

We are honored that you are about to visit us at BKN.

The small island, Björkö, is situated in the northern part of the Stockholm archipelago, in the municipality of Norrtälje, Sweden. In the area there are several nature trails, national parks, lakes and at the tip of the island you face the unbroken horizon towards the east, the Åland Sea.

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In several languages: <https://www.naturvardsverket.se/Var-natur/Allemansratten/Allemansratten-pa-andra-sprak/>

About national parks and environmental statistics: <https://www.swedishepa.se>

It is important to note during the day that on the premises (in a separate) building there is an operating preschool with 5-10 children. There are some residential and summer homes close by, as well as a Cultural History Society, a Swedish Church, the Medborgarhus (cinema club, stage etc), and a Library bus (once a month).

Links:

Introduction in English, index of costs of living etc bjorkokonstnod.se/en

About BKN bjorkokonstnod.se/en

About the area bjorkokonstnod.se/lankar

BEING AT BKN

Upon your arrival (or the day after) you will be given an introduction to the island, the buildings and other artists in the house. PLEASE let BKN know about your arrival time/date as soon as possible so we can ensure that there is someone in the house to greet you and let you in.

1. **Art supplies** are very limited in Älmsta and Norrtälje so a trip to Stockholm or an Internet purchase may be necessary.
2. **Groceries:** One option is the local ICA, they have the basics. It's about 7km away along the main road towards Norrtälje which is the closest walk-in. For **delivery** (once a week, 100 sek) order online on ica.se. Select ICA Supermarket Vaddö and the option to shop as a guest. You will need an EU bank card to complete your purchase. This branch is located in Älmsta (about a 40 min car/bus ride away).
3. **Other amenities** in Älmsta include: hardware store (limited supply), paper store (limited supply), pharmacy.
4. For alcoholic beverages there is a local **alcohol delivery point**. Search systembolaget.se. Place the order on Tuesday and it will arrive on Friday. The pickup point is ICA Backa 7 km from BKN. Additional point is in Älmsta at Pappersstugan (other days for ordering/delivering. Norrtälje has a walk in store.
5. **Laundry:** There is a washing machine on the premises. Items can be dried on the radiators in your room or on the rack outside.
6. BKN provides 1 set of bed **linen and towels**
7. You will have a private **bathroom** however, in some cases it may be shared.
8. There is a **shower** upstairs in the main building. There is a basket mounted on the wall where you can leave your products.
9. **Kitchen/common spaces:** You will be given shelves in the refrigerator and freezer, see studio no. The cupboards will also be marked with your studio no.

Please keep to your own shelves. There is no cleaning staff so each artist is a responsible participant.

We don't do a rotation/schedule, just help out and do your share for all common spaces.

10. **Bins/Recycling:** There is a compost sitting on top of the sink. The bins are sorted separately between plastic, glass, metal and cardboard. Please take turns carrying out the brown bag at night and put in grey bin roadside.
11. We have **bikes** so please feel free to use them. If you are handy with tinkering you are more than welcome to take up the Bike Kitchen movement and fix up a spare.
12. To borrow the camera, lights, audio or power tools please book studio 28. The **resources** available are; projectors s8, 16 mm and 4k, basic green screen, the color printer, laminator and scanner.
There is a wood workshop with some basic tools.
If you would like to do a workshop/artist talk/open studio/exhibition please contact curator@bjorkokonstnod.se as early as possible in order to secure what you need.
For darkroom contact Patricio Salinas at fotokurs@bjorkokonstnod.se.
The islanders are very helpful - scrap wood, tools etc. can often be provided if we don't have it at BKN. For this contact your local liaison, make sure to do this well in advance as it might take a few days to find what you need
13. We practice **Thinking Together Learning Together** and work to create BKN as a *safe space* where we dare to go out of our comfort zones and expand our practices and make new friendships.

MOST IMPORTANT ENJOY YOUR STAY AT BJÖRKÖ!

GETTING HERE

1. If arriving to Arlanda/Gothenburg; take the bus or train to Stockholm Central Station (the latter is quicker but a bit more expensive). Where you have options for the bus, train or metro. It is advisable to buy the ticket via the internet to save some money on flygbussarna.se, arlандаexpress.se
2. From Stockholm to Björkö Konstnod via public transportation: At the T-Centralen metro station, take the red line (nr 14) in the direction of Mörby Centrum. Get off at Danderyds Sjukhus (hospital)
3. At the Danderyd at street level you find the bus station. Look for the stop F. The bus no. is 676 to Norrtälje.
4. Once you have arrived at Norrtälje bus station look for bus 636 to the Älmsta busstation (bus station).
5. Your final destination is bus stop Björkö-Arholma skola (school) which is 30 seconds after Björkö-Arholma kyrka (church) or a lift/taxi can be arranged upon your own expense. From Älmsta the taxi costs @ 600 sek to BKN.

Take note:

- Public transportation can be viewed on sl.se, however the search for rides is only in Swedish so some prefer the app Moovit.
- Hold your credit card against the green reader as you enter the metro or bus. You can pay with most bank cards on the bus. Travel cards and tickets can also be bought at the nearest Pressbyrå shop (newsagents) pressbyran.se.
- If traveling with big bags you will be required to put your luggage in storage towards the end of the bus. You must open it yourself. It is marked with a suitcase. You can also ask the driver to open the mid-door.
- To make the bus stop press the red button.
- It is essential that you agree with your BKN liaison on your arrival time in order to get a warm introduction and keys.
- The address is BJÖRKÖ KONSTNOD, Simpnavägen 739 SE-764 53 Björkö, Sweden.

ON DEPARTURE

1. Clean your studio, bathroom and kitchen in order that the next artist feels comfortable arriving. This includes walls, floors, shelves, under the bed and other furniture. If there are paint splatters anywhere that should also be removed.
2. Put the bed linen and towels in the laundry machine. Please ask someone to hang it up for you, fold them and put them back in your room.
3. Make an appointment with your liaison and return the key.

Thank you!

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