

FRANCONIA sculpture park

Living at Franconia Sculpture Park



Franconia Sculpture Park offers onsite room and board to the artists* and interns working full-time at Franconia. Our creative community is fostered through the interaction of artists in all stages of their careers in a communal working and living environment.

**Fellowship artists pay \$15 per day (\$105 per week) to stay at Franconia Sculpture Park, which should be included in the budget proposal.*

HOUSE

A farmhouse on the park grounds houses the residents (with the exclusion to the Hot Metal Artists and Interns, who camp on site.) It is a communal living environment and all residents are expected to be respectful of shared and personal spaces. Intern Artists will share a room with one or more roommates, and depending on the number of residents at any given time, Fellowship Artists will have private bedrooms.

Accommodation Features:

- 9 bedroom (16 beds), 2.5 bathroom farmhouse
 - Single and double occupancy furnished bedrooms (most beds are twin size)
 - Linens and towels are provided, but you may wish to bring your own
 - Washer, dryer, clothesline
- 2 kitchens and communal dining room
 - Coffee maker, hot water kettle
 - Two ovens and stove ranges
 - Toaster
 - Crockpots
 - Dishes, cutlery, cooking tools
- Outdoor dining area, gardens, fire pit

MEALS

Franconia staff grocery shop weekly for standard cooking items (milk, bread cheese, produce, coffee, sugar, flour, etc.). Seasonal produce is available in the park's gardens and through our CSA partnerships. Every resident is responsible for preparing their own breakfast and lunch, as well as cleaning up after themselves. Cooking and cleaning for evening meals are done in pairs, according to a schedule prepared by Franconia staff, and the meal is served family-style. Typical meals include pasta and salad, stir-fry with rice, chili and cornbread, etc. **Special dietary needs will be accommodated for.** Please note, Franconia provides the staples in accordance to your special dietary needs. If you are in need of luxury food items you will need to provide them.

CHORES

The house is also the location of the office, and is therefore open to the public from 9a-5p everyday of the week. As a result, it is expected that the main level of the house stay clean and presentable. Each morning artists (including the Hot Iron team) complete assigned chore tasks to ensure cleanliness as assigned by the Program Assistant. Every Sunday, resident artists also complete a deep house clean. To offset the cost of produce, Franconia plants a thriving garden each year. This is to be maintained by the residents, and is included in the daily chores. Food waste is also composted to help nurture the soil.

PHONE AND INTERNET

Franconia is located in a rural area and cell phone reception can be spotty.

The house is equipped with WiFi, which is available to all residents. Internet speeds can be slow and spotty due to limited bandwidth in the rural area. All residents are asked to limit downloading/uploading large files from the hours 9a-5p, Monday through Friday to accommodate office hours.

MAIL

Artists in residence should at no point check the Franconia Sculpture Park mailbox. Staff will do this daily, and will distribute mail accordingly.

To have mail sent to you via USPS or packages shipped via UPS, FedEx, etc.:

[Your Name]
c/o Franconia Sculpture Park
29836 St. Croix Trail
Shafer, MN 55074
USA

GUESTS

Franconia Sculpture Park recognizes that artists may wish to have family, friends and/or partners visit while in residency. Visitors are permitted on a case-by-case basis, with the understanding that park programs and work must continue as normal while guests are here. Artists in residence must get approval from the Program Director prior to solidifying travel plans.

Guests are allowed with the following expectations:

- Guests are the responsibility of the artist they are visiting. They are expected to clean up after themselves, be respectful to the staff, property, and public, and to conduct themselves in the same family-friendly, legal, manner as Franconia Artists. Guests can be asked to leave at anytime if they are causing a disturbance in the park/house.
- Guests will be charged \$15 per night staying at Franconia. If guests are just here for the day (no overnight stay), and eat any meals, they will be charged \$10. Volunteer hours and/or service to the park will not be accepted as a substitute for payment.

ARTISTS WITH FAMILIES

Too often, artistic opportunities are inaccessible to artists who are parents or have families they'd wish to be with. Partners and children are welcome to visit and/or live with selected artists during their residency with prior approval and space permitting. Please contact Franconia Sculpture Park Staff with any questions regarding family stays prior to application.

WHAT TO BRING: CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Franconia is located in the northern Midwest, and east central area of Minnesota. We experience a range of temperatures throughout the year, so be prepared for a variety of weather conditions. Bring seasonally appropriate clothing that you can layer. Keep in mind that **you will be spending the majority of your time outdoors. The outdoor work area is not shaded.**

For Work	After Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short and long-sleeve t-shirts • Jeans/Carhartts (NON-SYNTHETIC!) • Steel-toe/Leather work boots • Work jacket, sweatshirt, and/or flannel (non-synthetic) • Hat or bandana • Sunscreen • Work Gloves (3 pair recommended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pajamas/Sleepwear • Swimsuit • Comfortable shoes, sandals • Seasonally appropriate clothing • Wig/costume/mask/dress (for the occasional dance party...)

Important Items	Optional Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medications, Epi-pens (There are local clinics and pharmacies, but it's easier to come prepared) • Images of your work in digital format for artist talk presentation • Laptop • Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, lotion, etc.) • Weather Gear* (gloves, warm hat, scarf, long underwear, raincoat, warm jacket, rain boots, etc.) <i>*Anytime of year can be rainy and nights can be chilly. Spring and fall can be very cold.</i> • Bugspray (Minnesota is known for dense mosquitoes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipes (you will be cooking) • Travel mug and/or water bottle • Comforter/Sleeping bag (bed linens are provided but you may prefer your own) • Linens/Towels (these are provided, but again...) • Bike • Bluetooth Speakers/Headphones



Minnesota Climate (temperature estimates in Fahrenheit)

MONTH	AVG. LOW	AVG. HIGH	AVG. PRECIP.	RECORD LOW/HIGH
April	37°	58°	2.68" SNOW	-1° / 93°
May	49°	72°	3.37"	16° / 96°
June	59°	79°	4.25"	30° / 99°
July	64°	83°	4.06"	38° / 105°
August	62°	80°	4.29"	34° / 102°
September	52°	72°	3.07"	24° / 98°
October	40°	58°	2.44" SNOW	11° / 90°
November	26°	41°	1.69" SNOW	-18° / 76°



GETTING HERE

Franconia is located in rural Minnesota, in the scenic St. Croix River Valley, just across the river from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.

Please keep in mind that Franconia is located in a rural area, at the intersection of two highways. Almost every place you will want to go (grocery and convenience store, hardware store, etc.) requires a vehicle. The nearest large town is 25 miles away, and the Twin Cities are 50 miles away. If you will not have a vehicle during your residency, you will need to coordinate errands with Franconia staff or other residents with vehicles.

Air, Train, and Bus Travel

The nearest airport, train stations, and bus stations are located in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN), a 50-mile drive from Franconia. Please notify Franconia via email when you have confirmed your arrival date and time. If you are arriving via plane/train/bus in the Twin Cities, Franconia can make pickup arrangements. **You will need to reimburse your driver \$30 for their expense, this is to be paid directly to the driver.**



From Minneapolis/St. Paul, take 35E or 35W north (the two will merge into I-35 outside of the metro area). Take Exit #132 – Hwy 8/Taylor's Falls. Follow Hwy 8 East for 19 miles. Franconia is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highways 8 and 95.

From NYC and places east, take I-90 W to I-94 W toward Minneapolis/St. Paul. From I-94 W, take Hwy 35 N/Exit #1 (the last exit in WI before entering MN) and follow Hwy 35 to Osceola, WI. Go left on Hwy 243 (at the Dairy Queen) and then right on Hwy 95 for 5 miles. Franconia is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highways 8 and 95.