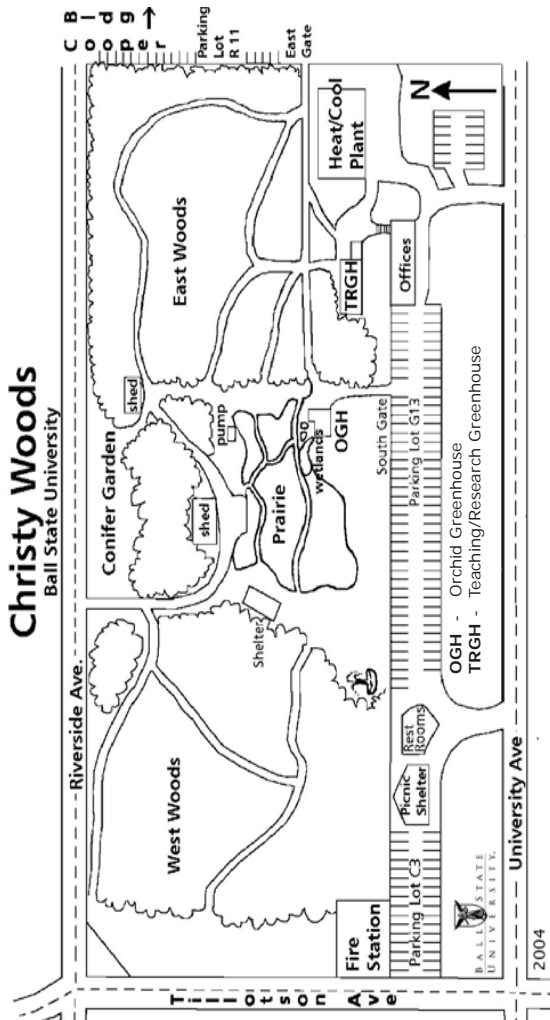


Location Map

The Greenhouses, located in Christy Woods, are on the southwest end of the Ball State campus.



Christy Woods

Field Station and Environmental
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Christy Woods Hours

Mon-Fri 7:30-4:30 p.m

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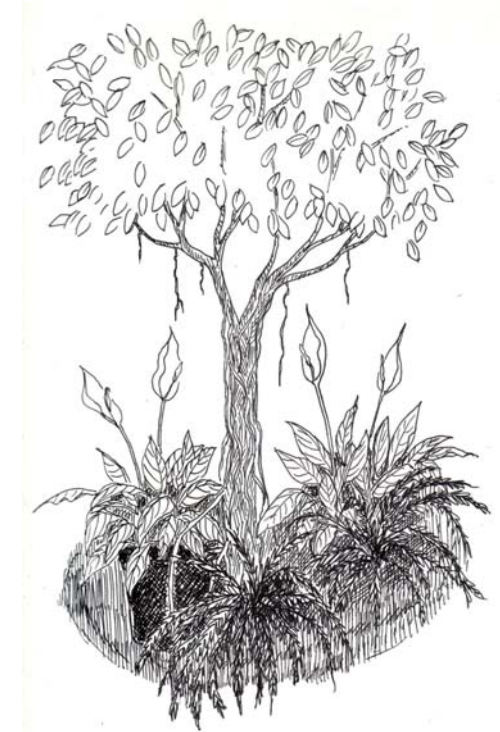


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Teaching & Research Greenhouse

Located in Christy Woods



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Introduction

The Teaching and Research Greenhouse is located in the southeast portion of Christy Woods, just north of the south service building. It was constructed in 1992 to replace a small and outdated glass house that was used to grow bedding material for flower gardens. The present facility contains 3400 square feet of growing space under one roof and has three main functions: teaching, research and plant propagation for classes and outside bedding plants.

Purpose and Usage

The Teaching and Research Greenhouse houses Ball State's plant "teaching collection", which contains plants from around the world for students to study. The collection includes over 500 species which represent over 100 different plant families. Over 3,000 individual specimens are housed in the greenhouse on a permanent basis. The plants that make up the teaching collection represent plants from distinct aquatic, desert and tropical plant communities. Included in the teaching collection are some unusual plants, such as the living fossil, *Welwitschia mirabilis* and *Amorphophallus titanum*, commonly called the Corpse Flower, a flowering plant which develops the largest unbranched inflorescence in the world and smells like decaying meat.



Cactus

Biology classes offered at Ball State require plant material for dissection and study. The Teaching and Research Greenhouse is used to grow the various plants needed by students to study in biology lab classes. In addition, space is provided for university sponsored research projects.



Lithops, "Living Stone"

All of the annual bedding plants used in Christy Woods are also grown in the greenhouses. Native flowers, trees and shrubs are also grown to be transplanted on the various FSEEC properties.

Programs & Events

The Teaching and Research Greenhouse is open to the public. Visitors are welcome to explore the greenhouse throughout the year. Guided tours of the greenhouses can be scheduled for groups and include both the Teaching and Research Greenhouse and the Orchid Greenhouse.

As an ongoing part of the educational outreach of Christy Woods, group tours are available. To schedule a tour, please contact the Department of Biology office at 765-285-8820.



"Clock Vine"

Parking Information

The greenhouses are located in Christy Woods which is located in the southwest part of campus, between Riverside Avenue and University Avenue, north of Ball Memorial Hospital.

Parking is available in the paved lot immediately south of the

greenhouses off University Avenue. Please note that parking on campus Monday through Friday is by permit only.

Contact Christy Woods staff at 765-285-2641 or 765-285-8839 or Ball State Parking Services at 765-285-1208 for details about where to park and how to obtain a temporary parking tag. Bus parking is available for group tours.

Enjoy your visit. Your donation is always welcome. Please visit again.



"Blue sky flower"



Nepenthes,
"Pitcher Plant"