

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

The Parsons Center for Arts and Sciences

Student 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 jointly run by the School of Art & Design and the Departments of Biology and Psychology at EMU. For more information, see <https://www.emich.edu/cas/about/places/parsons-center/index.php>.

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Student Accommodations

The sleeping quarters accommodate 18 students in six rooms, each with three XL twin beds (one bunk and one single), dressers and clothes racks. There are also three large canvas tents with two heavy-duty cots each accommodating six students. The tents do not have electricity. A head lamp is recommended. 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, laundry and wireless Internet.

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

XL Twin Sheet Set	Blanket and Pillow	Towels
Cell phone	Toiletries	Flash Light
Laptop	Money	Hiking Boots
Rain Gear	Key Lanyard	Head Lamp

The Parsons Center
5833 Bellows Lake
Road PO Box 146
Lake Ann, MI 49650

Parking

All cars must be legally parked within designated parking spaces on the property. For your safety, do not park in the fire lanes or in front of the sleeping quarters. These areas are reserved for emergency vehicle access. No more than 18 cars are permitted on the property at any given time.

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.

Keys

Instructors will issue individual keys to you after you sign a form acknowledging receipt of your keys. You must ensure that all keys issued to you are safeguarded and properly used until their return to the instructor. Keys may not be duplicated.

Cleaning

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

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.

