

2026 PLAYA Know Before You Go Handbook

This document will help you better understand how to prepare for your stay at PLAYA, and is relevant for all guests and residents. If you are attending an Awarded Residency, please take note of the last page, “Awarded Residency Addendum”, which has additional information.

INTRODUCTION

In a dramatic landscape, PLAYA nurtures innovative thinking in the arts and sciences through Art/Sci Residencies, place-based Workshops and Experiences, community space, special events, and rentals. For the last 15 years, PLAYA has hosted people working in varied disciplines in the arts and sciences who are all considered a part of the PLAYA community. Now you too will become a part of this special community convened by a unique landscape.

Knowing PLAYA’s guidelines and policies will assure a positive experience for you and others staying on campus. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider the information in this document. Please let us know if you have any questions.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PLAYA acknowledges that it resides on the ancestral homeland of the Yahooskin Paiute, Modoc and Klamath tribes. In the spirit of truth, reconciliation and association, PLAYA will continue to steward this land and invite people to reside here that are actively working to learn from and share our natural environment.

THE ENVIRONMENT & LOCATION

On the edge of the Great Basin in the Oregon Outback, and surrounded by the richness of both the Fremont National Forest and BLM public lands, PLAYA’s programs provide ample space for study, exploration and inspiration. PLAYA’s 64-acre campus sits alongside an intermittent desert lake which is 10 miles wide and 20 miles long. The weather in Oregon’s high desert is flamboyant. The Summer Lake basin, in which PLAYA is located, is subject to storms and high winds. It’s not uncommon to be exposed to extreme temperatures, aridity, wind gusts up to 65 mph, and weather changes which may occur within the same day. In the summer months, the temperature can range from 90°F during the day to 50°F at night. In winter, the average highs are in the low 40s to mid 30s, and the lows may dip well below freezing. All seasons can vary in temperature and levels of precipitation. Don’t let the name fool you, winter comes to Summer Lake with gusto, and the

wind can be strong in any season. Layering clothes is the best way to meet the challenges of the changing weather. Comfortable walking shoes and hiking boots are usually needed. Sturdy, waterproof boots are a must.

As we are surrounded by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Forest land, please practice the [seven principles of Leave No Trace](#) when venturing into and engaging with public lands.

Lake County is one of the few counties in the U.S. designated as Frontier, so wildlife encounters happen. At PLAYA there can be encounters with, or evidence of, snakes including rattlesnakes, deer, cougars, bobcats, coyotes, wolves, badgers and bears, not to mention the Trumpeter swans, Canada geese, and waterfowl that utilize the pond.

Although alongside a state highway, PLAYA is notable for its isolation. Few people live in this part of the country, which makes it quiet and peaceful, but also difficult to find the services and items you may be accustomed to. Expect to be self-reliant, and plan on bringing any special supplies you may need

Lake County has a population of 8,293 and covers 8,358 square miles. The closest full service grocery store in Lakeview (a small Safeway) is one hour south of PLAYA. In the town of Summer Lake, twelve miles from PLAYA, there is a gas station, convenience market, and the Summer Lake Lodge (restaurant and motel). The town of Paisley (pop. 255) has another small mercantile market, gas station and mechanic, the Pioneer Saloon, and a K-12 school.

Cell reception is limited at PLAYA and around Lake County. At PLAYA, AT&T and T-Mobile work well; Verizon does not. Internet is provided via satellite and only in the Commons. It can sometimes be slow and is dependent on the weather. **Cabins and studios do not have internet.**

PLAYA is officially designated as an "organized camp," not a lodge or hotel. We encourage a spirit of self-empowerment and community problem solving amongst the residents. As we have a small staff, we ask you to practice leaving a small footprint on this place; when checking out, please put your space, and community spaces, back to the way you found them.

PLAYA is in a fire-prone landscape. Please help us take care of the facility by abiding by our smoke-free policy.

Please come prepared per our suggested supply list below, drink plenty of water while here, wear sturdy shoes, drive slowly, and pay attention to the changing conditions that surround us.

WILDLIFE, HIKING SAFETY, AND BUGS

Be aware of ticks when walking in the grass and perform tick checks when you return. Tiny flies can enter through window screens, are attracted to light and perish quickly. If you find them in your cabin, keep a light on in a different room and vacuum them up in the morning. Please keep your ears uncovered and eyes peeled when on private and public lands. Optional supplies you may need for animal encounters include bear spray, walking stick, bug spray, and a satellite communicator.

*** When going on excursions alone off campus, write on the whiteboard in the Commons where you are going and at what time.**

WHAT TO BRING + WHAT PLAYA PROVIDES

PLAYA Provides:

- Drinking water
- Comfortable furnishings
- Linens, blankets, towels, washcloths, and pillows
- Kitchen equipment: sink, microwaves, toasters, tea kettle, coffee pot, refrigerators, range, pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, and knives. Most cabins have full kitchens while **Wildcat Cabin** and **Diablo Cabin** have kitchenettes with small refrigerators and countertop ovens and hotplates. **Cabin 9** has a dorm-style fridge. For those cabins, there are overflow fridge and freezer spaces in the Commons.
- Drip-style coffee pots and paper filters
- Access to washing machine and dryer
- Domestic supplies: dish soap, hand soap, and toilet paper
- All natural, biodegradable laundry detergent
- Regular mail delivery and pick up (USPS, UPS & FedEx)
- Phone for US calls (please keep these short as this is also our only business line)
- Clean and well-lit art studios and workspaces (if assigned/booked)
- 2 Projectors (one can be checked out by residents for studio use; large pull-down screens are located in the Commons and loft area for group presentations or movie nights)
- Some meals as listed for Awarded Residencies and Workshops/Experiences only. No meals are included for Self-Directed Residencies.

- A safe, peaceful, and quiet working and living environment
- A beautiful landscape and immediate access to nature
- 1 baby grand piano
- 1 player piano

What You Should Bring:

- Food
- Any specialty kitchen supplies you may need. When in doubt, bring it.
- Personal toiletries: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.
- Good hand and body lotion as well as lip balm for our dry climate
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable, casual clothing that can be layered
- Warm jacket, sweaters, long pants, warm hat, scarf, and gloves
- Swimsuit, for use at the Summer Lake Hot Springs, Chewaucan River, or Ana Reservoir
- Water bottle
- Good walking shoes or boots
- Muck-proof shoes for venturing onto the playa; we do have several pairs you can borrow
- Snow boots if you are coming between Nov-March
- Good studio shoes or slippers for concrete floors
- Flashlight/headlamp for night walks (and extra batteries)
- Earplugs if the occasional windstorm, lawn mower, or snow plow could wake you up.
- Backpack for hikes
- If you bring your bicycle, also bring extra tubes and repair tools
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Music and means to play it (limited CD players available)
- Credit/debit card

- AT&T or T-Mobile hotspot if you need reliable access to internet in your cabin or studio
- Specialized professional equipment
- Computer, printer, and paper
- Writing materials and office supplies
- Stationery and postage stamps
- Art materials and supplies, tools, special paper, and inks
- Sheet music if you like to play the piano

Please Do Not Bring

- Firearms
- Pets
- Incense, candles, or matches
- Incendiary devices
- Cigarettes or other materials for smoking
- Vaping devices

MAIL AND SHIPPING

Supplies may be shipped in advance of your arrival, and family, friends, and other correspondents may write to residents. Please use this address for all packages and letters:

(Your Name)
c/o PLAYA
47531 Highway 31
Summer Lake, OR 97640

You may also see the street address written as **47531 OR-31**; both are correct.

Mail sent without your name and "c/o PLAYA" will take longer to get to you. When sending large packages we recommend using UPS. FEDEX and USPS can be slow. UPS will also pick-up packages from PLAYA with appropriate labels. Please be considerate of staff by packing your materials in boxes of a manageable size and weight.

Do not formally forward your address with USPS. You will not be able to cancel the forward as PLAYA is a business.

GETTING TO PLAYA

Transportation

PLAYA's address is: 47531 Highway 31, Summer Lake, OR 97640. PLAYA is located on Highway 31 between mile markers 81 and 82, 12 miles south of the Summer Lake Post Office. Some online maps or GPS devices may lead you astray. Link to map: [📍 PLAYA Summer Lake](#)

If your stay is scheduled during the cold months (November through March), be sure your vehicle is equipped with snow tires and carry chains. [Tripcheck](#) is an excellent resource for determining weather and road conditions in Oregon.

If you are flying, the nearest airport is Bend/Redmond (RDM), 2.5 hours from PLAYA by car. You will find rental car agencies at the airport. In addition, there are two shuttle services that will transport residents to PLAYA from the airport:

- Enviro Shuttle (541-598-5384, www.enviroshuttle.net). \$175 (one way), a cost you can share with anyone else in that shuttle. They will stop at a grocery store on your way down if you ask them to.
- VIP Taxi (541-233-8447, viptaxico.com). \$200 to fill 5 seats (one-way).

Other options:

- Central Oregon Breeze: A bus service from Portland to Bend (cobreeze.com).
- The closest Amtrak train station is in Chemult, a small town on Highway 97 between Bend and Klamath Falls, Oregon. Amtrak connects to Bend via its Thruway bus service. From there, one of the above shuttle services can bring you to PLAYA.

Arrival + Check out

Arrival is from 1:00 - 4:00pm on the first day of your stay. Please follow the signs to the office (located in the Commons, the largest building on the campus) to check in when you arrive. A staff person will be in the office until 4:00 pm to greet you, orient you to the campus and goings on, and help you find your cabin.

If there are extenuating circumstances which will cause a late arrival, please inform us as soon as possible by calling or texting the emergency number included in your welcome email.

If driving, please stay on gravel driving paths and park in designated areas only as outlined in the map on the last page of this handbook. We will have handcarts placed in the parking areas to help you transport your belongings to your cabin.

Check out is by 11:00 am on the last day of your stay.

HEALTH CARE + EMERGENCY INFORMATION

A landline is located by the whiteboard in the Commons should your cell phone be out of service. Please see emergency protocol information posted below. This is also posted around the site in every space.

If you have a severe allergy, please bring a couple EpiPens with you and/or any other medications that you may need. PLAYA does *not* supply EpiPens or medications. PLAYA has first aid kits in every space and a thorough emergency plan.

Ice can be found in the freezer in the Common's prep kitchen.

PLAYA Emergency Protocol

PLAYA Address: 47531 Highway 31, Summer Lake, OR 97640

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MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

1. Call 911

- a. Tell dispatch you require AirLink to PLAYA (address above). IF YOU ARE ON PLAYA CAMPUS, YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR THE COST OF THE AIRLINK HELICOPTER/PLANE EVACUATION.
- b. The air flight landing zone is by windsock on the meadow in front of cabins 4-5-6.

2. Call PLAYA Emergency Phone at 1-458-329-6412 (don't text)

FIRE EMERGENCY:

1. Call 911

2. Call PLAYA Emergency Phone at 1-458-329-6412 (don't text)

We are serviced by the Summer Lake/Silver Lake Fire, EMS, and Rescue Regional Fire Protection District. Fire emergency equipment is located at the Lodge in Summer Lake (12 mi north) and with the Paisley Volunteer Fire Department in Paisley (18 mi south).

FACILITIES EMERGENCY (ex. gas or major water leak):

1. Call PLAYA Emergency Phone at 1-458-329-6412 (don't text)

EVACUATION PROCEDURE: When you hear the air horn gather in the grass lawn between the Commons and the pond.

BACKUP EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

1. *Only if no one answers PLAYA Emergency Phone*, call Site + Facilities at 1-347-988-7538 (don't text)
 2. *Only if no one answers Site + Facilities Phone*, call Programs at 1-310-980-6376 (don't text)
 3. *Only if no one answers Program Manager phone*, call Executive Director at 1-541-360-9859 (don't text)
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First Aid + Defibrillator Stations:

1. Commons Resident's Lobby
2. Sandhill Studio
3. Laundry Building

Additional First Aid Locations:

1. All art studios and cabins
2. Maintenance Shop
3. Commons Office

Options and contact information for additional medical care:

- Lakeview Hospital (1 hour south): 1-541-947-2114
- Bend Hospital St. Charles (2 hours north): 1-541-382-4321
- Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
- AirMedCare: 1-541-947-6040
- Mental health resources: see Know Before You Go in your cabin handbook

Mental Health Care and Resources

If you are in significant distress, crisis or experiencing an emergency, please call 911 immediately. Additional resources for immediate support can be found below.

Find Help Now:

- 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE. If you or someone you know is struggling or needs support now, 24/7:
 - Call or text 988 (or call 541-322-7500 ext. 9)
 - Chat at 988lifeline.org
- NAMI OREGON HELPLINE. NAMI Oregon offers resource referrals, support groups, classes, and more at no charge for you and your loved ones, M-F, 9 am-5 pm. NAMI Oregon's Helpline is not a crisis line.
 - 800-343-6264 or 503-230-8009
 - namioregon@namior.org
- NAMI HELPLINE (National). NAMI HelpLine is here for you. HelpLine volunteers answer questions, offer support and provide practical next steps, M-F, 7 am-7 pm.
 - 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)
 - helpline@nami.org
 - Text "HelpLine" to 62640
 - Chat at NAMI.org/help
- DRUG AND ALCOHOL HELPLINE. 24/7 help line for individuals and family members seeking crisis intervention, treatment referral, and chemical-dependency information.
 - (800) 923-4357
 - Text: 'RecoveryNow' to 839863 (8:00am-11:00pm daily)
 - linesforlife.org/alcohol-and-drug-helpline
- YOUTHLINE. A teen-to-teen crisis and helpline for youth and teens. Teens available to help daily from 4:00pm-10:00pm (off-hour calls are answered by the crisis line)
 - (877) 968-8491
 - Text: 'teen2teen' to 839863
 - oregonyouthline.org

Mental Health Self Assessments:



This Mental Health Continuum is an easy tool to help with self-checking mental wellness (from Open Minds, Mental Health Commission of Canada)

<https://theworkingmind.ca/mental-health-continuum-self-check/>



Screening self-tests for depression, mental well-being, body image, cannabis use, and alcohol use from HeretoHelp.

<https://www.heretohelp.bc.ca/screening-self-tests>

ILLNESS PROTOCOL

PLAYA will continue to follow the latest science-backed recommendations when considering illness protocols. Please bring a high quality mask in the event that you present respiratory symptoms or if indoor masks become required. We encourage folks to bring rapid COVID tests if you want to test before you congregate with others or if you present symptoms. Please quarantine yourself if you feel unwell during your stay.

POWER OUTAGE

In case of power outage, please use the provided lantern in your cabin. Bringing an extra flashlight or headlamp to PLAYA is always a good idea in case of power outage. Power outages usually last no longer than 3 hours. During an outage, the PLAYA generator should power a few lights, outlets, and water in the Commons building only. In case of emergency and long outages, PLAYA staff or volunteers can turn on the internet.

SECURITY, INSURANCE + LOCK OUTS

There are two entrance gates to PLAYA that will remain unlocked 24 hours. The Commons is unlocked and open for guest use 24/7. The main door to each private

living area has a lock and each resident will be given a key. PLAYA does not carry insurance for residents/guest's personal property. We urge you to have your own coverage if you feel that you need it. Residents are covered by PLAYA's MedFlight insurance in the event you need urgent medical care while on campus and you need an air lift to a hospital. PLAYA has a landing field if air transport is required.

In the event of a **lock-out**, you can find a master key in a lockbox in the key return box by the wood stove in the commons. **Please find the code for this box in your welcome email.**

MEALS, COOKING AND GROCERIES

Food and Drink

You will need to bring all your food with you. Only Awarded Residencies and Workshops/Experiences are provided with some meals (Self-Directed Residencies are not). Please see your welcome email or Workshop/Experience agenda for information about how many meals you could receive during your stay (usually 1/week). Residents prepare all other meals on their own using the food and supplies they bring with them.

Grocery Shopping

Lakeview, Oregon is 62 miles south and has the closest grocery store, a small Safeway. There is a small convenience store with limited grocery items 11 miles north in Summer Lake, as well as a small mercantile market 17 miles south in Paisley. The town of Bend, Oregon, 102 miles from PLAYA, is approximately two hours away by car. If you fly into the Bend/Redmond airport, you will drive through Bend on your way here. In Bend, you can find most of the food and supplies you need to provide for yourself at PLAYA. Residents coming without their own cars or from far away can also ship non-perishable food here ahead of time. Most grocery delivery platforms do not deliver to PLAYA. Overall, we recommend that you plan ahead and bring most of the food you need for your whole stay.

FACILITIES + SITE

The campus is made up of the Commons building (where the only wi-fi on campus can be accessed), 7 cabins, 2 live/work units, 1 home for staff, 5 stand-alone indoor visual art/music/movement studios, 1 outdoor ceramic studio, and 1 outdoor woodworking studio.

The Commons

The Commons is open 24/7 for everyone's use. Please be sure all doors are closed and that you turn off any lights you turn on. There are two pianos, a Movement Studio, laundry room, kitchen (only available for use by Awarded Residents and PLAYA staff), library, a couple of gathering spaces, and a projection screen. PLAYA staff keeps shared spaces clean and maintained. However, we expect residents to tidy up after they use public spaces.

Accommodations

We make every attempt to provide living quarters and workspaces that are suitable for your needs. Please note that PLAYA's private living quarters and studios are unique and variable, assigned with the intent to balance the needs of the residents with available space. Switching spaces is rarely possible, so please let us know of any special needs when you fill out your acceptance form or book your stay.

Living Quarters, Cleaning and Laundry

Each resident cabin includes a kitchen or kitchenette and living area. Every space is different, and most cabins (except the Garden House) include dedicated writing or art space.

Your self-sufficiency at PLAYA includes looking after and keeping your living quarters, work or studio space, and linens clean during your stay. Cleaning supplies, including a vacuum, are available for you in your cabin, and washing machines and laundry soap are available in the Commons and the south laundry room building. Take note of where furniture is situated in your cabin upon your arrival; if you move any furniture we request that you place it back at the end of your stay. Upon departure please follow the check-out sheet instructions. Residents are expected to clean their accommodations and workspaces before they depart.

PLAYA staff does not clean private living quarters when residencies are in session.

Studio Workspaces

PLAYA has studios to accommodate printmaking, dance, music composition, visual and video arts, and certain areas of scientific research – and must be booked ahead of time to use them.

Studios are equipped with worktables, chairs, stools, a utility sink, cabinets, shelving, and track lighting. Blinds allow individuals to control the amount of outside light. Several walls in each studio are covered in fiberboard; nails, staples,

etc., and metal stripping for use with magnets, may be used to hang work-in-progress on these surfaces.

Standard, stocked items for each studio are cloth rags, stepladder, easel, disposal bins and individual toolkits including basic tools (hammer, tape measure, box cutter, level, nails/brads, pushpins, ruler, pliers/wirecutter, scissors, screw driver).

Heavy-duty extension cords are available on request. A few easels and additional worktables are also available upon request. Upon arrival, PLAYA staff will orient each artist on proper hazardous waste disposal.

Residents are urged to bring an adequate stock of materials and supplies for their session. If you need a specific tool or piece of equipment on a continual basis, please bring your own. If ordering supplies to PLAYA, UPS delivers promptly.

For the list of studios, plus details about what *additional* supplies and equipment each space has, please review the list below:

- **Wildcat Studio:** ADA multi-purpose visual art studio
- **Diablo Studio:** multi-purpose visual art studio
- **Avocet Studio:** multi-purpose visual art studio
- **Petroglyph Studio:** multi-purpose visual art studio
- **Sandhill Studio:** printmaking, book arts, and visual arts
 - 2 manual etching presses (small, medium, large): Takach tabletop 29 $\frac{7}{8}$ " W X 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ " L; large floor Flywheel bed size 32" W X 72" L
 - 1 roller
 - Blankets/felts
 - A book press
 - Cooking Oil
 - Hairdryer
 - Hot Plate
 - 4 printing boards
 - Large tubs for soaking
- **Outdoor Loafing Shed:** woodworking (only available at certain times of year)
- **Outdoor Ceramic Studio** (only available at certain times of year)
 - 1 kick-wheel

- 1 electric kiln with manual controls (Duncan – not to go over Cone 06)
- Canvas for handbuilding and manual rolling
- A few boards for drying
- Shelving

- **Movement Studio** (located in the Commons)
 - Mirror
 - Ballet bar
 - Exercise mat
 - Upright piano

- **Moonglade Music Studio:** music or writing
 - 1 keyboard stand
 - 1 keyboard 61 key ([M-Audio Keystation 61 II | 61-Key USB MIDI Keyboard Controller with Pitch-Bend & Modulation Wheels](#))
 - 1 mic stand
 - 2 Rokit-6 speakers with stands
 - RCA or 1/4" adapter
 - Various adapters for Rokit speakers
 - Baby Grand – available on a schedule (in the Commons Loft)
 - Upright piano – available on a schedule (in the Commons Movement Studio)

To see the dimensions of the space please reference [Studio Specs PDF](#)

Writers' Work Spaces

All cabins except for Garden House have a desk and an office chair. Standard stocked desk items are: a stapler, push-pins, paper clips, a bulletin board, and a small bookcase. Writers are responsible for bringing their own writing tools, materials, and equipment, such as legal pads, laptops, printers, and plenty of paper.

Studio Community Agreements + Check Out

Each studio has individual check out clean up instructions. Before using any art studio, please review the Studio Community Agreements. These agreements and the individual clean-up instructions are posted in each space. See agreements below:

- Communicate. Let us know if you are using anything flammable like chemicals, tools, solvents, etc. Also please let us know if anything is broken or needs replacing.
- Tread lightly. Use the passive filter behind Sandhill Studio to discard any paint or chemicals that would otherwise disrupt the biology of our septic system.
- Leave it as you found it. Please clean up your studio before you leave PLAYA. Please review the clean up checklist posted in your studio.

Hardware/Software

Residents using electronic media to view, generate and print work need to bring their own hardware and software. Cabins do not have internet.

Land Art

Anyone who wishes to create an ephemeral outdoor sculpture or installation on PLAYA's property must first get it approved by PLAYA's Executive Director or Program Manager by emailing details of the project. Land art must be made from natural materials, be ephemeral, not interfere with the view shed of PLAYA or our neighbors, or impact the environment itself. Please note that PLAYA does not maintain outdoor work.

Please respect BLM's, and BLM's Wilderness Study Area's, rules by following the [seven principles of Leave No Trace](#) when designing outdoor art on public land (which includes the playa itself).

Living Quarters, Studio, and Workspace Maintenance

Please keep your living quarters, work or studio space, and linens clean during your stay. Cleaning supplies, including a vacuum, are available for you in your cabin. Washing machines and laundry soap are available in the Commons and the south laundry room. Take note of where furniture is upon your arrival; if you move any furniture we request that you place it back at the end of your stay. Upon departure please clean and vacate studios, private living spaces, and property by noon of your departure day. We will give you a checklist to help guide you through departure. PLAYA is officially designated as an "organized camp," not a lodge or hotel. We

encourage a spirit of self-empowerment and community problem solving amongst the residents. As we have a small staff, we ask you to practice leaving a small footprint on this place; when checking out, please put your space, and community spaces, back to the way you found them.

Facilities and Grounds Maintenance

PLAYA makes every effort to maintain its facilities at all times. Due to its physical setting, ongoing routine maintenance is required to keep ahead of the climatic impact. Spring through fall, we will be watering, planting, and mowing the grounds. Fall or spring means window washing and sometimes planting and mowing the grounds. Winter promises snow removal machinery on the roads and parking lots. Staff will try to accommodate special work times if requested, but it is not always possible to accommodate this.

Trash & Recycling

The green trash dumpster is located south of the shop. If there is wire keeping the dumpster closed, put the wire back as you found it. Recycling is located in the breezeway between Diablo and Wildcat cabins. The recycling closet door is labeled.

Compost

Depending on time of year and current garden projects, we may have compost available. Please ask staff about this when on campus. If we are accepting compost, please dump it daily or keep it in your freezer until you are ready to dump it. Do not keep food scraps on your counter overnight as it will attract critters.

Internet Access

PLAYA's internet is via satellite and is limited to the Commons only. Please limit heavy downloads so as not to slow down staff access to the internet during business hours. If you rely on heavy internet use to do your work, or want internet in your cabin, we highly recommend you bring your own hotspot. The network and password for PLAYA's internet are written on the whiteboard in the Commons. AT&T and T-mobile work well out here.

Phone

Cellular reception can be sporadic and unreliable at PLAYA. Cell phone reception varies from carrier to carrier. AT&T and T-Mobile work well on campus. Folks can get reception with Verizon out on the playa. Good cell phone coverage is available 10 miles south or north of PLAYA. The landline in the Commons is available to residents

with free, unlimited long-distance calling within the U.S. Please limit the length and frequency of these calls as this is also our only business line.

Heat & Cooling

Each cabin has a different heating system. All cabins have supplemental fans and air purifiers that may be stored in the closet. Please see signs hanging in cabins, studios, and Commons for instructions for how to use your AC or heater, or stove.

Septic

PLAYA's septic system is very sensitive. Please do not flush sanitary products other than toilet paper or harmful chemicals down the toilet. **DO NOT FLUSH "FLUSHABLE" WIPES.**

Parking + Campus Driving Paths

To avoid septic systems and irrigation systems, please park in designated areas only as outlined in the campus map and stay on gravel paths.

Maintenance Requests

If you have a maintenance issue that needs attention for either your cabin or work space, please let the staff know by writing the issue on the whiteboard in the Resident's Lobby. Urgent maintenance issues are situations that may result in structural damage or personal harm and should be immediately reported by calling the PLAYA emergency phone.

LOCAL AREA

Summer Lake Wildlife Area- 12 miles north of PLAYA, this designated wildlife area is situated within the Pacific Flyway and hosts hundreds of migratory birds each year.

Summer Lake Hot Springs- bathhouse and outdoors hot springs 7 miles south of PLAYA open for day use for PLAYA guests. \$10 day use. Closed Saturdays. Must call first. 541-943-3931

Paisley Caves & BLM Wilderness Study Area- 17 miles south of PLAYA- Fossilized human feces found in Paisley caves carbon dated back to over 14,000 years ago. Trail maps are in the Commons.

Petroglyphs- a self-guided hike throughout the area within Picture Rock Pass containing numerous petroglyphs. Hike maps are in the Commons.

Punch Bowl Hike- A self-guided hike starting from PLAYA crossing the highway and leading you to the scooped out section of the ridge behind PLAYA. Hike maps are in the Commons.

Crack in the Ground- an ancient volcanic fissure over 2 miles long and up to 70 feet deep in Christmas Valley. Because it is located in such an arid region, very little filling

has occurred and Crack-in-the-Ground exists today nearly as it did shortly after its formation thousands of years ago. High clearance car recommended.

Fort Rock State Natural Area- An enormous near-circle of towering jagged rock walls. It's an old tuff ring set in what was a shallow sea in prehistoric times. Sandals found in a nearby cave are the oldest ever discovered, dating back around 9,350-10,500 years.

Pioneer Saloon- local saloon in Paisley featuring typical pub food and pizza. Open Wed-Sun. Oldest bar in all of Oregon!

Cowboy Dinner Tree- Unique ranch restaurant in Silver Lake featuring two items, 30 oz. sirloin or whole chicken. Cash only and reservations required. 541-576-2426

Oregon Desert Trail- A 750 mile route through the remote high desert of eastern Oregon.

Oregon Timber Trail- a 670 mile trail through the whole state of Oregon and accessible from PLAYA by car.

Fremont-Winema National Forest- The National Forest just above PLAYA, at the south eastern slope of the Cascade Range buttign up to the Great Basin and the Oregon Outback.

Fremont Point and Picnic Area- Located right on the edge of Winter Rim 55 minutes southeast of Paisley, Oregon, The Fremont Point Day Use Area offers a dramatic, windswept landscape with commanding views. Mesmerizing vistas include Summer Lake, the Great Basin and distant mountain ranges. Perched on a vertical rocky overlook at over 7,000 feet in elevation, this open, sagebrush setting is an ideal place for a scenic picnic or quiet afternoon.

Swimming- Ana Reservoir 12 miles north or map of Chewaucan river swimming holes located in the Commons.

Cash

The town of Paisley (population 205, located 17 miles south of PLAYA) has an ATM machine inside the Paisley Mercantile. You may use a credit or debit card with local merchants in Paisley, Summer Lake, and Lakeview. PLAYA does not provide check-cashing services and does not keep cash on hand.

Gas + Auto Service

There are gas stations in Summer Lake and in Paisley. Paisley's gas station is also a service station: Paisley Auto and Tow (541-943-3124). AAA service is available but can take a few hours to arrive.

Paisley Auto and Tow, 433 HWY 31, Paisley OR - 541- 407-0773

North Lake Towing & Service, AAA provider, Christmas Valley- 541-771-6645

Exercise

Miles of trails and Forest Service roads offer varied views of the Summer Lake valley and are appropriate for walking, hiking, and mountain biking. PLAYA's pond is swimmable during warmer months if you don't mind swimming amongst aquatic plants. Other swimming spots are accessible about 15-minutes from campus. Winter residents can enjoy snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. PLAYA provides canoes and paddles for use on the pond. Residents must bring all other outdoor gear. There are no snow gear rental stores in the immediate area.

Food, Supplies, and Community

The closest full service grocery store, a Safeway, is in Lakeview (pop. 2,458) one hour south of PLAYA. Lakeview also has a hardware store, movie theater, and other stores. In the town of Summer Lake (pop. 500), twelve miles north of PLAYA, there is a gas station, post office, convenience market, ODFW Wildlife Refuge, and the Summer Lake Lodge (restaurant and motel). The town of Paisley (pop. 255) is 17 miles south of PLAYA and has another small mercantile market, gas station, post office, the Pioneer Saloon, Sage Rooms Motel, Summer Lake Hot Springs, and a K-12 school.

POLICIES

Respect and Quiet

Residents must uphold general standards of decorum and decency to insure a positive experience for themselves and each other. Residents are not allowed to visit one another's studios or living quarters without an invitation. Music must be played at a considerate level. Quiet hours are observed from 10 pm to 7 am.

Zero Tolerance

To ensure that everyone can enjoy a peaceful and productive residency, PLAYA has a zero-tolerance policy on activity that violates general standards of decorum and decency. The use of illegal drugs or the abuse of alcohol is prohibited. Firearms, fireworks, or any other explosive materials are not permitted on PLAYA property. **Unwanted sexual overtures, disruptive, racist or disrespectful behavior towards either guests or staff may lead to the immediate termination of your residency.**

Pets

PLAYA is unable to accommodate residents' pets. If you require a service animal, please disclose this information in your application or purchase form. We may not be able to accommodate every request.

Smoking, Candles, Incense

PLAYA is a smoke-free campus. PLAYA's buildings are also smoke and scent free. Wildfires occur in the area often, so we strictly prohibit burning candles, incense, or other materials in cabins or around the grounds.

Fire

ALL cabins, studios and common spaces have fire extinguishers. If a fire occurs, use your fire extinguisher and let staff know (see posted emergency protocol information in your cabin/studio).

Wildfire danger is very real at PLAYA. You will be told about the safe use of the fire pit outside the Commons and the outdoor BBQ grill. Please don't leave either unattended. Campfires are not permitted anywhere on the property.

Visitors

PLAYA amenities and facilities are intended for residents and are not to be extended to family members, friends, or other guests without prior permission from PLAYA staff. Residents may invite guests to visit during daytime hours between 8 am and 5 pm. Visitor requests should be kept to a minimum, and must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Residents' visitors must be accompanied by the resident at all times and are not allowed to stay overnight — no exceptions.

Leaving Campus

If you plan to spend the night off campus, please let a staff person know so we avoid unnecessary concern or search efforts. Spending nights off campus during an Awarded Residency is not permitted unless cleared by PLAYA staff.

Awarded Residency Addendum

This information is only relevant for Awarded Residents (Art/Sci and Themed Awarded Residencies).

ORIENTATION

On the day after your arrival, your cohort will meet in the Commons for group introductions and a campus orientation (1-2 hours). See your welcome email for date and time.

CAMPUS STAY EXPECTATIONS

Accepting an Awarded Residency means making a commitment to arrive on the first day, and remain at PLAYA through the last day, of the residency period. Off-campus day visits to natural history sites and local communities are expected, but extended off-campus stays are not. If your residency's purpose or specific project requires overnight excursions off campus, these must have been described and explained in your application. In general, spending nights off campus during an Awarded Residency is not permitted unless cleared by PLAYA staff.

Additionally, if you applied with a plan to hold a workshop for the community, please arrange this with PLAYA staff who will get you connected with local schools or other groups. Please stay in communication with PLAYA staff so we can support you!

GUEST POLICY

In order to preserve the integrity of this residency award and out of respect for those who applied, PLAYA cannot accommodate partners, children, overnight guests and pets to join the residency. In the case of an accessibility need which requires a caretaker, please contact programs@playasummerlake.com.

GROUP MEALS

PLAYA will provide 1-2 dinners depending on the length of the residency

FUNDING RESOURCES

If you are looking for funding and resources to cover costs associated with an Awarded Residency at PLAYA please check out this link as a first step:

<https://artistcommunities.org/funding-fees-fellowships>

Oregon artists can apply for the Career Opportunity Grant through the Oregon Arts Commission to cover residency cost:

<https://www.oregon.gov/biz/aboutus/artscommission/Pages/default.aspx>

