

Chemistry 290: Immersive Experience on Andros Island, Bahamas (Jan 2024)

Pre-trip meetings: TBA (~ 4 hours + pool time)

Trip Dates: Dec 29 2023 – Jan 6, 2024

Location Details

The Bahamas, officially known as the *Commonwealth of The Bahamas* consists of more than 700 islands, cays, and islets in the Atlantic Ocean ~150 miles southeast of Florida. Andros Island is the largest island of the Bahama Archipelago, ~115 miles long and 40 miles wide. The island is sparsely populated (~8,000) with *no* cities, with the majority of people living in primitive settlements mainly on the east side of the island.

While on island, we will be staying at the **Forfar Field Station** is located near Stafford Creek settlement (see red circle). Forfar is staffed year round by the station director, 5-6 interns (college graduates), and ~5 local Bahamians who cook and maintain the facilities. Forfar provides rustic cabin-style lodging along the beach. The field station has a 56 bed capacity divided among 8 cabins. Each cabin has 2-3 sets of bunk beds (4/6 person/cabin), electricity, fans, mosquito bug nets, and a bathroom with shower. The Forfar lodge houses the dining hall, classroom, research lab, and open living area. Breakfast and dinner are served each day in the dining hall, lunches are packed and eaten at off-site destinations.

