

PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFT

Traveling to Penland

SCHEDULING YOUR TRIP

Below are the main points to be aware of when making your travel plans, but please note that our various sessions have different schedules. For specific times and dates for your session, including check-in and check-out times and important events, see the *2021 Session Schedules* section of the [Penland Student Handbook](#).

Please plan to arrive at Penland between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm on the first Sunday of the session (unless you are a work-study student, in which case see below). Workshops will begin at 5:00 pm in the studio.

If you are coming to Penland the **special May session or summer session 7**, your session ends with Show and Tell at 11:00 am, followed by lunch, on the final day of the workshop. Please plan to depart campus by 2:00 pm that day. If you are coming here for **summer session 1-6**, your session will end with our Scholarship Auction on the final evening of your session. Please plan to depart campus by 10:00 am the following morning.

Are you a work-study student? Your schedule is different. Housing will be available to you after 5:00 pm on the Friday before your workshop begins. Please plan to arrive on Friday evening or Saturday morning in time for your workday, which begins with breakfast at 9:00 am. You will leave campus with all other students, by 2:00 pm on the last day of your session in the **special May session and summer session 7** and by 10:00 am on the day after your session ends for **summer sessions 1-6**.

DRIVING TO PENLAND

If you are driving to Penland, be sure to double check your plans using the [directions on our website](#), as some GPS devices do not give accurate directions to our campus. During the pandemic we have suspended our facilitation of ride sharing among incoming students and we ask that you not travel to Penland in a car with someone from outside your household.

FLYING TO THE AREA

The closest city, and airport, to Penland's campus is Asheville, North Carolina. It is approximately a 1½-hour trip from the Asheville Airport to Penland, so keep this in mind when scheduling your flights. Below are resources to help you plan your trip through Asheville, including shuttle services that offer transportation between the Asheville airport and Penland's campus.

If you are planning to fly and then rent a car for the duration of your session, you might also look into flying in and out of Charlotte, which is about a 2½-hour drive.

Airlines that fly to Asheville

- Allegiant	702-505-8888
- American Airlines	800-433-7300
- Delta Airlines	800-221-1212
- Elite Airways	877-393-2510
- Spirit	801-401-2222
- United	800-864-8331

Shuttle Services

It is your responsibility to make arrangements to get to Penland from the airport. Below are some companies that provide ground transportation out of the Asheville airport. These companies are independent from Penland School of Craft and should be booked in advance.

Note: These are listed in the order we see most often on campus.

- Mitchell County Public Transit 828-688-4715
- Asheville Airport Shuttle 828-231-1053; www.ashevilleairportshuttle.com
- Asheville Area Transportation Services 828-450-1160; www.ashevilleareatransportationservices.com
- Blue Ridge Limo 828-232-4046; www.blueridgelimo.com
- Pegasus Transportation 828-281-4600; www.pegasusairport.net
- GrandyCo Car Service 828-273-3214; www.grandyco.com
- Asheville Airport Connection 828-209-3660; jrcanton@charter.net
- Wally's Asheville Transportation 828-707-5792
- Special Occasions Limousine 828-681-2811; www.specialoccasionslimo.com
- Asheville Premier Transportation 828-407-0221; www.ashevillepermiertransportation.com
- Diamond Executive Car Transportation 828-281-8139
- Marvels Upscale Trans. Service 828-280-1698; www.marvelstransofnc.com
- Silver Lining Services 828-691-1121
- Steven's Transportation 828-606-9020; www.stevenstransportations.com

Rental Cars Available at Asheville Airport*

- Avis Rental Car 800-331-1212 or 828-684-7144
- Budget Car & Truck Rental 800-527-0700 or 828-684-2273
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car 800-261-7331 or 828-684-3607
- Hertz Rent A Car 800-654-3131 or 828-684-6455
- National/Alamo Rental Car 800-227-7368 or 828-684-8572

*Please note that there is no rental car drop-off location near Penland.

Hotels and Motels in the Asheville Area

Airport Area

- Clarion Inn Airport 828-684-1213
- Comfort Inn Airport 828-687-9199
- Econo Lodge Airport 828-684-1200
- Fairfield Inn by Marriott 828-684-1144 or 800-627-7468
- Hampton Inn & Suites 828-687-0806
- Holiday Inn Asheville Airport 828-684-6000
- Quality Inn & Suites Asheville South 828-684-6688

Biltmore Area

- Baymont Inn 828-274-2022
- Courtyard Marriott 828-281-0041
- Grand Bohemian Hotel 828-505-2949
- Clarion Inn Express Biltmore 828-274-0101
- Inn on Biltmore Estate 800-858-4130
- Residence Inn Biltmore 828-281-3361
- Sleep Inn 828-670-7600

Downtown

- Four Points by Sheraton Asheville Downtown 828-253-1851
- Haywood Park Hotel 828-252-2522
- Crowne Plaza 828-254-3211
- Grove Park Inn Resort 828-252-2711