

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The Parsons Center for Arts and Sciences

Faculty and Staff Visitor's Guide

The Parsons Center for Arts and Sciences is an interdisciplinary educational center and natural area located in rural Lake Ann, Mich. The Center is the legacy of the late Jean Parsons, renowned sculptor and potter, and is run jointly by the Departments of Art, Biology and Psychology at EMU. For more information, see:

<https://www.emich.edu/cas/about/places/parsons-center/index.php>

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Class Scheduling and Reservations

Contact Director Sandra Murchison, smurchis@emich.edu to propose a class, workshop or residency.

Site Manager Contact and Key Requests

After making your reservation, contact Ann Beaujean at abeaujea@emich.edu to receive additional information and request keys. The following details are required: name, cell phone and email of group leader; arrival and departure dates and times; buildings you wish to access; and number of faculty/ staff, students and other visitors in your party.

Keys

Assign one member of your group the responsibility for picking up, assigning and returning keys. The keys should be picked up one workday prior to departure from Central Operations Key Distribution, located on the first floor of the EMU Parking Structure off of Oakwood St.; picture ID required. If distributing keys to other individuals (e.g. students) within the group, they must sign a key assignment form. Keys must be returned to Central Operations the first workday after the key coordinator's return to Ypsilanti. Keys may not be duplicated.

Parsons Faculty House

The Parsons Faculty House sleeps eight guests, has a living room, fully outfitted kitchen and washer/dryer. One room has a queen bed; the other has a queen bed and one bunk; and the den has a bunk bed. Each bedroom has a private bath. The house has a desktop computer, wireless Internet and a landline phone for local calls only (231.275.7845).

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5833 Bellows Lake Road PO Box 146
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Student Accommodations

The residence hall accommodates 18 students in six rooms each with three XL twin beds (one bunk and one single), dressers and clothes racks. The Parsons Center has three large canvas tents each with two heavy-duty cots, to accommodate six students. Community bathrooms and showers are located in the dining hall.

Classroom and Studio Building

This building contains an art studio, tool room, classroom and wireless Internet.

Dining Hall

Students and faculty often prepare and share meals in the well-equipped kitchen, which includes a stove, dual ovens, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher and outdoor grill. The building includes a lounge, outdoor deck, community bathrooms, showers, laundry and wireless Internet.

Meal Planning

Event leaders should consider meal planning prior to arrival and share these plans with group members. Food can be catered into the facility or groups can prepare community meals in the facility. The dining hall is outfitted with a residential refrigerator. Group members are encouraged to share food items to effectively utilize cold storage space.

Food and Services

The Village of Lake Ann has two small grocery stores, Red Door Coffee House, The Stone Oven restaurant and other business establishments. Large grocery stores and more can be found in nearby Interlochen and Traverse City.

Packing List

Sheet Set (queen or twin)	Blanket and Pillow	
Towels	Cell phone	Toiletries
Flash Light	Laptop	Money
Hiking Boots	Rain Gear	Key Lanyard
Head Lamp		

Cleaning

Groups are encouraged to keep the facility clean, leaving the center how they found it.

Parking

All cars must be parked within designated parking spaces on the property. For your safety, do not park in fire lanes or in front of the sleeping quarters. These areas are reserved for emergency vehicle access. No more than 80 individuals and 18 cars, excluding delivery vehicles, are permitted at the Center.

Directions from Southeast Michigan

Take I-75 North to US-10 West. Merge onto US-10 W via exit 162B toward Midland (49.5 miles). Merge onto US-10 W via exit 162 toward M-115 Ludington/Cadillac. (7.5 miles). Take the M-115 exit towards Cadillac. (0.5 miles). Turn right onto M-115. (55.4 miles). Turn right onto M-37 North towards Buckley. (7.9 miles). In Buckley, turn left and continue to follow M-37 North. (12.5 miles). At Menards, turn left onto US-31. (9.2 miles). Turn right onto Lake Ann Rd./CR-665. (4.5 miles). Turn right onto Maple Rd./CR-610. (0.7 miles). Turn right onto Bellows Lake Rd. (0.5 miles). Go past Nofsger Rd. and Ransom Lake Nature Area Sign. Continue slowly downhill on Bellows Lake Road (0.5 miles). Merge right into the EMU Parsons Center.

Rules

- Campfires are only permitted in the fire ring. Never leave a fire unattended. Do not remove burning logs from the fire ring. Use water to extinguish campfires completely.
- No off-road driving permitted.
- No firearms or weapons are allowed on the property.
- Noise shall be kept at a low level at all times.
- There is no smoking on campus.

- Faculty and staff may consume alcohol in the Parsons House. Students may not consume alcohol at the Parsons Center.
- Faculty and staff may bring up to two dogs to the Parsons Center. Dogs must be leashed at all times and their waste disposed of properly. Students are not permitted to bring pets to the Parsons Center.
- Unless otherwise stipulated, all University policies that apply on main campus also apply at the Parsons Center.
- All Federal, State and Local laws are to be observed.

Bellows Lake Access

The Center has two rowboats for guest use. The capacity of each boat is two persons. No more than two boats may access Bellows Lake from the center at one time. Bellows Lake is open to licensed fishermen. All persons using University boats will wear life jackets and observe all other rules governing the use of watercraft. The Center makes no provision for supervised swimming and assumes no responsibility for the safety of swimmers.

Hiking

All faculty, students and visitors of the Parsons Center should stay within the perimeter of the property or within designated public lands and avoid trespass on adjacent private property.

Mail Service

U.S. Mail service is not available at the Parsons Center. UPS and Federal Express will leave packages on the front porch of the house. EMU cannot take responsibility for such shipments.

