



Parks & Open Space

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Artist-in-Residence Program Overview

To be eligible to apply, artists must:

- **Submit completed application and samples of work by Feb. 17, 2025.** Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted. Because only a limited number of artists are accepted each year, artists who have received a previous residency cannot apply again for five years.
- **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 a 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. Please note that all submitted artwork and applications will be deleted after the selection process.

Guidelines for submitting samples of your work:

- **Photographers, Sculptors, Painters, Illustrators, Crafts/Artisans, etc.:** Submit JPEG files with at least 1080 pixels on the shortest side. Be sure to crop out any framing or matting.
- **Writers:** Submit PDF files, with each sample no longer than 500 words. It's okay if the sample is shorter due to the word limit.
- **Visual/Film:** Submit MOV or MP4 files, no longer than 3 minutes.
- **Musicians/Composers:** Submit MP3 or M4A files, no longer than 3 minutes.
- **Performing Artists and Multidisciplinary Artists:** Submit appropriate combinations of the above types.
- **File Size:** Each file must be smaller than 25 MB.
- **Be comfortable in a backcountry setting**, with rustic accommodations. The cabin is in the center of the open space property, with no nearby neighbors. A resident ranger lives on-site for support. The cabin includes:
 - Solar-powered electricity for lighting, cooking, and heating water.
 - Outlets for low-powered devices like laptops (no Wi-Fi available).
 - Twin-sized bunk beds (no tents or camping outside).
 - Outhouse with pit toilet, solar-powered shower, and sink (locked, not for public use).
 - Outdoor dishwashing station.
 - Dining area and kitchen with drinking water, electric stove, toaster oven, cooking tools, and cleaning supplies.

- Two large RTIC coolers (no refrigerator).

2025 Artist Residency Terms at Caribou Ranch:

- **Artist Selection:** Boulder County Parks & Open Space will choose the artists for the 2025 residency. Applicants will be notified by the end of March. If the chosen artist cannot attend, a replacement will be selected.
- **Residency Duration:** Artists can stay for up to 4 days and 3 nights.
- **Transportation:** Artists can drive their personal vehicle to the residency but cannot use it again until departure. If needed, a second vehicle can park outside the open space for trips to nearby towns or public lands (with a parking permit provided).
- **Rules & Respect:** Artists must follow all rules and regulations of the open space and respect wildlife and visitors. If they violate the rules, their stay may end early and a citation may be given.
- **Property Care:** Artists must not disturb or change the environment or physical features of the property.
- **Expenses:** Artists are responsible for their own costs, such as transportation, food, linens, and personal items.
- **Guests:** One additional adult may stay with the artist, but the artist must be present during their guest's stay.
- **Pets:** No pets are allowed, but service animals are permitted (emotional support animals are not allowed).
- **Donation:** Artists must donate either a public program/workshop or a piece of artwork that represents their stay at Caribou Ranch within six months of their residency. The donated items must be framed.
- **Ownership of Work:** Boulder County Parks & Open Space owns the donated work and has the right to reproduce it. Artists can still use the work and should credit the program when possible.
- **Exhibition:** Boulder County Parks & Open Space may choose to display the donated work in public buildings.
- **Biography:** If selected, artists must provide a short biography to be included on the Artist-in-Residence webpage.
- **Financial Compensation:** There is no stipend or financial compensation for the residency.