

Mazar Wildlife Reserve

Resource Guide – Jalogus

Elevation

Jalogus facilities are located at 3,300 m (10,827 ft).

Weather

During the wet season of May to August, the weather is very rainy, with rare sunny days. Daytime temperatures are 10-15°C (50-60°F). Nights are cool at 4°C (40°F). Rainy days feel especially cold because of the moisture.

During the dry season of September to April, the weather is typically sunny with variable rain. Daytime temperatures are 21-26°C (70-80°F). Nights are generally 10°C (50°F).

Accessibility / Road Conditions

A paved road exists between Cuenca and the community of Chanin, located on the Mazar Highway. After this point, there is a gravel road with many potholes that is always passable leading to the town of Queseras. From Queseras, you will turn-off the main road toward Jalogus. This is a dirt road that requires 4wd at all times.

FCT-approved drivers with 4wd experience are the only drivers allowed past Queseras. Unsafe road conditions may inhibit camp access and drivers have been instructed to use caution. At times, drivers may require researchers to walk into camp from a designated drop-off point due to unsafe road conditions. Access is most difficult during the wet season.

Facilities

- One kitchen* with attached dining/meeting room – 1 gas stove/oven.
 - An assortment of pots, pans, plates, cups, and utensils are available for use.
 - Users must provide dishwashing soap, hand towels, garbage bags, etc.
- One restroom – 1 shower with gas-powered hot water heater, and 1 sit-down toilet.
 - Users must provide toilet paper and garbage bags.
- Two dormitories with 6 beds each. One with 4 twin and 2 full mattresses; the other with 4 full and 2 twin mattresses.
 - Both have 1-2 small bookshelves and 1-2 small tables.
 - Heavy blankets are available but you will need to bring a sleeping bag.
- One cabin** with two beds.
 - Heavy blankets are available but you will need to bring a sleeping bag.

*Be aware that there are field mice in the camp. Therefore, it is a good idea to safeguard your food by storing bags, etc in large plastic containers that the user must provide.

**Available on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be reserved.

Heating

Two gas powered heaters are available in the dining/meeting room. No heaters are located in the dormitories or cabin.

Water

Running water is piped in through a spring for the kitchen and bathroom. ALL water must be purified before consumption. Recommended treatments include bringing the water to a rolling boil for five minutes, or use of a water filter.

Electricity

No electricity is available in Jalogus.

Garbage Removal

It is the responsibility of each user group to remove all garbage as they leave the camp. To lighten your load and maintain cleanliness in the camp, it is highly recommended that garbage be taken to Cuenca each time you exit camp. Users must provide their own garbage bags.

Cleaning / Maintenance

Users are expected to leave the field camp in a clean and tidy condition when they depart. This includes removing all garbage, and cleaning the stove, dining tables, and bathroom.

Users are expected to inform FCT during their next visit to Cuenca of any maintenance issues such as water leaks, etc.

Gas

Gas for the stove, shower, and heaters are supplied from propane gas tanks provided by the MWR. These are filled as needed by MWR staff.

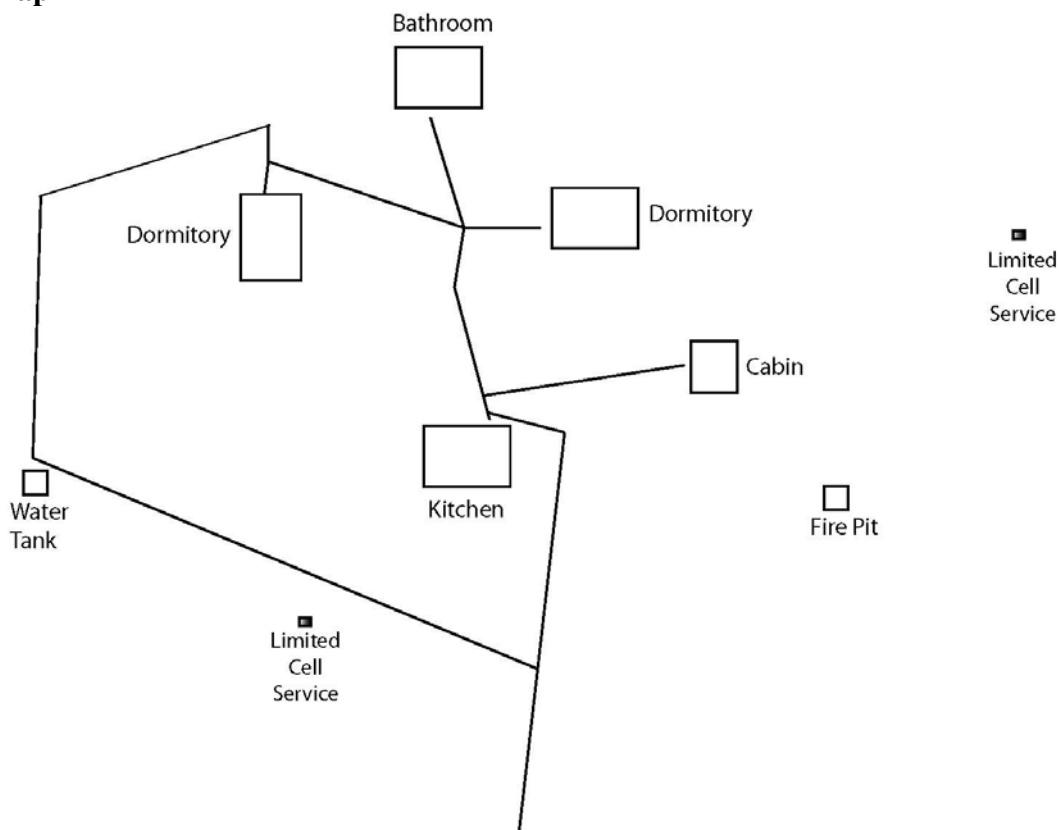
Personnel

No onsite assistance is available in Jalogus. Local personnel may be contracted to assist with moving supplies, etc. See the MWR Application/Agreement for current rates. Questions should be directed to staff in the Fundación Cordillera Tropical (FCT) office.

Cell Phone Reception

There are two locations with limited reception noted on the field camp map.

Field Camp Map



For general reserve information such as fee schedule, rules of use, recommended clothing, and road conditions, please see the "Mazar Wildlife Reserve General Information" document on the Fundación Cordillera Tropical website, www.cordilleratropical.org.