Oaklands Wetland Education Centre

Frequently asked questions

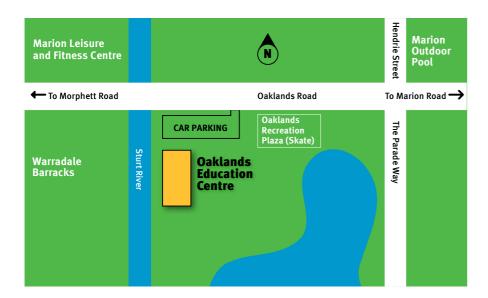






Where are we located?

The Education Centre is located at 237-265 Oaklands Road. Opposite the Oaklands recreation Plaza/ Skate Park.



What does the education centre offer?

A joint venture by Council and Flinders University is the Oaklands Education Centre, a large 30 seat class room and field laboratory with DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant male/female toilet block and services. The facility is available at no charge to primary, secondary and tertiary institutions, as well as community and not-for-profit groups.



What's available on site?

- Capacity allows up to 30
- Approximately 60-80 m2
- Tutorial style learning space, perfect for conducting meetings, excursions, seminars and workshops
- Audio and Visual facilities (limited*)
- Low-tech Wet Lab (benches with access to portable water)
- White boards and a screen for presentations are available (hirers will need to bring their own laptop and AV unit)
- Access to outdoor space and wetland walk (no charge)
- · Toilet facilities
- Kitchen facilities
- Covered outdoor area
- · Parking on site
- DDA Compliance and fire protection
- CCTV, Alarm system, air-conditioning, connection to storm-water, mains power.

What does Oaklands Wetland Education Centre offer?

Oaklands Wetland is home to many different species of animals including parrots, ducks, cockatoos and wader birds such as spoonbills, ibis and gulls. Fish and frogs live in the wetland, plus many different types of insects like dragonflies and mayflies.

Majestic, old river red gums (Eucalyptus camaldulensis) and 85,000+ plants play an important role creating habitat for our wildlife.

Does this facility charge hire fees?

The Oaklands Education Centre is FREE to use for schools and the facility is ideal for educating students about the environment, and in particular about biodiversity, water resource and wetland ecosystems

How can I best use the space?

Teachers can conduct classes and experiments themselves, with helpful teacher resources available for planning classes provided by <u>Green Adelaide</u>.

Educators can explore the wetlands, conduct experiments, hold classes and educational tours.

What about high-school students?

Flinders University PhD students lead sessions for students in years 11 and 12. For more information simply visit www.flinders.edu.au/study/schools-teachers/stem-outreach

What species is the Wetlands home to?

- Wader birds (including spoonbills, ibis and gulls)
- Native birds and fish
- Parrots, ducks and cockatoos
- Dragonflies and frogs
- 85,000 aquatic plants

How to access the site?

A key is contained wthin the push button mini safe hanging from the fencing. The access code is provided when a confirmation email is sent.

Current usage

The wetlands currently have significant visitation from local, national and occasionally overseas groups, including government and education sectors.

How do I book?

To book, simply visit the <u>Oaklands Education Centre</u> bookings page.

For more information about the Oaklands Education Centre, please visit the City of Marion <u>website</u> or feel free to call our Water Resource Coordinator, **Glynn Rickets** on **0478 487 473.**

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