

NÅTÖ BIOLOGICAL STATION

GUIDE FOR VISITORS

Welcome to the Nåtö biological station!

The Nåtö biological station is a research facility operated by Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica in cooperation with the Government of Åland (Ålands Landskapsregering).

Arriving at the station

The station offers accommodation to researchers and students who conduct biological research on the Åland islands. Contact the station master (amanuensis) well in advance of your scheduled arrival in order to book a room. The station is mostly used by researchers and investigators in terrestrial biology. The station is to be used for research related purposes only, i.e. no tourists are allowed to stay at the station. Accommodation of family members is restricted due to the small number of rooms and can only be allowed when not conflicting with the interest of researchers. Due to the lack of space and out of consideration for people with allergies, no pets are allowed in the station buildings.

Buildings and facilities

The station property comprises of the main building, a cabin (Lillstugan), a boat house, a barn, a granary and an outhouse. There are five two-person rooms altogether; four in the main building and one (Pigkammaren) in Lillstugan. The main building has a laboratory, a library, a tv-room, a kitchen and a bathroom which are shared by all residents. There is another shower room in Lillstugan with a washing machine.

The station works on a self-serve basis. The key to the main building can be found at a hiding place which will be disclosed to you in your booking confirmation. The guests shall bring their own bed linen and towels. Smoking is not allowed in any of the station facilities.

The station is located on a nature reserve with a rich flora. Please respect the current rules and regulations of nature reserve areas! Keep to the paths and avoid walking on sensitive vegetation. Do not litter or disturb the wildlife in any way. Camping and tenting are forbidden. Lighting fires is strictly forbidden.

Guest book och Work book

There are two books on the laboratory table: a Guest book (Gästbok) and a Work book (Arbetsbok). All visitors shall write their names in the Guest book. Those who stay overnight shall also sign up in the Work book. Write Your name, the dates of your visit, project and contact information.

Payment

The residents shall inform the amanuensis how they will be paying; You can pay in cash to the amanuensis or ask him to send an invoice. The residents shall make sure that they leave full contact information of the person/institution paying for their stay.

The current lodging fees are as follows:

5 € per night/ per person for students (up to master's degree)

10 € per night/ per person for other researchers (and for family members)

Equipment

The laboratory is very modestly equipped. There is a microscope, some preparation equipment, a computer, a printer and a scanner. The computer has Open Office. There is a wireless network at the station. Do not install any programs on the computer and do not save

any files on the hard drive – use your own memory stick. In case of lightning, please disengage the computer and the modem from the wall. A digital camera and a video projector can be borrowed from the amanuensis. The small library comprises literature on the determination of species and mostly older biological publications. The books and journals may be borrowed but must be returned to their original place.

Boat

The station has a small motor boat (Buster). Ask the amanuensis if you wish to use it. The gas tank (as well as additional gasoline with 1 % oil) is in the boat house, as is the dead man's switch. Always wear a life vest when at sea and take your mobile phone with you! Nautical charts are in the library and life vests are in Lillstugan.

Field work

Field researchers shall make sure they are acquainted with the appropriate regulations. Please note that the Right of Public Access is more restricted on Åland than in the rest of the Nordic countries. Field work on nature reserves on Åland must be approved by the environmental office of the Government of Åland (Miljöbyrå). In case you plan on doing field research on privately owned land, contact the land owner and ask for permission. For more information about research permits, contact Miljöbyrå.

Cleaning

The residents must clean up after themselves. The station has no hired cleaning person. The shared facilities (laboratory, library, kitchen, tv-room and bathroom) must be kept tidy and shall be cleaned regularly. Wash the dishes immediately after use. Don't leave any equipment or personal belongings in anybody's way. Before departure, clean your room (there is a vacuum cleaner next to the bathroom) and give the quilt and the pillow an airing. Do not leave any food in the refrigerator or in the shelves. Show consideration for fellow residents.

Waste sorting

All waste shall be sorted according to the current regulations. Use the compost bin for organic waste. Take out the bin regularly to one of the large composts next to the outhouse, add some turf and stir with a shovel. Other waste shall be sorted in clear glass, colored glass, aluminium cans, metal, plastic waste, milk cartons, cardboard, paper and hazardous waste (e.g. lightbulbs, batteries). Take out the sorted waste to the recycling station on the parking place north of the station. A map to the recycling station and the key to it are next to the northern window in the kitchen.

Safety

General emergency number: 112

There is a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. The doors to the main building shall be locked when the building is empty.

The station is not responsible for the actions, property or safety of the residents.

Address

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There is a letterbox on Järsövägen, just south of the station.