Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) provides guest wireless service through a self-registration portal. A guest user can create a temporary account which will give them Internet access for a period of 12 hours. After 12 hours, a user must create a new temporary account.

The NOVA guest wireless network is an open network and provides no kind of security or encryption and should not be used for any kind of transactions where private information may be passed. Transactions that require secure connections, must connect to secure servers while on the NOVA guest wireless network.

The account is good for 12 hours once it is created. You may log on and off as many times as needed, reusing the same account UserName and password within the 12 hours. After 12 hours, you will need to create a new account.

This network is intended for guest only. Faculty, staff and students should be using their own network accounts so they can access college resources as needed.

The NOVA guest wireless network only allows access to the Internet and does not allow connection to any college resources.

### Connecting to the NOVAGuestwifi – Windows 7

Click the ‘WIFI’ icon in the lower right corner. Select the NOVAwifi network and click ‘Connect’.

![Connecting to NOVAGuestwifi – Windows 7](image)

### Connecting to NOVAGuestwifi – MAC OSX

Click the wireless icon in the upper right and click the NovaGuestwifi network.

![Connecting to NOVAGuestwifi – MAC OSX](image)
1. If using MAC OSX a window will appear. In using Windows 7 open a browser window and navigate to the college homepage [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu). You will be rerouted to the portal screen below. Click on the link below the logon box: *Create a 12hr guest account*

2. On the next screen, fill in *First Name*, *Last Name* and *Email address*. Time zone does not matter since the account is based on number of hours (12), not time-of-day

3. After you have filled in the required fields, click *Submit*

4. On the next screen you will be provided with a *UserName* and *Password* that is viable for the life of this current 12 hour account

   **IMPORTANT**: Write down your UserName and Password *before* clicking *OK* on the next screen. This information will be lost after clicking *OK*

5. Click *OK*
6. Enter the UserName and Password you were provided from the previous screen. Click the ‘Login’ button below the ‘UserName’ and ‘Password’ fields.

7. The next screen will present you with the ‘NOVA Acceptable Use Policy’. After reading the policy, click the ‘Accept terms and conditions’ Checkbox [✓] at the bottom of the screen, then click on the ‘Accept’ button.
Computer software, databases, and electronic documents are protected by copyright law, and users may not violate the copyright protection of any information, software, or data with which they come into contact through the College's computing resources. Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for understanding how copyright law applies to their electronic transactions.

Users of Northern Virginia Community College’s computing resources are required to respect the privacy of other users. They may use only their own user identification, unless they have been authorized by a College official to use someone else’s. They may not allow others to use their user identification.

Users may take advantage only of the computing equipment and services they have express permission to use. They may use these resources only for the purposes for which they have been given permission. They may not use any system loopholes or special knowledge of computer systems to make any changes in the system, to make use of any extra resources, or to take resources from others.

Users may not attempt to gain access to information owned by the College or by its authorized users without the permission of the owners of that information. They may not attempt to intercept or read messages not intended for them. Users must identify themselves in all messages sent from College computers.

The College’s computing resources may not be used to support any commercial venture or for personal financial gain, unless such use has been specifically approved in advance by the College president. The College’s computing resources may not be used to send or seek out obscenities or obscene materials except to the extent that doing so is a component of a bona fide College activity.

Users must follow any special rules that are posted or communicated to them by responsible staff members whenever they use the College’s computing laboratories and classrooms and computers in the Learning Resources Centers. Users shall do nothing intentionally that degrades or disrupts the computer systems or interferes with systems and equipment that support the work of others. Users may neither transmit nor make accessible offensive or harassing material. Users must report problems with the College’s resources to the staff in charge, or to the IT Help Desk.

Violation of College or VCCS policy regarding computer use is a serious offense that will result in disciplinary action as well as possible prosecution under federal and state law. All activity while on this network will be subject to monitoring and logging.

Accept terms and conditions
8. After accepting the policy, you will be presented with the page to exit the portal. You can now navigate to the URL of your choosing.

If you receive the following message, choose ‘Yes’ to close the entire browser session. Choose ‘No’ to close just the current window and continue to browse the web.