

NIMBLE ARTS LAKESIDE STUDIO

Nimble Arts' LakeSide Studio is a custom built circus and movement studio in Southwestern Vermont. It is located on land historic to the Sokoki - Abenaki tribe, midway between the modern day towns of Manchester and Rutland, in an area known for historic marble quarries.

Hand built by the owners, from wood sourced on the property and milled on site, this is a space dedicated to the practice of circus and other movement art forms. Featuring an 18' ceiling with adjustable rigging points, open floor plan, acrobatic mats, and natural light, it is a space designed to support creativity. With a mini-split for heating and cooling, a wood stove and radiant heat floors, a lake alongside and housing nearby, it is designed to support artists at work and at play through all seasons.

Because fostering a deep connection to the natural environment is important to our personal and global health and generative capacity, there are many ways to engage with the outdoors including swimming, kayaking or paddle boarding on the 75 acre lake, x-country skiing and skating in the winter, hiking, biking, and even birdwatching over our backyard marsh.

Circus Features

Aerial rigging: 18' high

Performance floor: 24' x 34'

Wall rigging (vertical dance): 18'

Floor rigging: we have floor plates; please inquire about specific needs

Equipment: aerial fabric, aerial sling/hammock, static & single point trapeze, single point lyra (36"), rope & chinese pole upon request

Other Features

Sound system

Zoned lighting

Fiber Optic Internet

Basic performance lighting by request

Second floor work space

Black or white curtains ideal for photography / videography backgrounds

ALL INCLUSIVE STUDIO RENTAL:

LakeSide Studio is available for groups of 2 to 12 people who want to make their own circus training adventure. Come with friends, teachers bring your students, studio owners bring you staff, or make it a family thing!

- Minimum 2 people (no solo training)
- Lodging (see details below)
- All meals included (basic breakfast and lunch, full dinner)
- Private use of the circus studio
 - 24 hr access
 - quiet hours between 10 pm and 8 am

Basic Rental:

- \$1000 for up to 3 people for 2 nights/3 days (ie Friday to Sunday)
 - First day arrival after 1 pm
 - Final day departure by 4 pm
- \$500 per additional day for first 2-3 people
- additional guests (4-12 guests): \$100 per person per day

Add ons

- Private instruction: \$75/hour
- Photo shoots: see [HERE](#) for details, 10% discount for Studio Rental participants

For those who prefer to lodge offsite, please inquire about studio use rates.

Want to teach a workshop open to the public? Inquire about special rates.

Want to do a longer residency, or create a show? Please reach out.

CREATION RESIDENCIES

This option is for groups and companies who want a private space to develop new works, from individual acts to full length performances. This is generally for folks who (a) carry their own insurance and (b) are looking for longer stays of 5 days or more, and can include 2 to 12 people.

Variations include

- Studio rental only
- Studio rental plus lodging
- Studio rental, plus lodging and meals

For more information please email us at nimblearts@gmail.com with information about the size of your group, the length and dates of your stay, and anything else about your group and we will schedule a call to chat about the details.

LODGING

ONSITE LODGING

Our home has a dining area for 16+, three bathrooms, a large rec room with a ping pong table, and a screened in porch overlooking the lake. Activities include swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, hiking, biking and more.

In house: all bedding & towels are provided

- Dorm room: 6 twin beds and 1 queen located up a spiral staircase in the attic; due to space we suggest small suitcases and backpacks
- Alcove Roomette: a twin bed located midway up the spiral staircase in a private alcove; due to space we suggest small suitcases and backpacks

- Private rooms for 1-2: on the first floor with a queen bed next to a bathroom and on the second floor with a queen bed and a twin mattress, next to a bathroom.

Tenting (seasonal): bring what you need to set up, and share the bathroom in the house

NOTES:

- For those with cat allergies, we have two cats who spend most of their time out-of-doors and are not allowed in the dorm or roomette.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed overnight. Considerations for daytime visitors will be made on a case by case basis. Please inquire if you wish to have your pet with you.
- Contact us for accessibility considerations.

OFF SITE LODGING

Rentals on the lake:

- [Birch View Cottage](#) house next door
- [Wild Loon](#) house next door, pet friendly
- [Sandsend Cottage](#) 5 min walk by private road & trail, or by canoe/kayak, or 2+ miles by car
- [Log cabin](#) 5 min walk by private road, or 10 min by canoe/kayak
- [Small cabin](#) 10 min walk by private road & trail, or by canoe/kayak, 3+ miles by car
- [Waterfront Camper](#) 10 min walk by private road & trail, or by canoe/kayak, 3+ miles by car
- [Large Destination Home](#) 10 min walk by private road & trail, or by canoe/kayak, 3+ miles by car

Other nearby options: Otter Creek Campground (April-November) (802) 293-5041
[Tentrr: Glamping on Danby Pond](#) or [Starry Night](#)
[Aerie Inn](#): 20 min away, [Marbledge Cabins](#): 20 min away
 Rutland, VT chain hotels: 30 min away
 Manchester, VT chain and boutique hotels: 30 min away

GETTING TO THE STUDIO see below for detailed directions - do not trust GPS!

The nearest town is Rutland, VT serviced by Amtrak's [Ethan Allen Express](#) train. Rutland Regional Airport includes daily connections through Boston to NYC and beyond. Greyhound Buses also service the region.

Pick ups are included in workshops, and can be arranged in advance for other visitors.

Car Rental: [Green Mountain Car Rental](#) (airport and train station locations)

Airports: Rutland, VT (25 minutes), Albany, NY (1 ¾ hr), Burlington, VT (2 hr), Manchester, NH (2 ½ hrs), Hartford, CT (2 ¾ hr), Boston, MA (3 hr)

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

HIKING

There are lots of options but here are some favorites, all in the Green Mountain National Forest.

[Little Rock Pond via Appalachian Trail](#): moderate 4.8 mile out and back with a loop around the lake. The end is an easy 2 mile flat stretch, so ideal with kids who might peter out at the end of a hike. There is a spectacular gorge that you cross as you enter the forest and cross the first bridge. Worth a stop to look at the coral colored boulders. The bridge is about 10 min from the house, and the hike is another 10 min scenic drive.. [GMNF trail info](#).

[White Rocks National Recreation Area](#): appx 15 min from the house, just off Rt 140 in Wallingford. There are short and longer options, including checking out the Ice Caves. The longer 3 ish mile option 'straight ahead' from the parking lot offers a medium type hike that finishes with stunning views. There is a much shorter option to the right of the parking lot (perhaps ½ mile round trip) that takes you to some pretty impressive overlooks and is something most mobile humans can do.

[In Dorset](#) (appx 30 min south) there are easy hikes around some abandoned marble quarries at the Owls Head Town Forest

HORSEBACK RIDING

[Chipman Stables](#) or [Mountain View Ranch](#)

RECREATION

In Wallingford (15 min drive) there is a playground, ballfields, basketball court, and tennis courts next to Otter Creek, and gentle hiking trails to [Elfin Lake](#) and Stone Meadow Park. The entrance is right off Route 140.

[Otter Creek Fun Center](#) Indoor and outdoor activities including driving range, bounce house, mini golf, arcade, and ice cream.

[Vermont Marble Trail](#) (driving guide)

[West Rutland Marble Quarry](#) random paths you can wander around an old Marble Quarry, also site to the [Carving Studio and Sculpture Center](#).

DAY TRIPS & THINGS TO SEE (within 30 min)

We love the scenic drive (spring - fall only) on Brooklyn Road that goes from Mount Tabor (South on Rt 7) through the Green Mountain Forest to Londonderry. There is a spectacular

gorge that you come to as you enter the Forest and cross the first bridge, great views, and hiking trails. In Londonderry, check out our friends at [Lasser Ceramics](#).

[Wunderfeet Kids Museum](#)

[Hildene](#), the Lincoln Family Home

[Southern Vermont Arts Center](#)

[Museum of the Creative Process](#)

[Indoor Rock Climbing](#)

GENERAL SERVICES

Wallingford (15 min) has gas stations, convenience stores, and a Dollar General.

Rutland is the 'big city' 25 min away. It has several grocery stores, Walmart, etc. Drive north on Rt 7 and you'll find most of what you need (grocery, pharmacy, etc).

Manchester, also 25 min away, is also a big town with similar options plus more upscale shopping.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Can I bring my dog?

While dogs are welcome on the property, we do not allow them indoors at the house or the studio. Dogs that bark uncontrollably are not welcome and we have a lot of neighborhood and wild animals that cross the property with frequency. Dogs must be on a leash if they are prone to jumping on people, no matter how friendly they are when they do the jumping. We reserve the right to ask that any dog be leashed at any time for any reason.

Do you do photo shoots?

Yes, we do! We have indoor and outdoor opportunities. Check [HERE](#) for all the details.

DIRECTIONS

86 West Shore Drive, Tinmouth, VT (though it might decide it's Danby, VT instead)

Be careful with GPS as it sometimes sends you to the nearby dead end roads that don't actually connect around the lake. Avoid Chipmunk Lane and White Birch Drive (both dead ends). If there is snow / bad weather follow the directions from Wallingford (from the East).

From the East (off Interstate 91 from exit 6)

Take I-91 north to exit 6 then come across Rt 103 through Ludlow to Rt 140 (watch for the turn on Rt 103 in Chester!). When you come into Wallingford stay straight at the stop light and follow

Rt 140. After about appx 5 miles there will be a long downhill with a sharp 25 mph turn at the bottom. Immediately after go straight on East Road when Rt 140 turns off to the right. After about 4 miles you'll see Baker Brook Road on the left (and a very rustic, hard to read sign for Tinmouth Pond). Turn down this and stay to the left onto Tinmouth Pond Road, and after about 1 mile you'll see West Shore Drive on the left. We are around 1/2 mile down, just before it dead ends. Park on the left.

From the East (off Interstate 91 from exit 2 Brattleboro exit)

From I-91 take exit 2 in Brattleboro and follow GPS to take Rt 30. Follow this all the way to Rt 7, just before Manchester. Follow Rt 7 north. After about 10 minutes turn left onto Scottsville Rd and slow down a lot (there is a very, very sharp turn)!!!! Follow Scottsville Rd about 1 mile and there is Y (stay right and don't go on Baker Brook Rd). This becomes Ezra Stone Rd. Go to the top of the hill. At the top of the hill follow left as the road does a 90 degree turn when it gets to the pond - this becomes Tinmouth Pond Rd. Then turn right onto West Shore Dr. We are around 1/2 mile down, just before it dead ends. Park on the left.

From the South, West or North (Burlington) (Albany, NYC, etc)

Follow your GPS to Rt 7 north from Bennington past Manchester, or south from Rutland past Wallingford. About 10 min south of Wallingford or 10 min north of Manchester, turn west onto Scottsville Rd and slow down a lot (there is a very, very sharp turn)!!!! Follow Scottsville Rd about 1 mile and there is Y (stay right and don't go on Baker Brook Rd). This becomes Ezra Stone Rd. Go to the top of the hill. At the top of the hill follow left as the road does a 90 degree turn when it gets to the pond - this becomes Tinmouth Pond Rd. Then turn right onto West Shore Dr. We are around 1/2 mile down, just before it dead ends. Park on the left.