

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Center at Riverside is home to the headquarters of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Building Amenities

Security

The USDA Center at Riverside is a secure facility, equipped with an access-control, alarm, and closed-circuit television system. The building is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the public and visitors. When employees and visitors enter the building, they must show the security guard picture identification and pass through a metal detector. Packages, purses and briefcases must pass x-ray inspection, too. The next step is to sign in at the guard desk located in the main lobby. Non-APHIS visitors will be issued a visitor badge, met at the guard desk by the person they are visiting, and escorted throughout the building by their local contact.

Handicap Accessibility

The Riverside building is adapted for easy access by the physically challenged. It has lowered curbs, ramps for wheelchairs, Braille signage and automatic door openers.

Day Care

The Sunny Days Early Learning Center is located on the first floor and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for lunch, Monday through Friday. Hot entrees, sandwiches, salads, snacks, and drinks are available for onsite consumption or carry-out. A recording with today's entrée items is available at (301) 864-7809.

Café

The Sunrise Café is located on the first floor and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for lunch., Monday through Friday. Hot entrees, sandwiches, salads, snacks, and drinks are available for onsite consumption or carryout. A recording with today's entrée items is available at (301) 864-7809.

Agriculture Federal Credit Union (AFCU)

The AFCU maintains an automated teller machine located in the lobby. The cash machine is not available on weekends or holidays without a building access card.

Fitness Center

The Employee Services and Recreation Association (ESRA) fitness center is located on the first floor of the Riverside facility and can be reached at (301) 734-4347. Hours of operation are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. The ESRA fitness center is equipped with a variety of cardiovascular equipment as well as both free weights and weight machines. The fee for nonmembers is \$5 per day. Lockers and showers are available for nonmember use.

Health Unit

The Health Unit is located on the first floor near the main entrance and can be reached at (301) 734-8660.

Employee Lounges

Employee lounges are located on floors 1 through 6 and is equipped with refrigerators, microwaves, and televisions. Vending machines for soft drinks and snacks also can be found in each lounge.

General Service Rooms

General Service Rooms (GSRs) are located on floors 1 through 6. All GSRs are equipped with copiers and mail boxes. Some GSRs have paper shredders, paper cutters, and heavy duty staplers.

Information Center

The Information Center is located off the main lobby by the front door. The facility offers a full range of library and information services.

Visitors' Center

The Visitors' Center is located off the main lobby, also by the front door.

Meeting Facilities

All meeting facilities can be reserved by calling Facilities Management on (301) 734-3699. The Conference Center is located on the first floor and seats up to 350 people. It can also be subdivided into four smaller rooms. The conference center has a raised stage, podium, and limited audio visual equipment.

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Conference Rooms with speakerphones and projection screens are located on floors 1 through 6. Each room has a seating capacity of 10 to 30 people.

Meeting Rooms with speakerphones are located on each floor. Most rooms seat 3 to 15 people.

Training Rooms (4) are located on the second floor.

Computer Training Rooms (2) are located on the second floor. Computers in both rooms are hooked up to the APHIS local area network.

Video Conferencing Rooms are located on various floors. There are seven units available which can accommodate up to 60 people theater style.

Directions to the USDA Center

By Public Transportation

Metrorail—The College Park Metrorail station is located on the Green Line (Greenbelt/Branch Avenue) and is the closest to the USDA Center at Riverside. The station is located at Paint Branch Parkway and River Road and is approximately 0.8 of a mile from the building.

University of Maryland Shuttle—Provides free transportation between the hours of 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Metrobus—The F6 and R12 lines provide service from the College Park Metrorail station to the USDA Center at Riverside.

Taxi Services – Bluebird Cab Company – (301) 864-7700, Silver Cab Company – (301) 577-2000, Blue Line Taxi – (301) 776-2300, On Time Transportation – (301) 474-6111

By Car

Visitors should use the gate located in front of the building.

From I-495 (the Beltway)—Exit onto Kenilworth Avenue (Maryland Route 201) toward Bladensburg; turn right onto River Road (in the 6500 block of Kenilworth) and right into the building parking lot. The drive from I-495 takes between 5 and 10 minutes.

From Baltimore–Washington International Airport (BWI)—Exit the airport on Maryland Route 195 west and drive about 3 miles to I-95 south, toward Washington. Follow I-95 until it merges with I-495 (the Beltway) and go south on the Beltway about 2 miles to the Kenilworth Avenue exit. Follow Kenilworth (Maryland Route 201) toward Bladensburg and turn right onto River Road (in the 6500 block of Kenilworth). Turn right into the building parking lot. The drive from BWI takes about 40 minutes. For more information, visit <http://www.iflybwi.com> on the Web.

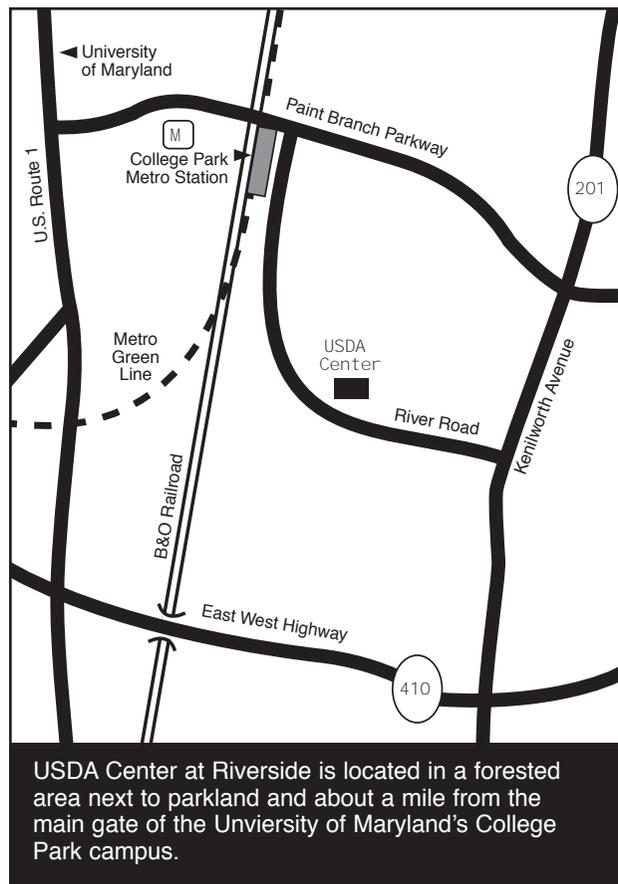
From the USDA South or Whitten Buildings—Travel east on Independence Avenue, around RFK Stadium, and across the East Capitol Street Bridge and exit at the eastern foot of the bridge onto Maryland Route 295 north. Stay on Kenilworth Avenue (Maryland Route 201) into Maryland. Take Kenilworth Avenue north past the Route 410 (East West Highway) intersection. In the 6500 block, turn left onto River Road and then right into the building parking lot.

From Ronald Reagan National Airport—Cross the 14th Street Bridge, go about 3 blocks, and turn right (east) onto Independence Avenue. From that point, follow the directions from the USDA South or Whitten Buildings.

Parking

Guests and employees from other locations may park in the parking lot for \$5.00 per day. Visitors must enter by the gate located at the front of the building near the flagpoles. The parking lot gate at this entrance accepts bills and coins as well as credit and debit transactions. You must display your parking receipt and have it visible for parking attendants to recognize.

USDA Center at Riverside is located adjacent to the University of Maryland square campus, near parkland and about a mile from the main campus.



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