

# G.H. Gordon Biological Station

G.H. GORDON BIOLOGICAL STATION is a 685-acre teaching and research facility located near the village of Luther in northern Lower Michigan. It is the largest research station among private colleges in Michigan. The property contains a private lake and trout stream, as well as, upland and lowland forest, prairie, meadow, and several distinct types of wetland. Many unique organisms exist at the Biostation, including the endangered Blanding's and Eastern box turtles, and several species of insect found nowhere else in the state. Facilities include four cabins for housing up to 48 students, two faculty apartments, a classroom, and a research lab. The research lab contains simulated lake and stream environments, precision computer-controlled environmental chambers, research-grade microscopes, water physicochemical testing equipment, and a variety of field sampling and organism collecting devices. A large pontoon boat and several smaller boats are used for lake sampling. Classes offered at the Biostation include general ecology, field methods, stream ecology, and Michigan flora. Select students also conduct field research at the station every summer. In addition, scientific meetings at the Rockwell Lake Lodge conference facility have attracted biologists from throughout the north-central United States.