Welcome to the Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Station!

Information and Guidelines for Visitors

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Use of Facilities

The University of California Berkeley’s Richard B. Gump Research Station is dedicated to research and education, and consequently, these are the priorities of its staff and for the use of its facilities. Other uses not directly related to research and educational activities (such as using Station vehicles for shopping, recreation, etc.) are also permitted, but are subsidiary. The Station is run according to an honor system. We do not constantly monitor visitors but serious breaches of trust are likely to lead to permanent expulsion from the Station. Please remember that the facilities are shared and everyone has an equal right to their use.

If you have any problems, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to let the staff know. Our job is to ensure that you achieve your research and educational goals as safely, efficiently and enjoyably as possible. Our goal is for everyone to leave wanting to come back!

The Station is generally known by the local people in Mo’orea and Tahiti as the “Université de Californie Berkeley” or simply UCB.

Staff

Neil Davies, Ph.D. - Research Director and General Manager
Dr. Emmanuel Riclet – Assistant Manager
Jacques You Sing – Maintenance and grounds
Tony You Sing - Maintenance and grounds
Irma You Sing – Housekeeper (waterfront)
Valentine Brotherson – Housekeeper (hillside) and Administrative Assistant

Time

We are in the same time zone as Hawaii (i.e., 2 hours behind California time during the northern winter and 3 hours behind California during the northern summer).

Law

The Station operates under UC regulations and French Polynesia laws. In particular, we emphasize that the use and/or possession of illegal drugs is strictly forbidden. Any breach of the laws on illegal drugs will lead to immediate expulsion.
Other laws and regulations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Wearing seatbelts is compulsory (please report any problems with the belts in the cars to a member of staff).
2) Smoking is prohibited within buildings.
3) Pets are not allowed at the Station, nor are the Station animals allowed in any building.
4) Neither vehicles nor boats must be used under the influence of alcohol.

HEALTH

If you have a minor problem, there is a First Aid kit in the dorm and the Pharmacist in Maharepa is helpful. For a more serious problem, call the local doctor or emergency services. The doctors hours are: Mon-Fri 7-12 and 2-6; Sat 7-12 and 5-6; Sun/holiday 8-10am. The pharmacy hours are: Mon-Fri 7:30-12 and 2-5; Sat 8-12 and 3:30-6; Sun 8-11am.

HOUSEKEEPING

Limited housekeeping services are provided in the community areas (e.g., sweeping of the dorm classroom/living room, cleaning the dorm bathrooms, laundering the floor mats and dishtowels). Visitors are responsible for their own rooms, and for washing their linen and dishes.

KITCHEN

1. Rats, mice, ants, and roaches are a problem if cooking areas and other places with food are not kept scrupulously clean. Please clean all surfaces and put all food away (including unpeeled fruit). Put trash out every night in a closed bag in the large trash bins next to the road. Please comply with the recycling instructions posted in the kitchen and on the green trash containers. There is recycling on Moorea for clean and empty plastic bottles without lids, cans, soda cans, cardboard, and newspapers.

2. The flash-heaters, stoves and barbecues use propane from small tanks. There is an extra tank near the barbeque. If the propane runs out, change the tank and make sure that the empty tank gets exchanged for a full one at ARE, the local supermarket. Charge it to the Station account.

3. At the end of your stay please clean out your food from the shelves and fridges.

LAUNDRY

There is a washing machine (detergent is provided) and dryer in the main dorm for visitor use.

SECURITY

1. Violent and major crimes are very unusual on Moorea but petty theft is common. So, when you are out-and-about on Moorea, don’t leave your snorkeling gear, bicycle, etc. unattended, because they will probably get a new owner. Make sure that you lock your bicycle and have someone stay with your gear when you go snorkeling at the public beach.
2. On the Station, don’t leave SCUBA gear, Walkmans, CD’s, sunglasses etc. unattended in plain view. They could also get stolen. It is advisable to lock the new dorms (rm. 8-11). Note that the dock and 3 meters from the water are public property in French Polynesia. Keep lockers, kayaks and the fuel shed near the dock locked (we have had gas tanks stolen from the fuel shed).
3. Please exercise discretion about inviting people you do not know very well inside Station buildings – you are responsible for your guests and you should remain with them while they are on Station property.
4. Keys are kept in the INBOX in the main dorm or in the key box in the wet lab.

ANIMALS

Please do not adopt (feed) local animals on the Station. Animals are NOT allowed in any of the buildings.

ELECTRICITY

Moorea has some of the most expensive electrical power in the world. Please turn off lights, fans and appliances when you are not using them. The electrical system is somewhat sporadic and power is interrupted regularly. Do not leave anything plugged in and turned on that will be damaged by outages or voltage surges. Moorea has 220 Volt 60 cycle electricity. If you plug a US appliance (110 Volt) into the wall power sockets, it will be immediately destroyed. The Station has transformers to convert 220v into 110v. These transformers draw 10% of their rated capacity when not in use. Please turn off or unplug transformers when you are not using them.

WATER

Moorea has a municipal water system that provides all inhabitants with fresh water. There is no filtration system and the sediment load and water pressure vary depending upon the amount of rain that has fallen recently. Flow is usually just a trickle. GRS has its own water pressure system for hot and some of the cold water. This system uses tanks that are filled with city water and then the water is delivered via a pressure pump to keep constant water pressure. Excessive use of water at the Station can cause these tanks to empty and we will be without water for several hours. As a result, please make sure the toilet that you’ve just flushed stops running or it will drain the tank.

DRINKING WATER

Many locals drink the municipal water, but many do not, especially after heavy rains. You may want to purchase drinking water from the local markets.

SEWAGE

Mo’orea does not have a sewage system. Everyone uses septic systems that rely upon bacterial action and are thus highly susceptible to overfilling and chemical imbalance. Do not use chlorine-based cleaners in toilets. Do not put any chemicals other than normal household ones down any drain or toilet. To help the bacterial breakdown of the sewage, please don’t put any trash or feminine hygiene products down the toilet -- there are trash receptacles in each toilet stall for these.
TELEPHONE AND FAX

Telephone charges are very high. Please log all of your calls and faxes outside the Station, include the length of the call and its destination (island or country). Those staying in the hillside accommodations have their own phone and will be charged for its use during the period of their stay.

Visitors needing to send or receive faxes while at the Station should use (+689) 56 42 69. This fax machine is located in the visitors’ office. Keys for this office are issued to the PI of research groups (or instructors of classes) for a refundable deposit of $20 or 2,000 CFP.

POST

The post office is in Maharepa and the closest mailbox is on the outside of ARE supermarket. The OUTBOX in the main dorm is emptied sporadically by visitors and staff who are going to the post office. Incoming mail is picked up by Station staff from Maharepa every day and left in the INBOX. You may use our postal address if you wish to receive mail while at the Station.

COMPUTERS, E-MAIL, AND WEB ACCESS

There is a phone line in the library dedicated for Internet access and connected to a desktop PC. We are charged by the minute but visitors pay a flat rate. Please remember to disconnect from the Internet when finished. Visitors can use their web-based email but should try to compose in Word on another computer and paste in their messages to save time online. As there is only a single computer for the Internet, use for email is limited to 10 minutes per session (after which somebody waiting can bump you off the computer). We also have an email address for visitors: gumpvisitor@mail.pf. Messages can be queued in EUDORA or OUTLOOK and filters can be set up to direct incoming mail to your folder. Note that these messages are not private and may be read by the ISP administrators and other Station users.

There is a laser printer available for use on the LAN in the library. The Station provides the toner but please buy your own paper. The same applies to the photocopier. Note that the local paper size is the European standard A4.

LOCAL SERVICES

Markets tend to open at 6 am, close for lunch from 12 about 6 p.m. Most markets are open on Sundays for only a short time in the early morning (e.g., ARE is open 6am to 8am). Banks are open on weekdays only (there is an ATM in Maharepa and at Club Med); usually 8-12 and 1:30-4. All the banks exchange dollars for francs and charge a per-transaction fee. The post office is open during the following hours: Mon-Thu 7:30-12 and 1:30-4; Fri 7:30-12 and 1:30-3; Sat 7:30-9:30. Many other stores sell stamps.
CARS

Anyone wishing to operate a Station vehicle must have (and carry with them while driving) a valid driver’s license. There are three vehicles available to visitors – the Kiamotors dump truck, the Land Rover Pickup and the Land Rover Station Wagon. Whenever you go on a trip, make sure that you coordinate with others, so that everyone can make the most efficient use of the vehicles. Keep track of your mileage in the logbook that should be in the car. Fill up with gas (mostly diesel) at the Mobil Station in Paopao where UCB has an account. Just sign for it.

BOATS

Anyone wishing to operate any Station boat needs to be approved first. The law in French Polynesia requires that anyone driving a boat with an engine >9HP must have a French license. We can make arrangements for you to take the test with an English translator.

All boats are available for those who have a license so long as they keep within the lagoon. Only the two larger boats (Parker and Boston Whaler) can be taken outside the lagoon, and only then if Tony or Jacques are driving them. Special exceptions might be made for those who have extensive experience of handling boats at sea and need to go outside the reef for research or educational purposes.

Fuel must contain 2% oil and can be obtained from the Mobil Station as for the cars. Visitors needing to use the skiff are issued a gas tank for their use during their stay and keep a record of how many refills they use.

There are also two outriggers, four two-person kayaks, and a laser sailing dingy. For safety, when using any of the boats, you must have a shore contact who knows of destination and expected time back. Fill this information in the boat logbook in the main dorm. You must also take life vests and paddles. Life vests must be worn when sailing the laser. Operating any boat (including kayaks) under the influence of alcohol is strictly prohibited.

FEES

All fees are paid in US$ to the office in Berkeley. Please keep track of your use of vehicles, boats, SCUBA, phone and fax, as you will need these to fill in the form on the Station website.

MAINTENANCE

There is a small tool kit available to visitors in the SCUBA compressor room. The tools should be used in the wet lab and returned immediately after use. Please do not take tools out of the other worksheds. If you need more tools or any assistance, please ask Jacques or Tony (their priorities are safety, sanitation, research, and teaching related repairs). If anything is broken, leave a note on the board in the main dorm, or tell a member of staff, and it will be fixed as soon as possible.
SCUBA

Compressor, tanks and some lead weights are available but visitors need to supply the rest of their gear. Diving is strictly controlled by University regulations and is governed from campus not by us! The use of any Station facilities for diving is only permitted for those authorized IN WRITING by the UC Berkeley Diving Safety Officer (DSO) before arrival in Moorea. In order to be approved you must have passed the UC Berkeley Scientific Diver Course (or an equivalent that has been recognized by the UCB DSO), have an up-to-date medical, have logged sufficient dives in the last year, and be current with CPR, first aid, and oxygen administration. All visitors wishing to dive should contact the DSO, Jim Hayward (ucbdiver@uclink4.berkeley.edu), for further details. No matter how experienced a diver you are, if you do not have written approval from the Berkeley DSO, you will NOT be able to dive at the Station or use any of our facilities in relation to any dives (such as boats or tanks).
GUMP STATION PHONE NUMBERS

NEIL: 56.13.74 (Tel/Fax)  72.25.00 (Vini-Cell)
BUNGALOW: 56.48.24
APARTMENT: 56.42.46
GUESTHOUSE: 56.42.52
DORM: 88.98.77 (Card phone)
VISITOR’S OFFICE: 56.42.69 (Tel/Fax)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

DOCTOR (Dr. Jonville): 56.32.32
HOSPITAL (at Afareaitu): 56.24.24 or 56.23.23
FIRE (Pompier): 18
GENDARMERIE: 56.13.44 (or 17 for town police)
DENTIST (Dr. Avet): 56.32.44

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

CRIOBE: 56.13.45
AIR MOOREA: 55.06.01
AIR TAHITI: 86.42.42
AIR NEW ZEALAND: 54.07.47
HAWAIIAN: 42.15.00
VOYAGENCE (Travel Agent): 42.72.13
FRANK MURPHY (Ia Ora Tahiti Tours): 41.04.20
MATAVAI HOTEL (in Tahiti): 42.61.29
ONO ONO FERRY (at Paopao): 56.12.60
AREMITI FERRY (at Vaiare): 56.31.10
Note that most places close for lunch and that alcohol cannot be purchased at stores after 5pm or at all on Sunday and holidays.

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