



## Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch of the National Audubon Society

### Facilities Rental Request

Thank you for your interest in renting facilities at the Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch (AWRR) of the National Audubon Society. Audubon is a non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and earth's biological diversity. By choosing to rent facilities at the AWRR, you are helping to support these broad objectives.

The Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch of the National Audubon Society is an 8,000-acre sanctuary and living laboratory in southeastern Arizona, nestled in the grasslands that fill the spaces between the region's famous Sky Islands. Here, we work to formulate, test, and demonstrate methods to rehabilitate and safeguard the bioregion and provide assistance to community members and policy-makers in the protection and stewardship of our native ecosystems, natural resources, and quality of life.

Use of the AWRR must be compatible with its sensitive environment and the conservation goals of Audubon. For this reason, Audubon reserves the right to carefully screen applicants before granting permission to rent facilities at the AWRR. *Accordingly, no contract exists until renter and Audubon have signed a Facilities Rental Agreement.*

Overnight lodging on the AWRR is available for rent seven nights a week and our classroom space is available during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm). All visitation requests must be made at least one week (seven days) prior to arrival. All guests are welcome to drive or hike the main loop road and hike our birding trail (entrance behind Headquarters). All other roads are restricted and require expressed permission to access and are generally reserved for researcher access.

For more information or to check for specific availability of facilities on the date(s) in which you are interested, please contact the AWRR at [researchranch@audubon.org](mailto:researchranch@audubon.org).

#### **FACILITIES:**

The Appleton-Whittell Research Ranch has two main outposts. The Research Complex consists of three guest buildings (the Bunkhouse, the Swinging H, and the Casita) as well as a free-standing, indoor laboratory. The Administrative Complex, located about one mile up the road, consists of our Headquarters Office, the Barn, and staff residences.

- **Swinging H Ranch House:** The ranch house sleeps six with three separate bedrooms, each containing two twin beds. Camping for up to seven individuals is available around the building's perimeter (only available if also renting indoor space). The house also has two bathrooms, a full (shared) kitchen, a large dining and living area, and a washing machine. (please keep water conservation in mind when deciding to use the washing machine).
- **Bunkhouse:** The Bunkhouse sleeps eleven with five bedrooms, four of which contain two twin beds and one of which holds three. The back bedroom is set up as a suite with its own bathroom. All told, the Bunkhouse can sleep up to eleven individuals. Camping for up to seven individuals is available around the building's perimeter (only available if also renting indoor space). The bunkhouse also has two bathrooms, a full (shared) kitchen, a modest dining and living area, and a washing machine. (please keep water conservation in mind when deciding to use the washing machine).
- **Casita:** The Casita features a queen murphy bed, bathroom, and kitchenette.
- **Classroom:** The 30 x 30 foot classroom is part of the Headquarters building and houses an overhead projector and plenty of whiteboard space. Tables and chairs can accommodate classes up to 60 persons. With seating room only (no tables) the room can accommodate up to 90.



## AMENITIES:

- **Telephones:** Telephones (land-lines) are available in most buildings and cell phone boosters are installed at the Swinging H and Bunkhouse. Long-distance is blocked on the research complex phones, so you will need to use a credit card or phone card. Cell phone coverage on the ranch is very spotty but we have installed boosters in the Bunkhouse and the Swinging H.
- **Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi is available in the Bunkhouse, Swinging H, Casita and Lab. Due to limited bandwidth, please turn off automatic downloads and do not download or stream. If you do need to download materials, participate in a training session, webinar or zoom, please make arrangements with staff to do so at Headquarters in our Classroom.
- **Laboratory & equipment:** Reserved for researchers, our 25 x 35 foot laboratory building includes a chest freezer, specimen case, lab sink, and rest room. It also includes plenty of counter space, overhead fluorescent lighting, electrical outlets, and Wi-Fi.
- **Herbarium:** The herbarium, housed in the main office, features approximately 1200 locally-collected plant specimens. A photo herbarium is under development.
- **Trash & Recyclables:** We do not have trash pickup and are extremely limited with what we can recycle here in Santa Cruz County. If and when possible, please pack out to ease burden on our facility and the local landfill.

## FEES:

- **Non-Exclusive Lodging at the Swinging H or Bunkhouse:** Both buildings offer ample room for lodging, living space, and a full kitchen. By renting non-exclusive lodging, you are only reserving a bed! You may have roommates sharing your space.
  - General public \$60 per person/night
  - Researcher \$40 per person/night
  - Students (<18 y/o) \$20 per person/night
- **Exclusive Housing Rentals:** The Swinging H, Bunkhouse, and full Research Complex are available for exclusive rental, meaning no others will be sharing your space.
  - **Swinging H:** The Swinging H offers six beds and room for 7 tents.
    - General Public \$360 daily + \$30 per camper/night.
    - Researcher \$240 daily + \$20 per camper/night.
    - Students groups (undergrad and below) \$120 daily + \$10 per camper/night.
  - **Bunkhouse:** The Bunkhouse offers eleven beds and room for 7 tents.
    - General Public \$660 daily + \$30 per camper/night.
    - Researcher \$440 daily + \$20 per camper/night.
    - Students groups (undergrad and below) \$220 daily + \$10 per camper/night.
  - **Full Research Complex:** Renting the full Research Complex gives you exclusive access to the Swinging H, Bunkhouse, and Casita and offers room for 14 tents. \$1500 daily.
- **Linens Fee:** A \$10 linens fee will be charged per indoor resident/visit. You can opt-out of this fee by using your own linens (towels, bedding, etc.)



- **Long-Term Researcher Discount:** Researchers receive 50% off their daily rate after 14 days. Lodging days must be consecutive.
- **Classroom Rental:**
  - Groups of up to 30: \$100 for the first three hours, \$25/hour thereafter.
  - Groups of 31-60: \$200 for the first three hours, \$50/hour thereafter.
  - Groups of 61-90: \$300 for the first three hours, \$75/hour thereafter.

All fees are subject to periodic change. No fee will change after a Facilities Rental Agreement is signed by both the renter and Audubon.

**PAYMENT:**

Payment is accepted before, during or after stay – please notify AWRR staff of your intentions. Credit, check and/or cash accepted, **but credit is preferred.**

If you have any questions, please contact the AWRR at [researchranch@audubon.org](mailto:researchranch@audubon.org).

**RENTAL REQUEST DETAILS:**

For overnight visitors:

Requested date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Check-in is before 4pm and check-out is by 10am. Late arrivals can be accommodated with advance notice.

For classroom rentals:

Requested date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours of use: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilities Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Planned: \_\_\_\_\_

**RENTER:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If Renter is an entity, provide name of CONTACT PERSON:

\*If Renter is a non-profit, please provide proof of federal non-profit status.