

FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIELD STATION

What is the Field Station?

The Field Station is home to a community of scientists, students, and educators. It houses data, publications, specimen collections, and equipment that are used to help improve our understanding of the natural environment. It also serves as a resource and launching-off point for ecological and environmental fieldwork at sites near and far.

Who works at the Field Station?

The Field Station is operated as a partnership between Bard and Hudsonia Ltd, a private not-for-profit research institute. The Field Station's facilities which include a library, herbarium, dry and wet laboratories, classroom, and offices, are used by students, faculty, staff, and researchers.

Can I view or use the biological collections or use the lab space?

Our collections are used in teaching and research and can be viewed upon request. If you are interested in doing a research, art or other project that requires longer-term access, just let us know.

Can I use a canoe?

Currently, canoes are only available for research-related use or by those with advanced watercraft safety training. We hope to offer opportunities for recreational use in the future.

Does the Field Station offer courses?

Not yet, but faculty teaching courses in natural history, ecology, archeology, and writing, for example, teach some of their classes here.

Can I get involved in ongoing Field Station programs?

You can sign up for the ongoing glass eel project, apply for an internship, and keep any eye out for upcoming events like canoe safety training. Until our new website is up, we will reach people via campus email.

What is the internship program?

Each semester we hire 1-3 interns to curate the biological collections, map biodiversity, and assist on local and regional projects. Interns are supervised by Hudsonia Ltd. an environmental non-profit that manages the field station and potentially by Bard faculty, depending on the project. We are excited about future internships that help identify the diversity of plant, animal and other life on campus, and potentially begin mapping it for use in classes, recreation and conservation activities.

Can the Field Station help me with my Senior Project?

Yes. You are welcome to develop a senior project with faculty from any program that uses our biological collections, lab space, libraries and maps, or field equipment. If you think this is a possibility, reach out to us to begin a conversation.

More Questions? Email us. ecologyfieldstation@bard.edu