

University of Lethbridge

Westcastle Field Station

Directions to site: West of Pincher Creek Hwy. 507, south through Beaver Mines Hwy 774, at end of pavement Castle River Bridge travel 7 Km. on gravel until the electrical power line crosses the road, location marker sign 5003, turn left down trail, take the first right to U of L gate.

Location: University of Lethbridge Westcastle Field Station SE ¼ Sec. 1; Twp. 5; Rge. 4; W5M. Site Plan 2867 Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9

Westcastle Field Station phone number: 403-627-5964 (land line)

Westcastle Field Station Guest Wifi Password: 4036275964

What you should bring with you to the field station:

- Westcastle Field Station keys (picked up from the Turcotte Hall, Office: TH101)
- Suitable all-weather clothing and footwear
- All personal toiletries and beddings (pillow, sheets, comforter/sleeping bag)
- Adequate food and water
- Garbage bags to pack out all waste and recycling
- Personal First Aid supplies, including sunscreen and bug spray
- Wilderness Safety supplies: Bear Spray, flashlight, firewood

When you arrive:

- Parking is located on the gravel north lot (additional parking in clearing to the east)
- Stay clear of the septic fields in the Northwest lawn area
- Choose a room and bed that are currently free
- Walk Around - take note of any safety issues, damages, or pests
- Familiarize yourself with the Westcastle Field Station Occupant Operation of Building Systems user manual (one can be found in the cabin and one in the dorm)
- Take note of the first aid kit location (found in the cabin 'wet lab' area on the west wall) and where the fire extinguishers are located.

Before you leave:

- Clean up your room, the kitchen, washrooms and all common areas (cleaning supplies are in the dorm bathroom)
- Pack out all garbage / recycling from the rooms, kitchen, washrooms, and the Sea-Can
- Pack out all remaining food – leave no food at the field station!
- Ensure all lights and devices are turned off
- Do a walk around the of the cabin, dorm and surrounding area to ensure there are no damages, leaks, garbage or any other issues
- Lock up properly: doors, roll shutters, Sea-Cans, Northeast and Northwest gates

Additional Notes:

- Please remember that this is an ecological preserve and to conduct your activities accordingly. This is not a bed and breakfast. Everything you bring with you to the facility needs to leave with you. This includes: all remaining food, field supplies, garbage, etc. The facility should look exactly the same as when you arrived.
- Garbage / recycling should be secured in the North C-Can shipping container during your stay. All garbage / recycling needs to be bagged and must be taken with you when upon leaving the field station.
- Fire must be in a controlled area only (fire pit). However, you are responsible to ensure whether a fire ban is in effect when burning material of any kind. Garbage is not to be thrown in fire pit. Meal prep must be done in the cabin kitchen.
- If you have used the BBQ, ensure that it has been cleaned, the propane line has been shut off, and move the BBQ into the cabin furnace room. Do not leave the BBQ on the deck when the field station is vacant!
- The Westcastle field station keys must be returned to the Field Station Manager, WE1002

Contacts in case of an emergency:

Police, Fire and Ambulance: 911 (Pincher Creek)

University of Lethbridge Security 24 Hour Emergency: 403-329-2345

Pincher Creek Hospital: 403-627-1234

Fire Duty Officer Calgary 24 Hour Emergency: 403-297-8800

Blairmore Ranger Station: 403-562-3210

Electric Power outage: Fortis Alberta 310-9473, local contact Wayne: 430-339-0127

University of Lethbridge Contacts: (Monday to Friday 8:30 to 4:30)

Westcastle Field Station Manager: Maurice Needham, 403-795-0877

Grounds Manager Facilities Representative: Wim Chalmet, 403-380-1837

General Facilities Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing: 403-329-2602

Security Services: 403-329-2345