



***General Directions (POV) to the:  
Environmental Science Center***

701 Mapes Road  
Ft. Meade, MD 20755-5350  
Telephone: (410) 305-2600

**From the North:** (Baltimore/Philadelphia)

Take I-95 south towards Baltimore. Stay on I-95 through the Fort McHenry Tunnel. Once south of the tunnel, exit onto I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) heading east towards Glen Burnie. Continue several miles on I-695 east and take Maryland Route 295 south (Baltimore/Washington Parkway). The exit for Ft. Meade off of 295 south is about eight miles south of the Beltway. Take Odenton (Ft. Meade) exit Route 175 east. Continue on Route 175 east (Annapolis Road) for about 2 miles. Turn right at the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal (Reece Road). Enter gate area. Follow directions below “Upon entering Reece Road gate entrance:”

**From the South:** (Washington)

Take the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, north, Maryland Route 295. Exit @ Route 175 east (to Ft. Meade/Odenton). Continue on Rt. 175 east (Annapolis Road) for about 2 miles. Turn right at the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal (Reece Road). Enter gate area. Follow directions below “Upon entering Reece Road gate entrance:”

**From the East:** (Annapolis)

From Route 450 (West Street), take the exit to Route 50 west (Washington). After a short distance in this lane, bear right onto I-97 north (Baltimore). Continue on I-97 for approximately five miles, then yield right to Route 32 west (Ft. Meade/MD 3). Continue on Rt. 32, exit @ Route 175 (Ft. Meade/Odenton). You will pass the ESC. Turn left at the Reece Road traffic signal. Enter gate area. Follow directions below “Upon entering Reece Road gate entrance:”

**From the West:** (Howard County and I-95)

Ft. Meade is bounded by Route 175 on the North and Route 32 on the South. Take either route East to the gate entrance at either Maryland Rt 32/Mapes Road or Rt 175/Mapes Road. (If entering by Rt 32/Mapes gate you may proceed on Mapes directly to ESC for approximately 2 mi.) From I-95 take exit 41A East to Ft. Meade (Rt. 175 east) Continue on Rt.175 east (Annapolis Road) past BW Parkway (approximately 6 mi.). Turn right onto Reece Road. Enter gate area. Follow directions below “Upon entering Reece Road gate entrance:”

**Upon entering the Reece Road gate entrance:**

If you are in a private vehicle (POV), you will need to get a ONE DAY pass at the Reece Road gate OR stop at the Visitor Control Center (VCC) and register your vehicle. You will need your Government ID, driver's license, proof of insurance and the vehicle registration. (NOTE: If you are in a rental OR the car is not in your name (e.g. spouse's name) - you will need a rental agreement or permission letter from the owner of the vehicle prior to registering your vehicle.)

After passing through the ID inspection, turn left at Ernie Pyle Street (first left after guard shack.) Continue on Ernie Pyle Street for approximately 4 blocks. The Environmental Science Center is on the left. (Enter the visitors' parking area - Region III - Ernie Pyle St. @ Mapes Road)

**Special instructions when using GOV:**

ESC sits at the corner of Mapes Road, Maryland Route 175 and Ernie Pyle Street. The Mapes Road gate is open to Government vehicles or vehicles registered on Post (DoD decal) from 0500 to 2100 hours Mon-Fri (5 am to 9 pm). You will need your Government ID to enter through this gate or any other open gate on Post. Rockenbach Road gate is also available from Maryland Route 175 and has the shortest lines. Directions from Rockenbach: After passing through the gate, proceed straight ahead until the first traffic light. (~½ mi.) Turn left onto Cooper Ave. Go along Cooper until the first traffic signal, turn left onto Mapes. Go two traffic signals to Ernie Pyle Street. (~1 mi.) If the road straight ahead is clear of barriers, continue up Mapes and turn left into the main driveway of ESC. If the road is barricaded, turn left onto Ernie Pyle and make the first right into the ESC parking lot area.

**Special instructions for visitors in commercial vehicles or panel vans:**

The Post inspects all commercial vehicles and any vehicle that could be large enough to hold explosives at a separate gate. The gate located at Mapes Road and MD Rt 32 must be used. Drivers of commercial vehicles will be asked for work orders or show a proper bill of lading. The vehicle will be inspected for explosives. Once through the gate, proceed straight through to Mapes Road and Ernie Pyle Street. (~2 mi.) If the road straight ahead is clear of barriers, continue up Mapes and turn left into the main driveway of ESC. If the road is barricaded, turn left onto Ernie Pyle and make the first right into the ESC parking lot area.

**Special instructions for Government operated bus service:**

Due to gate obstructions, if you are visiting ESC in a vehicle larger than a van, you will need to use the Rockenbach Road entrance. Operators of Government buses (e.g. school buses and Government buses) drive down the center lane and are escorted onto Post through the gate. Follow MP directions at the gate. From all directions, follow the instructions to get to Maryland Route 175. Proceed on MD 175 to MD 713 (Ridge Road on one side) and Rockenbach Road (on the other side of the road). For reference: Rockenbach Road is west of Reece Road. Rockenbach Road is the first signal after BW Parkway.

After passing through the gate, proceed straight ahead until the first traffic light. (~½ mi.) Turn left onto Cooper Ave. Go along Cooper until the first traffic signal, turn left onto Mapes. Go two traffic signals to Ernie Pyle Street. (~1 mi.) If the road straight ahead is clear of barriers, continue up Mapes and turn left into the main driveway of ESC. If the road is barricaded, turn left onto Ernie Pyle and make the first right into the ESC parking lot area.

**As of October 2004, the following hours are for the Gates and Visitor Control Center:**

Mapes/32 24/7  
Mapes/175 0500-2100  
Rockenbach 24/7  
Reece/175 24/7 (Main visitor entrance to the Post)

**VCC hours:**

M-F 0730-15:30  
Sat closed  
Sun closed