts with your course.

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Faculty/Instructor Name and Email Address: _____

Department: _____

Phone Number: _____ Course/Semester: _____

TA Name and Email Address (if applicable): _____

Please indicate which facilities at the ORWRP you would like to utilize for your course:

Please provide a brief description of class activities, projects, and experiments that will take place at the ORWRP. Include approximate, or if possible exact, days/weeks of the semester when activities will occur.

Please briefly describe any projects that students will need to work on **outside** of class at the ORWRP. You and/or your TA will be responsible for coordinating ORWRP access for your students outside of your scheduled course. ORWRP staff must be notified if activities take place outside of business hours. Note: undergraduate students cannot work alone in the building.

Please describe any equipment you will deploy, including flagging or other markers, at the ORWRP. Please include the intended duration of deployments, exact location of equipment (e.g., GPS coordinates, if possible), and when equipment or markers will be removed. Unless otherwise approved, all field markers must be removed at the end of each semester. Also, please describe who will be responsible for maintaining and removing field equipment.

Please attach a copy of any necessary permits or committee approvals for fieldwork and/or lab activities that your course will conduct at the ORWRP (e.g., IACUC, IRB approval, ODW scientific collecting permit, etc.).

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, save, and hold harmless The Ohio State University, their officers, agents, and employees, from and against 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. If any action or proceeding is instituted against The Ohio State University 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:

ORWRP Staff use only:

Print Name and Title

Date Application Received

Authorized Signature and Date

Approver Name and Date

Please contact the Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park Office at (614) 292-9774 or by email at water@osu.edu with questions.

Return this application to: water@osu.edu

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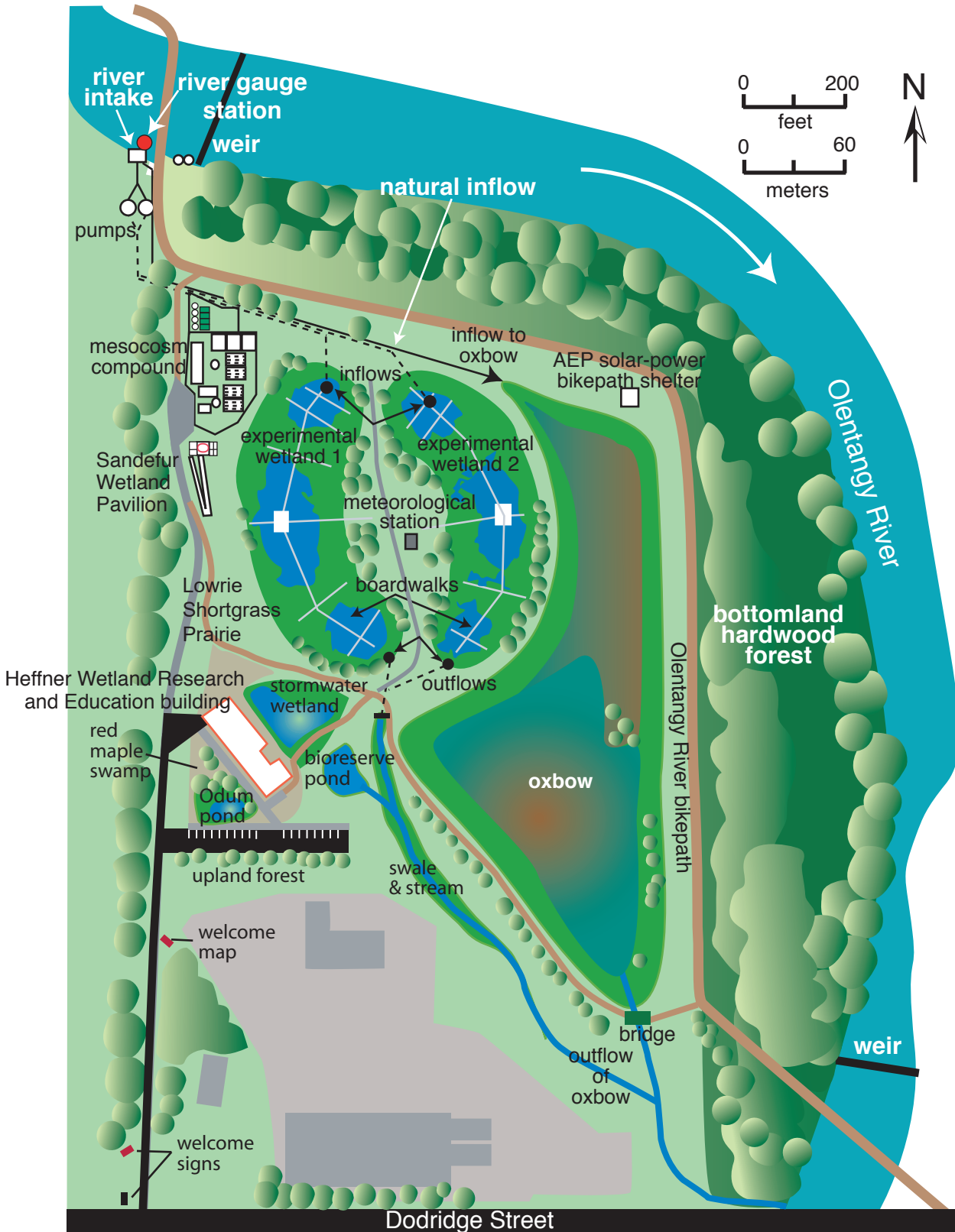


Figure 1. Site map of Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park.