

Merriam-Powell Research Station Suggested Items to Bring

Temperatures swing by as much as 35°F between day and night during the summer in Flagstaff, which is 7,000 ft above sea level. Flagstaff can also be windy and rainy during monsoon season (July–September), and the temperature can change dramatically from day to day throughout the year. To ensure that you are comfortable in a variety of conditions, we suggest you bring layers of clothing and rain gear.

We also suggest that you bring a flashlight/headlamp and extra batteries. The main gate of The Arboretum at Flagstaff, which you must pass through to reach Merriam-Powell Research Station facilities, is locked after 5 p.m. So if you leave the facilities after the gate is locked, the gate must be open and closed manually and a flashlight makes it easier.

Our kitchen is complete but basic. If you have a particular cooking item you can't live without, please check with us to ensure it is available before your arrival.

Cell service is good but not 100% consistent, depending on your provider. A land line is available for your use, and domestic long-distance is provided at no additional cost.

The items that you may want to consider bringing to make your trip more comfortable are listed below:

- Layers of clothing and warm clothes for reduced nighttime temperatures
- Rain gear
- Flashlight/headlamp and batteries
- Linens, if you have not made arrangements to rent them
- A blanket or sleeping bag, if you need more than the light blanket provided
- Hats and plenty of sunscreen
- Slippers (the floor is concrete)
- Specialty cooking items
- Entertainment because there is no television service (One computer with high-speed, wireless internet service is available.)