



Parks & Open Space

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Artist-in-Residence (AIR) Program Overview

In order to be eligible to apply, artists must:

Submit application and samples of work by February 28, 2023. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted. Due to limited number of artists accepted each year, previous artists awarded a stay cannot apply for five years after their stay.

Submit three samples of work, which are original in concept & execution and completed in the past two years. Please provide link(s) to the samples of work or upload them using the application form.

- **Link to personal website will not be accepted in place of samples. Artist's application will be disqualified if website or social media link is submitted instead of samples!**

Samples of work must follow these guidelines:

- Photographers, sculptors, painters, illustrators, crafts/artisans, etc: JPEG files with a minimum of 1080 pixels along the shortest side. Please crop photos to exclude framing and matting.
- Writers: PDF files no longer than 500-words each. (The department understands that samples may be cut short due to word limit)
- Visual/Film: MOV or MP4 file no longer than 3 minutes each.
- Musicians/Composers: MP3 or M4A file no longer than 3 minutes each.
- Performing Artists and Multidiscipline Artists: Send appropriate sample combinations based on the above.
- Each file must be smaller than 25 MB.
- Online application, and submitted samples of work, will be deleted after selection is made.

Be comfortable in a backcountry setting, with rustic accommodations. The AIR residence is in the center of the open space property, with no nearby neighbors. The residence includes:

- Solar-powered electricity for lighting, cooking, and heating water.
- Outlets for low-powered electrical devices the artist may bring, such as a laptop. (there is no Wi-Fi at residence)
- Twin-sized bunk beds (no tents or camping allowed outside the living quarters).
- Outhouse with pit toilet and solar-powered camp shower and sink (locked and not open for public use).
- Outdoor dish washing station.
- Dining area and kitchen furnished with drinking water, electric stove-top burners, toaster oven, cooking utensils, and cleaning supplies.
- Two large RTIC coolers (there is no refrigerator)
- Outdoor picnic table (outdoor campfires are not permitted)

Artists selected for 2023 residence at Caribou Ranch must agree to the following terms:

- Boulder County Parks and Open Space Department will make the final decision on participating artists for 2023 residencies. All applicants will be notified of artist acceptance or rejection by April 15, 2023. If the artist is unavailable during the awarded time slot, an alternate artist will be selected.
- Artists may stay up to four days and three nights (Monday – Thursday schedule).
- Artist can drive personal vehicle to residence, but not use vehicle again until departure. If desired, artist can leave a second vehicle outside open space (parking permit will be issued at check-in orientation) for trips to nearby towns and/or public lands.
- Artists will conduct their work in a manner that complies with all [Open Space Rules and Regulations](#), and respects wildlife and park visitors at Caribou Ranch Open Space. If any violations occur, the department may terminate remainder of stay and issue citation.
- Artists will not disturb or manipulate the property's environment or add to the property's physical features.
- Artists are responsible for their own expenses including transportation, food, linen, and personal gear.

- Only one additional adult may accompany artist during residence, and the artist must be on site during guest's stay.
- No pets are permitted. Service animals are the only exception (emotional support animals are not permitted)
- Artists will donate a piece of work to Boulder County Parks and Open Space that is representative of their stay at Caribou Ranch within six months after their residence. Artists understand that Boulder County Parks and Open Space owns the work and the rights to reproduce it. (Artists retain the ability to make use of the art for their purposes and where feasible include the language, "This work was produced under Boulder County Parks and Open Space's Artist-in-Residence Program") Photographs and artwork must be framed.
- Artists understand that Boulder County Parks and Open Space may or may not exhibit the donated pieces in public buildings.
- If awarded a 2023 residence, artists will provide Boulder County Parks and Open Space with a short biography to be included on the department's Artist-in-Residence webpage.
- Boulder County Parks and Open Space will not provide a stipend or any other financial compensation.