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If you only need the buying answer: rental is the cheapest short-term route in this snapshot, but the current paperback is still priced far below the sampled used, new, marketplace, and eBook comparators. That means ownership has a much stronger case than the rental price alone might suggest.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$68.62	Check price
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eBook (1825 days)	eCampus	\$142.80	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Wetlands is an environmental-science text about hydrology, nutrient cycling, vegetation, soils, restoration, and the ecological logic that makes wetland systems distinct. The book matters because it helps readers move from broad ecological vocabulary toward the more applied reasoning used in fieldwork, conservation, and restoration thinking.

That gives the book more staying power than a one-course requirement. Wetland science often becomes more useful later, once students begin thinking about restoration, management, and applied ecosystem work rather than just class definitions.

When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is rental. But the current paperback is so much lower than the sampled used, new, and long-term digital comparators that ownership still looks

unusually good. If you expect to come back to wetland concepts later, the print copy is easy to justify.

I would lean toward rental only for a very narrow one-course need. I would lean toward print for environmental science, ecology, and restoration readers who expect the book to stay useful beyond the current class.

Sources checked

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