



Policy on Field Station Academic Use



Use of the Biological Field Station is primarily as a center of undergraduate, graduate and faculty research where knowledge related to the ecology of terrestrial and aquatic plant and animal communities can be gathered, assimilated, and synthesized into a form that will provide a functional understanding of ecosystems in the northeastern United States. This includes other natural sciences and historical attributes relevant to the area.

1. Any modification of the environment must be confined to logical sampling and experimental procedures.
2. No materials will be removed from Field Station properties with the exception of those utilized in research or reference collections, or directly used in experiments pertaining to the basic philosophy of Field Station use. Movement of equipment requires Field Station administrative permission according to College policy.
3. Students, faculty and staff shall use areas as indicated according to Field Station policies.
4. Field trips associated with classes must be directed and accompanied by faculty (or their representatives) doing research in the area.
5. Locations particularly useful for general class activities include access to Otsego Lake via the Thayer Boathouse, the Upper Site and the Thayer Farm including Rum Hill. There, optimum utilization is encouraged.
6. SUNY Oneonta biology staff members are free to make use of these areas as they deem appropriate as long as their activities are not destructive to plant or animal populations. Activities of others which involve teaching or research in the natural sciences may utilize these general use areas insofar as such does not conflict with use for SUNY Oneonta biology classes. An application naming the instructor in charge, name of the course, and the proposed activity must be submitted to the Station secretary at least 14 days prior to the date requested. A calendar is maintained by the Station secretary for the information of those interested in using these areas for classes. Dates for any use should be cleared as far in advance as possible and must be filed at least 14 days before the date requested. **SOME AREAS ARE USED FOR HUNTING BY SELECTED FIELD STATION PERSONELL AND THOSE WITH DEEDED ACCESS. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE POLICIES (6) TO ASSURE THERE ARE NO SAFETY CONCERNS.**
7. No applications for recreational use will be considered.