

IISD Experimental Lakes Area Facility Day Tours

We are happy to organize private tours for schools and independently coordinated groups of 10 persons or larger.

Touring IISD-ELA

Our standard day tour of the IISD-ELA facility begins at 10:00 a.m. and may include:

- A welcome presentation that gives an overview of the history of IISD-ELA and our science.
- A tour of our facilities and closest research lakes including: discussions of water flow, water quality and fish sampling; tours of the chemistry and fish labs; a tour of the Environment Canada meteorological station; a hands-on netting activity to collect small fish or zooplankton.
- Lunch at the beach in our camp recreational area. **Please pack your own lunch.** We ask that you help us to reduce waste by packing your lunch as waste-free as possible.
- A visit to the ongoing whole-ecosystem experiment in which scientists have reduced water flowing into a lake to mimic drier conditions expected in the Canadian Boreal Shield due to climate change.
- Tours typically conclude between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

If you have any specific topics you would like discussed, or areas/demonstrations you wish to see, please request through your tour organizer in advance. We will do our best to accommodate all tour requests.

Getting Here

The IISD-ELA facility is located four hours east of Winnipeg off of Highway 17. The turn off of Hwy 17 is on the right side when travelling from Kenora, approximately 2 km past Gordon Lake. If travelling from Dryden, the turn off is on the left side of the highway, just past the Stewart Lake Lodge.

Access to the road is restricted by the Ontario Ministry for Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), and requires a permit. Please coordinate with your tour organizer to **ensure that all vehicles have an OMNRF permit.** The IISD-ELA site is located at the end of the gravel road, 30 km from the highway. Continue straight on the main road until you arrive.

Arrival

We ask that you arrive no later than 10:00 am for day tours. **Please respect speed limits on our road and drive slowly past the meteorological site.** We would rather you be late than drive too quickly. We will meet you in the parking lot upon your arrival.



The meteorological site is also signed.



Our road is signed, careful not to miss it.

Tours are free of charge, however, as a registered charity we welcome donations to IISD-ELA. Donations can be made online at iisd.org/ela/donate or by cheque made out to IISD Experimental Lakes Area Inc. Donations support research and education at IISD-ELA, contributing to the production of data used globally to inform sustainable use of the world's freshwater resources.

Tours can be booked through our Education Assistant at education@iisd-ela.org

Be sure to check out our website at iisd.org/ela

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