

Overnight Stays at IISD-ELA

IISD Experiment Lakes Area (IISD-ELA) is a remote, world-renowned research facility in Northern Ontario. We offer overnight stays for student groups up to 12 from Manitoba and Ontario. We are four hours from Winnipeg and five hours from Thunder Bay, by car.

Arrival

Students receive a unique hands-on field-based experience when visiting IISD-ELA research facility. Groups receive:

- A welcome presentation that gives an overview of the history of IISD-ELA science.
- A tour of our closest research lakes, with the opportunity to shadow scientists in the field, utilize scientific equipment, and discuss standard water flow, water quality and fish sampling.
- Tours of the chemistry and fish labs and the opportunity to work in the labs.
- Hands-on netting activities to collect small fish and zooplankton.
- A tour of the Environment Canada meteorological station and hike to the ridge overlooking the lakes surrounding camp.
- A visit and tour of some of our ongoing whole-ecosystem experiments, such as:
 - Long term phosphorus addition and eutrophication
 - Climate change impacts on boreal lakes

We can accommodate various curriculum and course goals. If you have any specific topics you would like discussed or areas/demonstrations you wish to see or participate in, please request through our Educational Staff in advance, and we will do our best to accommodate you!

Accommodation and recreation

Please note: IISD-ELA is **not** a lodge or resort. We provide facilities and bedding, but please bring your own toiletries and towels. Our facility has dorm-style accommodations with private rooms and shared bathrooms. The station becomes quite busy during the summer months, **so booking in advance is required.** Our station chef serves up delicious, home-cooked, nutritious meals three times a day. Snacks and refreshments are available around the clock. Please notify us at least a week prior to your stay if you have any dietary restrictions.

During your stay, you will have full access to our recreation area, including our beach volleyball court, lakeshore beach, deep-water dock swimming and canoes. And we would be glad to take your group canoeing!

Getting here

The IISD-ELA facility is located four hours east of Winnipeg off Highway 17. The turnoff to Hwy 17 is on the right side when travelling from Kenora, approximately 2 km past Gordon Lake. If travelling from Dryden, the turnoff 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, 33 km from the highway. Continue straight on the main road until you arrive.

Overnight visit cost options

- \$105 CAD per person per night. This includes accommodation and up to two full days' worth of meals.
- \$25 CAD per person per night if you camp and bring your own food.

For more information contact us at education@iisd-ela.org