

# Artist Compensation and Other Information

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**About the program:** For hundreds of years, creatives have immersed themselves in their environment for inspiration. Artist in Residence (AiR) programs in parks continue that tradition by opening opportunities for artists to live and create while surrounded by the natural beauty and cultural significance of public lands.

Deception Pass State Park's awe-inspiring beauty has caught the imagination of many over the years. With its rocky cliffs, sweeping ocean views, dense old-growth forests, and rich cultural history, Deception Pass captures the eye and challenges the mind. Read more [here](#).

Each year, selected artists are invited to live in a small, modern cabin on Ben Ure Island (located within Deception Pass State Park) and spend a four-week residency practicing their medium.

The AiR program is open to a wide range of artistic and creative mediums and offered in partnership with the Deception Pass Park Foundation, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's (WSPRC) Folk & Traditional Arts Program, and Golden Bricks Events.

## 2023 Schedule:

- Application open Saturday, April 1st
- Optional informational webinar Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Application close at end of day Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Finalist interviews: Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Start of residency: mid-July

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## Residency and compensation:

Project plan: During the selection process, finalist candidates (with the support of park staff) will create a project plan for their residency. The plan will articulate the vision for their creative project and include a proposal for their public program and service.

Public program or artwork donation: Park staff and the resident artist will collaboratively decide (negotiated in the selection process, dependent on medium) whether an artwork donation, workshop, performance, or an alternative are the best way to share the artist's work with the public. When applicable and appropriate, artists are asked to share a digital portfolio no later than 6 months after the residency ends.

Service & Outreach: During their stay, artists are asked to interact with visitors in the park for:

- A public program, workshop, or demonstration in the park during the final week of the residency, to be created in collaboration with Interpretive Staff.
- 8 hours each week (wearing Artist in Residence vest) representing the AiR program while exploring the park, practicing their medium, or engaging with visitors about their medium in a public setting within the park.

- 3 hours each week assisting at interpretive events such as Game Night, American Roots Concert Series, and environmental education programs.
- The artist will be asked to share their experience with Washington State Parks and the Deception Pass Park Foundation. The narrative medium is flexible based on resident artist's preference (written article, short video, interview for an article, etc.)

For their time and dedication, artists are provided with a \$2000 stipend. The stipend can be structured to support up-front costs, to be determined with input from the finalist candidate. Payment will be routed through Washington State Parks via check or direct deposit, based on the artist's preference.

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**Housing:** The idyllic Ben Ure cabin at Deception Pass is located on Ben Ure Island near Cornet Bay, with views of the Salish Sea and Mount Baker. Near to the mainland, the island can be accessed by kayak or rowboat. The modern cabin is 12-by-24-feet in size and features a large deck overlooking the water, as well as a fully furnished electric kitchen, queen size futon, electric heat, lights, half bathroom, outdoor shower, and outdoor picnic table. The cabin is located about 0.5 mile walk from the boat launch on the island. A volunteer caretaker lives on the island and is available to assist with questions and logistical advice for living on Ben Ure. The artist may host one visitor for no more than 48 hours at a time. Pets and indoor/outdoor smoking (both tobacco and cannabis) are not allowed. See images on page 4.

**Water:** Water on the island has been tested and is safe for showering and cleaning dishes though it has a distinctive sulfur smell. Deception Pass State Park will provide 20 gallons of potable water at the start of residency with an electric pump. Any additional potable water required will need to be transported by artist.

**Boating:** Ben Ure Island is only accessible by non-motorized boat. The trip is roughly 0.35 miles from Cornet Bay to Ben Ure Island and is protected from the currents of the pass. The biggest challenge for most, is the exceptionally low tides that occur in the summer. Deception Pass State Park will provide two free boat rides, one to help move in and one to move out. During this time, staff will also provide specific guidance on safe boat travel and additional information on tide charts.

All other transportation between Ben Ure Island and the mainland are the responsibility of the artist and must be with a self-powered and beachable vessel. Scholarships to attend swim courses, water safety training, and non-motorized boat access are available to the selected resident artist.

**Vehicle Access and Parking:** A parking spot will be reserved at Cornet Bay for artist's vehicle. During residency, artists will also receive a volunteer hangtag to display in lieu of a Discover Pass. Once 24 hours of volunteer time have been logged, the artist will receive an annual Discover Pass for their personal use after residency.

**Accessibility:** Due to the isolated nature of housing accommodations, this program does not meet ADA accessibility standards. If the applicant is in need of ADA accommodation and lives close by, and need to use their own accommodations, they need not live in the State Parks-owned facility, and are welcome to apply.

**Internet and Cell Coverage:** The cabin on Ben Ure does not have wi-fi. AT&T and T-Mobile have decent cell service on the island; Verizon has very limited connection. There is free wi-fi for artist use at the park's administrative office by appointment. A staff radio will be provided by the park for emergencies.

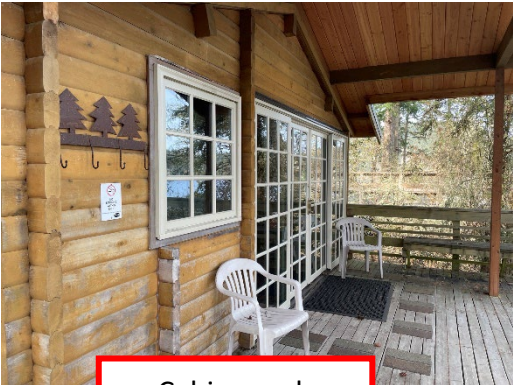
**Local amenities:** Deception Pass State Park is located equal distance (9 miles) between two small towns; Anacortes and Oak Harbor. Both towns offer a variety of amenities such as grocery stores, shopping centers, restaurants, and coffee shops, and can be accessed by bus from the park's administrative office.

For amenities closer to the park, Harold's Gas Station near the park's administrative office offers some food options and basic items.

**Images of Ben Ure Cabin**



Stairs to cabin



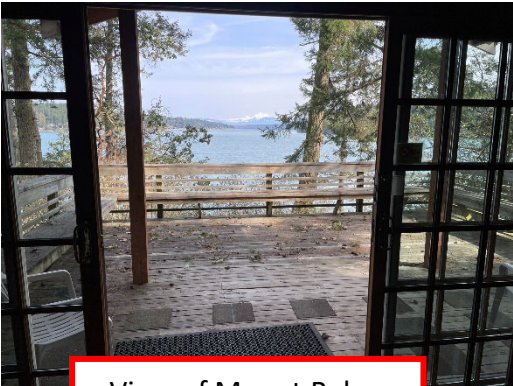
Cabin porch



Outdoor shower



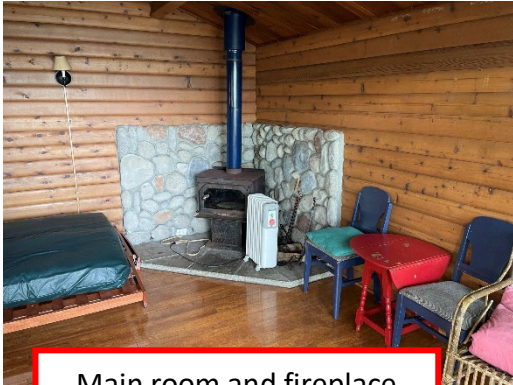
Outdoor shower



View of Mount Baker



Main room and bed



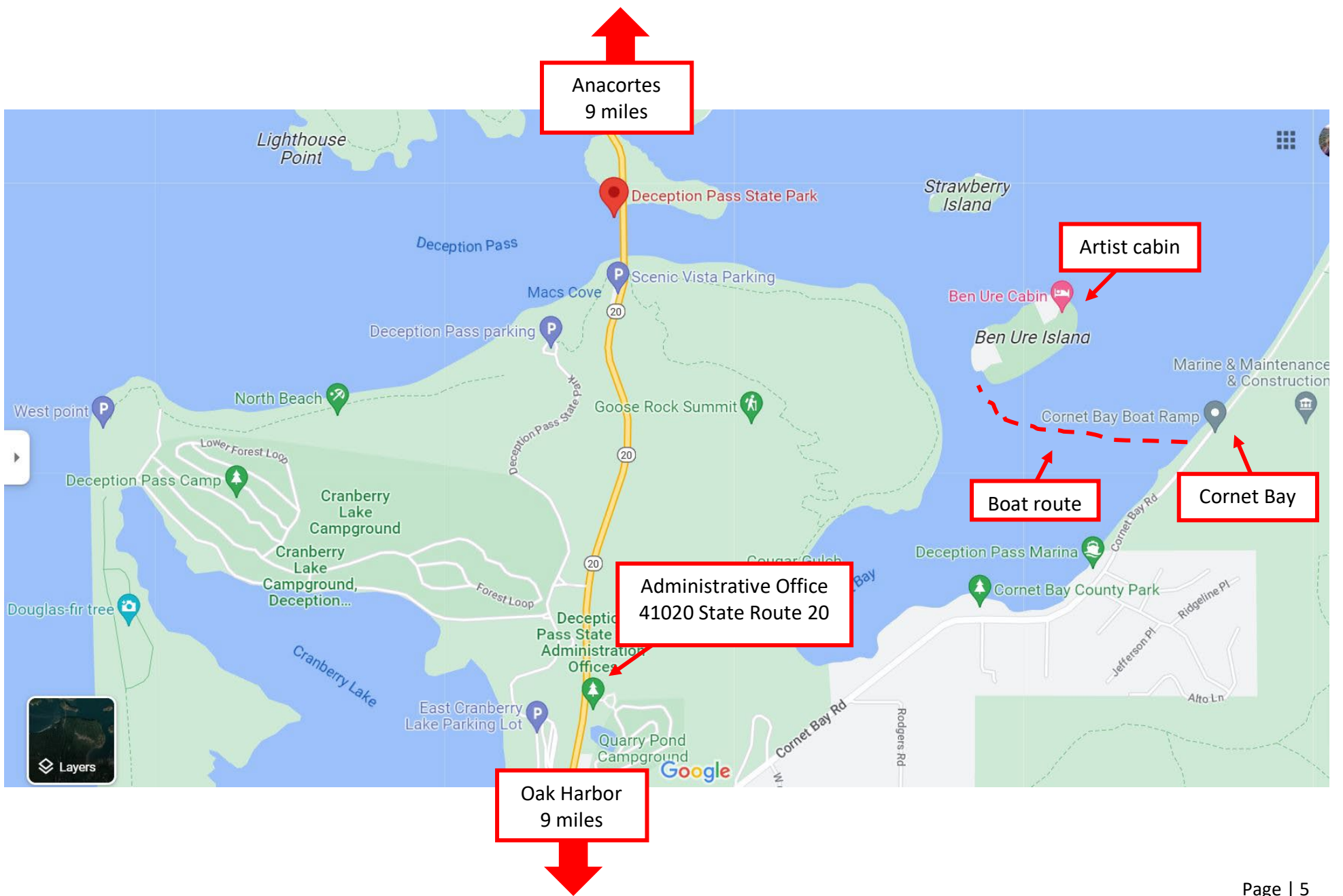
Main room and fireplace



Kitchen



Bathroom



Anacortes  
9 miles

Artist cabin

Boat route

Administrative Office  
41020 State Route 20

Cornet Bay

Oak Harbor  
9 miles