

# Overnight Stays at IISD-ELA

**IISD-ELA is a remote, world-renowned research facility in Northern Ontario. We offer overnight stays for tour groups visiting from outside our local community. We are 4 hours from Winnipeg and 5 hours from Thunder Bay, by car**

## Arrival

Upon arrival, groups receive a full tour of the Experimental Lakes Area research facility including:

- A welcome presentation that gives an overview of the history of IISD-ELA and ELA science.
- A tour of our closest research lakes, including: discussions of standard water flow, quality and fish sampling; tours of the chemistry and fish labs; and a hands-on netting activity to collect small fish or zooplankton.
- A tour of the Environment Canada meteorological station and hike to the ridge overlooking the lakes surrounding camp.
- 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.
- A boat tour to Lake 227—IISD-ELA's longest running experiment, examining phosphorous addition and eutrophication in Canadian boreal lakes.

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.

## 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 at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm. 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. There may also be opportunities for you to fish in nearby public-use lakes. Those wishing to fish must bring their own tackle and gear and carry a valid Ontario Fishing License.

## Getting Here

The IISD-ELA facility is located four hours east of Winnipeg off of 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.

The cost for overnight visits to IISD-ELA is \$140 per person per night. This includes accommodation and up to two full days' worth of meals.

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