

Procedures for using the Doherty family Eco Lab property

UH personnel using the Doherty family Eco Lab property should remember that they are visiting private property that is used by the Doherty family as their residence, and behave appropriately. You have access to all the open space on the property, but should avoid the buildings unless given permission.

Because the property is not owned by UH, UH personnel should file appropriate paperwork through their department as they would for any off-campus research.

Investigators should provide advance notice to Mr. Doherty of their desire to visit the property by email at larryjoejustice@gmail.com. At a minimum, notice should be provided 48 hours in advance, but it is recommended that earlier notice be given in case there are problems with a particular date. Specify how many visitors, the dates you wish to visit, the approximate times of day you will visit, and (in one sentence) the general nature of your work. Please copy the director of the University of Houston Coastal Center, who will provide you with the gate code and other useful information.

Example: Dr. Pennings and 3 graduate students would like to visit on May 22 and 23 between 8 am and 5 pm each day for the purpose of observing insect pollinators of prairie vegetation.

The first time you visit, if possible, take some time to meet Larry and Joanne Doherty so that they will know who you are.

If you are on the road and your plans change substantially (e.g., you want to arrive a day earlier than planned, or will need to stay on the property until 2 am to do your sampling), you can contact the Dohertys by phone at LSR, (979) 289-4216; Larry's cell#: (979) 251-1251; and/or Joanne's cell#: (979) 203-3940 to notify them of the changes. Texting to the cell phones is fine.

If you would like to deploy instruments for overnight or longer, collect physical samples (soil, water, plants, animals, etc.), or do anything that might constitute a disturbance to the property, write a short (half page) description of the methods you will use that is sufficiently detailed so that the Dohertys can evaluate the impact the work will have on the property. Submit this to them by email one month in advance of the planned work. Do not do the work until you have received approval by email.

Before your first visit to the property, provide the Dohertys with a signed copy of this memo. You can scan it and send it to them as an email attachment. If you are leading a group for which you assume responsibility, only the leader needs to provide the signed memo.

If you have an emergency while on the property, you can call the Dohertys, call 911, or call both as appropriate. The address of the property is 5722 Longpoint Road, Burton, Texas 77835.

I have read this memo and will abide by these procedures.

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