

Barking Frogs Permaculture Center

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Requests to Visit Barking Frogs Permaculture Center

Barking Frogs Permaculture Center is a private residence, not generally open to the public. For a visit to make sense from our viewpoint, it should advance our overall goals and purposes.

From time to time, we make exceptions for individuals over 18 who have a strong and serious interest in permaculture. In such cases, we will organize a project for the visitor(s) to work on while here. While we will take particular interests such as chinampa-building or grafting skills into consideration, we cannot offer a choice of projects. Most work will not be interesting in itself, but will contribute to a project or experiment that we feel is worthwhile. We will not attempt to "explain" permaculture in a short

visit. We have a 6-month course for that purpose. Often we have students stay with the course for another year to support their process of internalizing permaculture.

Please do not expect a "tour." If we have an intern at the time, s/he may welcome the chance to show you some of what is unfolding here. However, it is doubtful that any intern ever realizes more than 30 to 40 percent of the overall direction in which things are growing.

If our approach will serve your purposes, you may pursue a visit here by taking the following steps.

1) Download the intern FAQs from our web page,
<http://barkingfrogspc.tripod.com/frames.html>
These also pertain to conditions regarding visitors, e.g., no pets, no surprise companions, no drugs or tobacco, agreement to follow all safety requirements, etc.

2) Contact Cynthia at cbhmidwife@aol.com regarding an appointment. Appointments are

scheduled no earlier than 30 days from the time when we agree on a date. So, you must initiate the process well over a month before you hope to visit.

3) Request, complete and return signed a copy of our "hold harmless" agreement. This protects us legally if you do something stupid and hurt yourself, despite all safety precautions that we take. If you are under thirty years of age, you also need to provide some proof of age such as a photocopy of a driver's license or passport. (The hold-harmless agreement is worthless if signed by a minor.)

4) Contact me regarding any work gear and clothing you may need,

Frankly, we don't think that a visitor here for a day or two is likely to learn anything much about a design that is being implemented and developing over years and decades. An internship would be much more useful to get a sense of permaculture design and how it unfolds here. [People interested in instant gratification should go to Disney World. :-)] You might

encounter some small project or concept that you can usefully absorb during that time, or contribute to something you may regard as important, such as helping to plant a baldcypress forest.

Finally, please do not make appointments that you might not keep. We may spend a day or two preparing a project for you to work on, taking time from other projects. If you don't show, that time is wasted, and often materials and resources are wasted and our overall progress is set back. We will set up visitor tasks that can be done in torrential rain if necessary.

For Mother Earth

Dan Hemenway