

Instructions and conditions for using the Flinders-Baudin Research Centre (FBRC)

Please note camping is not permitted around the Flinders Baudin Research Centre precinct, please talk to National Parks staff for camping alternatives.

1. Booking the Flinders Baudin Research Centre

The Flinders-Baudin Research Centre is booked through the DENR Flinders Chase Office by ringing 08 8553 4470 or by emailing flinderschase@sa.gov.au. The Research Centre has five bunkrooms (2 bunks = 4 beds) in each room. Depending on the size of your party you will need to book 1 or more of these rooms. This booking includes access to the toilet block, main room and kitchen. The main room can also be booked separately for daytime conferences or workshops where accommodation is not required. A fee is charged for use of the facility and must be paid when you check in. The current fee is \$30 per night, per person.

2. Check in, Keys and Permits

Collect keys from the DENR staff at the Information Counter in Flinders Chase Visitor Centre (See attached map). The Visitor Centre is open every day from 9am to 5pm. If you intend to arrive outside these hours you will need to ring 08 8553 4470 during business hours and make arrangements with the Administration Officer to pick up the key. You will be given a key(s) that will provide access to the bunkroom(s) that you have booked, the toilet block and main facility. The laboratory is out of bounds unless permission has been secured in advance from the FBRC Director and University of Adelaide. If you have secured permission for the laboratory then a separate key will also be issued.

As the Flinders-Baudin Research Centre is located within Flinders Chase National Park, it is a requirement that you display a valid entry permit at all times (and on each vehicle) while in the park. You can obtain this permit(s) from the Information Counter in Flinders Chase Visitor Centre when you collect your keys.

3. Research and Teaching in Flinders Chase National Park and on Kangaroo Island

Before conducting any teaching or research you MUST report to the Rangers at the Flinders Chase Visitor Centre and undergo an induction for use of the park. This is important to prevent spread of diseases, like *Phytophthora*. The Rangers need to know where you plan to do your research or teaching exercises and they may instruct you to avoid certain areas. The Rocky River precinct is a multi-purpose site and shared with others. The induction may include some OHS&W information, however it is the responsibility of all users of the FBRC to be OHS&W aware. Where possible, you should pre-arrange this induction meeting with Ranger staff (telephone 08 8553 4476).

4. Induction and conditions for use of the FBRC

There may be some instruction provided by Ranger staff on the operation and use of the facility. The following should be noted:

- (1) The OHS&W and emergency contact sheet is located on the wall in the main room of the FBRC. This will provide details on emergency contact numbers (and the after hours number for the Duty Ranger). If required to evacuate the facility, please follow the instructions on the OHS&W sheet or as instructed by a Ranger.
- (2) Communication while using the FBRC. A phone is provided within the main building of the FBRC (08 8559 7376). This number can be used as a contact phone number while staying at the facility. The phone line to the FBRC is provided for official use by people using the facility and for cases of emergencies. It is not provided for social calls and excessive use of the phone will need to be explained and you may be required to pay for all non-official calls. There is also a public phone located in the external foyer to the Flinders Chase Visitor Centre (available 24 hours). There is limited mobile phone access at Flinders Chase.
- (3) Provision and use of first aid supplies

A first aid box is present within the FBRC main room. This is for use by users of the facility if required. The first aid box is not to be removed and use of supplies must be recorded and reported to the DENR office on departure so that the First Aid box contains appropriate supplies for future users.

(4) No smoking policy

The campuses and facilities of the University of Adelaide are designated smoke-free environments. The smoking of cigarettes, other tobacco substances, and other substances is prohibited within the FBRC and outside the premises for a distance of ca 20m (i.e. within the area of land leased by the University for the FBRC).

(5) Use of Hazardous substances

No hazardous substances (including routine laboratory chemicals) can be used within the FBRC unless prior permission has been obtained from the University of Adelaide prior to arrival at the FBRC. Approval will only be considered if all hazardous material will be removed from the FBRC on departure. The FBRC does not have the capacity or facilities necessary to safely dispose of hazardous chemical substances.

(6) Some precautionary notes:

(a) Fire Extinguishers

On arrival please note the location of the fire extinguishers – there are two types and all users should be aware of the types of fires each should be used on.

(b) Electricity Supply

Because there is limited power and the power is shared with other facilities, electrical power has to be used wisely. If one gets close to the carrying capacity, a warning light flashes and you must immediately switch off high energy use appliances. In most cases this will not be reached. Toasters, electrical room heaters and hair dryers can all draw heavily on the power. To limit the collapse of the power supply no electric room heaters should be used, and hair dryers should not be encouraged. Even with these precautions, the power does surge and cut out (albeit briefly) relatively frequently on Kangaroo Island and care should be taken if using computers etc.

(c) Lighting

(1) If the power goes out then battery operated lights will come on for a period of time.

(2) There are a series of external security lights that are set on a timer and that come on at night unless switched off. Groups are encouraged to use the safety lights at night.

(d) Appliances

Most of these are self evident in terms of use, but copies of manuals are provided in one of the drawers within the kitchen.

(e) Barbecues

The FBRC does not provide portable barbecue facilities. There are public barbecue facilities available for use adjacent to the Long-term Bus Parking area (see attached map). Timer lights should operate in nighttime hours. If these fail to activate there is a manual override located on the fuse box directly over the first barbecue. Use of the barbecues is not permitted on days of declared Total Fire Ban.

(f) Outside fires.

Outside fires are not permitted.

(g) Water Supply

Water is collected from the roofs of most of the facilities at Rocky River, collected in rainwater tanks, and then periodically pumped (you may hear the pump – do not switch it off or unplug it) to a large holding tank on the hill above the Research Centre. The water is then treated and reticulated back to the facility.

(h) The sewerage system is a septic tank.

Please use a non-bacterial cleaning agent that is friendly to septic tanks.

(i) Cleaning

Users are responsible for cleaning the centre before they leave.

If left dirty, users will be billed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at \$100.00/hour for cleaning. Mops, buckets, brooms, scrubbing brushes are either in the laundry (north face of the ablution block) or in the disability access bathroom.

(j) Ablution block

This is a unisex (coed) facility and used by males and females. Please respect people's privacy. A squeegee mop can be used to help dry floors in the shower alcove prior to use by another person if required. Additional toilet paper is stored in cupboards in the disability access toilet.

(k) Rubbish

YOU are responsible for removing all the rubbish that you generate while using the facility. Please take all rubbish and recycling to the bins provided at the Day Visitor Picnic Facilities (See attached map). Please dispose of rubbish and recycling throughout your stay to prevent overfilling of bins at the end of your stay. Do not overfill bins, as wildlife will consume rubbish left outside of bins. If all bins are full, please seek the assistance of Flinders Chase Visitor Centre Staff.

(l) Make good any damages policy.

In accepting use of the facility users need to note that they have an obligation to (1) report any damages or breakages that were their responsibility to the DENR office on departure; and (2) report any other faults or maintenance items to DENR office on departure. Excluding normal wear and tear, users will be expected to make good (be charged) for damages that they cause.

(7) Behaviour while in residence.

All users need to appreciate that the Rocky River precinct in Flinders Chase National Park is used by members of the public with campers, accommodation guests, other park visitors and staff present at all times of the year. Loud, rude, drunken and other disorderly behaviour will not be tolerated. The Senior Ranger of Flinders Chase National Park has the authority to evict tenants of the Research Centre that fail to behave responsibly. Subsequent use by evicted individuals or groups may not be granted. Users will be charged the costs for replacement or costs to make good any damage to the facility and/or appliances whether willful or not.

As the Research Centre is located within Flinders Chase National Park, you must also abide by the National Parks Code during your stay: feeding or harassment of wildlife is prohibited; solid fuel fires are prohibited in Kangaroo Island Parks at all times of the year.

5. On Departure

1. Clean all cutlery, crockery and kitchenware and put away.
2. Empty all fridges, switch off and leave the doors ajar.
3. Clean (sweep and mop) all floor surfaces.
4. Clean all bench tops and sinks.
5. Remove all rubbish (see 2(j) above).
6. Remove all your personal gear and research gear.
7. If you used supplies from the First Aid box report that use (i.e., what has been used) to the staff at the Information Counter in the Visitor Centre.
8. If supplies of toilet paper etc are low please inform the Visitor Centre staff.
9. Close all windows, and lock all doors.
10. Return keys to the staff at the Information Counter in the Visitor Centre.