



Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Dormitory Policy

The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (GBNERR) is part of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) in partner with NOAA's Office for Coastal Management. The GBNERR Dormitory was established to provide support and accommodations to persons/groups conducting research, participating in education and outreach, and stewardship projects consistent with the mission of the MDMR/GBNERR. This policy provides information on the use of the dormitory. Please contact the GBNERR office at 228-475-7047 for additional information.

A. Facility Description

The MDMR/GBNERR dormitory is located at the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center at 6005 Bayou Heron Road, Moss Point, MS 39562. The dormitory is air conditioned and has four rooms. There are two large bunk rooms accommodating eight persons each and two small double rooms accommodating two persons each. The dorm has a total capacity of 20 persons. Each room has a shower, sink and toilet. The kitchen includes a refrigerator, stove, oven, microwave, dishwasher and kitchenware. A washer and dryer are also on site. A common area is available for dining and lounging, and wireless internet is available. Guests should plan to bring their own sheets/blankets/pillow cases or sleeping bag.

The dormitory is adjacent to the MDMR/GBNERR offices, classrooms, laboratories and interpretative area. Contact the MDMR/GBNERR office for more information about the use of these facilities. Reservations can be made on our website <http://www.grandbaynerr.org>.

B. Reservations

Advance reservations are required to stay in the MDMR/GBNERR Dormitory and must be approved by the MDMR/GBNERR Director. Reservations may be made by completing the Dormitory Reservation Form online and receiving a confirmation of available space. Reservations are not final until a confirmation is received from the MDMR/GBNERR. Space is reserved on a "first come-first served" basis. Please make your reservations well in advance of your stay (at least two weeks to one month before the visit). Should you need to cancel your confirmed reservation, please do so as soon as possible by calling the MDMR/GBNERR office at 228-475-7047.

C. Arrival and Checkout

Check in and check out of the dormitory is at the MDMR/GBNERR offices Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All guests of the facility must sign a **Participant Agreement and Release of Liability** at check in. Current combination to the dormitory key lock box can be obtained at the

office. The MDMR/GBNERR office is closed during all official State of Mississippi holidays. Special arrangements for check in and checkout may be made with the MDMR/GBNERR Director.

D. Facility Use, Maintenance and Rules

1. No more than 20 persons are allowed in the dorm overnight.
2. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are permitted on the premises.
3. No firearms or fireworks are allowed.
4. No flammable liquids should be stored inside the dormitory.
5. No smoking is allowed within the dormitory or anywhere on the premises.
6. All food and beverage must be removed from the premises upon departure.
7. All trash should be collected in containers provided. Trash bags are available in the laundry room. Full trash bags should be emptied in the outside rolling containers in the back parking area as needed.
8. Recycling containers are available. Please rinse all glass, plastic and metal recyclables.
9. Leave the dormitory in the condition you found it.
10. Cleaning supplies and tools are for your use in the laundry room and below kitchen sink.
11. Guests should sweep the floors daily and as needed. If mud is tracked inside, please mop the floors as well.
12. All dishes, utensils and cookware should be washed and put away after use.
13. Do not move furniture from room to room or put mattresses on the floor.
14. Please turn off lights and appliances when not in use.
15. Please leave all books, magazines, posters, maps or videos on site. You are welcome to add to the collection for others.
16. Telephones are not available in the dormitory. Most cell phones function in the area.
17. Wireless internet is available. Access codes will be provided at check-in.
18. Please keep dormitory doors and compound gate locked when you are not present.
19. Please be considerate of other groups/individuals during your stay.
20. All guests of the dorm who are working in the MDMR/GBNERR or a MDMR Coastal Preserve must have a MDMR Scientific Collecting Permit. The USFWS' NWR may also require a Special Use permit. All guests are expected to be compliant with all state and federal policies before conducting work from the MDMR/GBNERR dorm.

Failure to comply with these rules at the MDMR/GBNERR may result in you losing the privilege of dormitory use.

E. Donations

Fee donations are \$15.00 per person per night.

Payment must be received at least one week in advance. Cash or check only.

For stays less than 7 days in duration, the amount must be paid one week prior to the beginning date of the stay and is non-refundable. For stays one week (7 days) in duration or longer, one week (or 7 days) must be paid one week in advance of the beginning date of the stay and in one-week increments for each subsequent week(s) of the stay. Advance fees paid are non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. Payment can be made at the MDMR/GBNERR offices or by mail:

MS Department of Marine Resources/Grand Bay NERR
Attn: DORM
6005 Bayou Heron Rd.
Moss Point, MS 39652

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, _____, in consideration for my use of and/or occupancy at the MDMR/GBNERR facilities, understand and agree to the following:

- My use and occupancy of the MDMR/GBNERR facilities is subject to compliance with the policy provisions.
- The MDMR/GBNERR reserves the right to immediately terminate my residency for failure to comply with the policy provisions.
- I freely, voluntarily and without duress execute the following:

RELEASE AND WAIVER: I release and forever discharge and hold harmless the MDMR/GBNERR and its successors and assigns from any and all liability or claims that I, or my estate, heirs and assigns, may have against the MDMR/GBNERR with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from my activities with MDMR/GBNERR. I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CLAIMS BEING RELEASED HEREIN INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CLAIMS, IF ANY, BASED ON OR IN ANYWAY RELATED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF THE MDMR/GBNERR OR ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, OR AGENTS. I also understand that the MDMR/GBNERR does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness. I release and forever discharge the MDMR/GBNERR from any claim whatsoever which arises or may arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with my activities with MDMR/GBNERR.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the activities I perform may be hazardous and may include passage in an airplane, boat or vehicle belonging to the MDMR/GBNERR. I expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury or harm in these activities and do hereby waive for myself and for my estate, heirs and assigns, any rights to claims for damages, incident to death or any bodily injuries whatsoever, that may result from any activity in which I may engage while residing at the MDMR/GBNERR facilities or while conducting research, education and outreach, and stewardship projects in any manner in connection with the MDMR/GBNERR.

INSURANCE: I understand that the MDMR/GBNERR does not carry medical insurance for my injuries and that I am expected to obtain my own medical or health insurance coverage.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE: I hereby grant and convey to MDMR/GBNERR all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by MDMR/GBNERR during my activities with MDMR/GBNERR, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

MISSISSIPPI LAW: I expressly agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Mississippi and that it shall

be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. Furthermore, I expressly agree that if any one or more of the provisions contained in this Release and Waiver of Liability are held to be invalid, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Waiver and Release of Liability, which shall otherwise continue to be enforceable. Nothing herein shall be construed as conflicting with the Mississippi Tort Claims Act (Miss. Code Ann. § 11-46-1 *et seq.*) or any other applicable Mississippi statute.

Name of Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Relationship to Resident: _____

Allergies to medication or other special needs: _____

Participant Printed Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is a minor under 21 years of age)

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____