

**Brigham Young University  
College of Life Sciences  
M.L. Bean Life Science Museum  
Scheduling Information, Use Policies and Procedures, and Fee Schedules  
For the Lytle Ranch Preserve  
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**Mission Statement:**

The Lytle Ranch Preserve is a remarkable desert laboratory located at the convergence of the Great Basin, Colorado Plateau, and Mojave Desert biogeographical regions. This unique convergence of life zones endows the Preserve with an unusually rich combination of living communities. The Preserve is dedicated to providing students, scientists, and visitors with an opportunity to experience the flora, fauna, and ecological complexities of this living system. Brigham Young University is committed to the care and preservation of this unique natural resource so that future generations can enjoy and learn firsthand about the biological and historical features of the Lytle Ranch Preserve.

This document defines the policies, procedures, and fees related to the scheduling and use of the Lytle Ranch Preserve and/or its resources by BYU groups, other non-BYU organizations/agencies, and families or individuals. Entities in these categories include but may not be limited to:

1. The general public –
  - a. Day visitors
  - b. Overnight visitors
2. Church groups: Individuals and families, Scout groups, Youth groups
3. Birding and other nature groups
4. Educational groups –secondary and higher education
  - a. BYU – College of Life Sciences faculty and/or students
  - b. BYU – Outside of the College of Life Sciences faculty and/or students
  - c. Non-BYU
5. Researchers
  - a. BYU – College of Life Sciences faculty and/or students
  - b. BYU – Outside of the College of Life Sciences faculty and/or students
  - c. Non-BYU

**General guidelines for visiting/staying at the Lytle Ranch Preserve**

1. Other than day visitors all individuals and groups must make reservations before visiting the preserve by contacting the secretary at the M.L. Bean Life Science Museum (801-422-5052 or [secretary.museum@byu.edu](mailto:secretary.museum@byu.edu)). Facilities at the preserve cannot be scheduled more than six months in advance. All requests must be reviewed and approved by the preserve coordinator

who has oversight responsibility for all visitors to the preserve. A response can usually be expected within 36 hours.

2. All visitors must check-in and -out with the preserve manager:
  - a. Day visitors – to determine any issues or access limitations for the day
  - b. Scheduled visitors – for orientation to the preserve, its resources; performance expectations; temporary access limitations; and to pay appropriate fees.
3. All visitors to the preserve are expected to:
  - a. Use developed paths and roads;
  - b. Properly manage and remove garbage from the preserve upon departure – the preserve has a strict “haul-in and haul-out” policy for all garbage
  - c. Refrain from use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and illegal use of drugs;
  - d. Carefully adhere to posted rules related to use of all facilities
  - e. Carefully clean all indoor areas (especially restrooms and showers) and pickup garbage and debris from outside areas used during the visit.
4. No four wheelers except when pre-approved by the management of the preserve (801-422-5052)
5. No use of firearms
6. Fires only in fire pits in designated camping areas
7. Camping only in approved areas (check with the preserve manager for details)
8. Parking only in designated areas (check with the preserve manager for details)
9. No collecting –except with permission from the administration of the Bean Life Science Museum (BYU); with permits, if required, by state and/or federal law.
10. No dogs (without prior permission) – there are dogs on the preserve for security purposes and outside dogs often precipitate difficult situations
11. Photos are allowed. If images of the preserve are published or electronically posted the Preserve must be acknowledged
12. Historically, various crop plants were cultivated at the preserve. Today, we continue to care for a few fruit and nut trees as well as a limited amount of hay, these are cash crops we use to help cover some of the expenses at the preserve. If your visit to preserve coincides with the ripening of some of the fruits or nuts you are welcome to pick a limited amount for a modest fee. Please check with the site manager for details.
13. Do not interfere or tamper with research plots
14. Campers are typically limited to no more than 7 nights per visit.

### **Preserve Facilities**

The Lytle Ranch Preserve is a remote field station located in southwestern Utah which is owned and operated by Brigham Young University. The Bean Life Science Museum has direct administrative responsibility for the preserve and schedules and coordinates all activities at the preserve. The preserve coordinator is Kenneth Packer (801-422-2951 or 801-535-5499 or ken\_packer@byu.edu); all scheduling of visitors to the preserve is handled by the museum office (801-422-5052 or secretary.museum@byu.edu). The preserve has a full-time manager on-site – Heriberto Madrigal. The preserve has a small developed camping area with 3 camp sites and a small group pavilion and limited

bathroom facilities. The campground will accommodate up to 20 people. There are also two indoor facilities – the “bunkhouse” (the trailer) and the “pit” both with bathroom and limited kitchen facilities.

### **Lytle Ranch Preserve Fee Schedule**

**(Note: Scheduling of All Preserve Facilities Must be Submitted at Least One Week In Advance)**

- **General public visitors** – no fee for day use; overnight camping (as available) \$15/group/camp site/night – advanced reservations are required (801-422-5052).
- **Birding groups** – no fee for day use; overnight camping; (as available) \$15/group/camp site/night – advanced reservations are required (801-422-5052).
- **Educational groups (non-BYU)** - no fee for day use; overnight camping (as available) \$15/group/camp site/night – advanced reservations are required (801-422-5052).
- **Educational groups (BYU-related)** - no fee for day use; overnight camping (as available) \$10/group/camp site/night – advanced reservations are required (801-422-5052).
- **Church-related groups** – no fee for day use; overnight camping (as available) \$10/group/camp site/night – advanced reservations are required (801-422-5052).
- **Scheduling and use of indoor facilities** – is limited to approved research projects and personnel from the BYU College of Life Sciences. Overnight accommodations - \$7/night/individual.
- **Fee payment options:** 1) Direct payment of fees when scheduling use of preserve facilities through the Bean Life Science Museum office (cash, check, or major credit card) or 2) Payment on-site directly to the preserve manager (cash or check only).

### **Preserve-related Research**

When the museum administration receives an inquiry about a pending research proposal, conditions and details of the research project must be carefully defined in advance. Approved projects will be assessed a facilities usage fee depending on the nature and extent of the project. Any adjustments to the original research plan must be reviewed and approved by the museum administration before implementation. Please comply with the following expectations:

1. General expectations – all research projects on preserve property or hosted from preserve property must:
  - a. Avoid conflict or interference with other active research projects
  - b. Minimize impact to the preserve and its resources
  - c. Limit research activity to projects that fall within the scope and mission of the preserve
  - d. Submit a draft research proposal for review and tentative approval by the preserve management
  - e. Provide details concerning proposed research plots and study sites on preserve property for review and tentative approval by the preserve management
  - f. Obtain appropriate permits (general catch and release), Local, state, and federal before initiating research projects (a copy of all relevant permits must be submitted to the preserve management for final project approval).

