

ALLERTON

Park & Retreat Center

Free Wi-Fi @ All Retreat Center Buildings (Mansion, Evergreen Lodge, Gate House, House in the Woods)

UIUCNet Wireless—for general web surfing & webmail

This easy and convenient option is recommended for most users and is the best choice for general internet browsing and web-based e-mail functions. No additional configuration is needed, just Wi-Fi capability. However, this option typically does not allow for VPN or remote server connections through corporate firewalls.

Guests should request a guest ID/password at the front desk and will receive connection instructions.

IllinoisNet Wireless (WPA2)—for VPN & remote connections

This is the best option for those needing VPN or remote access during their visit. However, because it's encrypted and requires specific manual configuration, users will need to follow configuration directions for their operating system on-site before they can connect. This type of configuration typically requires administrative/elevated privileges.

We require users to obtain and confirm appropriate computer permissions prior to arrival—especially if the user works with an IT department at his/her place of business.

NOTE: while Allerton is happy to assist with the wireless connection process on-site, this type of connection cannot be setup without appropriate permissions already in place to allow manual configuration.

Not all Wi-Fi computers will be able to connect to IllinoisNet:

- If you have an older operating system (prior to Windows XP SP 2 or Mac OS X), you won't be able to connect
- If you have Windows XP SP 2, you'll need to install a Microsoft patch before you'll be able to connect
- If you have a wireless card made before 2007, you probably won't be able to connect. If it was made more recently, it may or may not support WPA2 encryption. Check your manufacturer's documentation for details

>> Please visit www.cites.illinois.edu/wireless/wpa2/ for more detailed information and operating system-specific instructions. Once a computer successfully connects, it doesn't ever need to be configured again to use IllinoisNet.

Guests should request a guest ID/password at the front desk and will receive configuration and connection instructions.

For All Users & Presenters—files/presentations & remote access

We require all users/presenters to bring their presentations/videos/files on their local machines and/or a USB drive, CD, or DVD instead of relying on a wireless internet connection to access/download files remotely. If configuration of a wireless connection fails, the ability to retrieve information via VPN or remote log-in will be compromised.

Additionally, Allerton's connectivity is provided by just one T-1 line, making the transfer of large files or streaming of presentations from offsite servers a very time consuming and inefficient process. This practice also unnecessarily reduces the connectivity strength for all Allerton users (staff and guests). Thank you for your cooperation!