

# WALKING AS PRACTICE

**Open Call:** open from June 6 to July 15th.

## **Residency periods**

WAP 23: September 4th - October 31st, 2023,WAP EXTENDED: Nov 1-30

Participating Artists >>>

WAP Program >>>

The program is set where the forest meets the sea. Walking as practice is something that has been embedded in our program since the start. The WAP 23 explores walking as practice for artists.



**WALKING AS PRACTICE** is a process-based residency, where we delve into each others' knowledges and things we encounter together on Burch island/Björkö

Interventions weave across different registers of time and site. The focus is on how walking is interlocked in our practices. Fieldworks and seminars are jointly done to locate and entangle structures, narratives and forces. We believe in a safe and friendly attitude as part of the art scene we share.

BKN fosters a peer-based environment: "thinking together, learning together" - a resource and semi public forum to explore and experiment. Jointly, we form a transformative, dynamic space for art that engages with life and nature towards critical and poetic explorations, influenced by the immediate surroundings; the forest, lakes, sea and people living in the rural area.

Program dissemination will be in an online format and a series of open studios/walks as engagement with the local community.

Keywords: walking, asymmetry, entanglement, beyond violence, not-knowing, desire, nature, responsibility, deep listening, close seeing, territory, contested sites

## **Duration of residency**

For WAP 23, we received far more applications than expected. Due to this we decided to allocate studios prioritizing the 1 month duration over two. We have reached out to most artists for September and are about to send out for October. As we hear back from everyone we invite to join, we will send out a generic response letter.

## Disciplines/resources

This call is open for artists with a walking practice as part of the work they produce. Artists who would like to share and explore what "Walking as Practice" can apply. In addition to basecamp studio (indoors & outdoors) a screening room is available (4k projector, media server, speakers) also mini 4k video kit (cam, light, sound equipment).

BKN is located in two former school buildings total area of 600 square meters. Each artist has a private studio and access to shared spaces indoors and outdoors

#### Accommodation

In the private studio. With desks, bookshelf armchair/sofa they all hold a bed. Shared: kitchen (basic equipment) 2 stoves with oven, 2 refrigerators/freezers, toilets, 2 showers

#### Fees and support

BKN provides the artists in the program with studio and accommodation. We are happy to write

#### OVERVIEW

**Program name:** AiR BKN "WALKING AS PRACTICE"/WAP **Organizer:** BKN/Björkö Konstnod (artist run not for profit)

Location: Björkö in Northern Stockholm Archipelago, SwedenDuration: 1 month, 1 or 2 weeksAbout the program: https://resartis.org/open-call/walking-as-practice

About AiR BKN: https://bjorkokonstnod.se/bkn Dates: Sept 4-Oct 31st

The Third Annual Community Walk on the shift of daylight saving time.
In Grisslehamn (Väddö) there are 4 pilgrimage routes crossing in addition to Roslagsleden.

Semi-directed (see resartis link above)AiR BKN Grant: Studio and accommodationArtists responsible for: travel, insurance, food, material etc

letters of support/invitations for each participant to arrange their own additional funding. It might be that we can offer some additional support towards transportation (BKN has a grant application pending). Each artist confirms by responding to email and provide assets for BKN website + 600 sek.

# **Expectations towards the artist**

1-3 video sessions in August. Actively join walks and program Sept & Oct. Be part of the online presentation of the discovery/dissemination of the program (text, video, audio files, photographs, drawings etc), taking place through out the residency. Notes, images etc will generate a presentation of what we have done during Sept-Oct.

## Walking in the area Väddö

We will focus on walks on Björkö but for some sessions we will go to Grisslehamn. Here Roslagsleden (The Trail of Roslagen) and no less than four pilgrim routes meet. On Björkö three are few trails so part of the program is to define some good ones. With this said there are also some historic walks suggested by the local heritage association.

#### Curators

Hallberg and Skånberg have been following each other's practice since 2005. In 2022, they decided to start working together in addition to their separate practices. At BKN they are sharing studio. >>>





BKN — a resource and public forum to explore and experiment.

WALKING AS PRATICE MAP (download)

Walking As Practice Map 1:50 000 from https://kartutskrift.lantmateriet.s

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