

Blackwater Falls Winter Residency

Since *PLACE* is a major focus of WV Wesleyan’s MFA program, central to its ethos and pedagogical approach, the program meets in summer on our beautiful campus in Buckhannon and gathers in winter at inspiring and beautiful Blackwater Falls, only a 1.5-hour drive from Buckhannon. Blackwater Lodge offers experienced conference hosting, an affordable range of lodging (from lodge rooms with private baths to rustic cabins) and a wide variety of meal options at the Lodge restaurant and area restaurants (as well as the option of preparing one’s own meals if staying in a cabin), attractive and inviting meeting spaces, the artsy nearby towns of Thomas & Davis, and of course natural beauty. Also, Blackwater is beautifully geared toward winter activities & gathering (lots of fireplaces, and skiing/hiking options for free time). Blackwater also offers ADA compliance, wifi connectivity in all lodging spaces, pool and hot tub, and pet-friendly lodging options. We also run a regular van shuttle between cabins, lodge, and area restaurants.

BLACKWATER LODGING DETAILS

- Lodge rooms have one or two beds, WiFi and TV, and a private bath.
- All cabins offer full kitchen; all bed, bath and kitchen linens are provided. All cabins have WiFi and TV.
- Classic Cabins have wood burning fireplace and furnaces. They have one bathroom.
- Deluxe Cabins have gas log fireplaces, two bathrooms, washer dryer combo and dishwasher.

BLACKWATER WINTER RESIDENCY COSTS (current for December 27, 2019-January 5, 2020)

Residency Fee for all students/auditors: \$345 (includes all 8 lunches, opening and closing dinners); students/auditors are responsible for their own breakfasts with the option of purchasing a breakfast bar package (\$119); students/auditors are also responsible for the remaining 7 dinners – cabin occupants may cook meals, and other options include the Lodge and various restaurants with varied pricing in nearby Thomas and Davis; this setup enables us to hold a communal midday meal, with all faculty and students, for a sense of community and for advising meetings, but it also offers a wider range of choices for varied budgets and dietary needs.

Lodging costs to add to the Residency Fee will range from \$303 to \$1431 depending on selection and on cabinmate/roommate availability; students may opt out of lodging, but Residency Fee is required for all students.

Total cost for 9 nights <i>(cost is inclusive of lodging tax; bookings will go through WVWC and will be sales tax exempt, so these are true totals)</i>	CLASSIC (RUSTIC) CABINS w/wood fireplace/furnace and 1 bathroom (no ADA); 2 miles from Lodge where classes will meet	
	Single room	Shared room
1 Bedroom (BR) cabin (one queen) \$1431	1431	716 <i>(shared bed)</i>
2 BR cabin* \$1584 (one queen, one set of twins)	792	396
	DELUXE CABINS, gas fireplace, 2 bathrooms; ADA available; 2 miles from Lodge where classes will meet	
	Single room	Shared room
4 BR cabin \$2424 (two queens, two sets of twins)	606	303
	LODGE (hotel rooms; same building where classes will meet); ADA available, elevator; private bath	
	Single room	Shared room
1 room w/1 or 2 beds* \$1040	1040	520

**Pet-friendly option available for \$20 per night.*

CALCULATING AVERAGE COST FOR A STUDENT w/single room:

345 residency fee
 606 average choice for a single deluxe cabin room
 125 approx for providing one’s own breakfast and going out to dinner at \$15 per meal for 7 meals, so 105 plus 20 or so for breakfast groceries)
\$1076 total

CALCULATING AVERAGE COST FOR A STUDENT w/double (shared) room:

345 residency fee
 303 average choice for a single deluxe cabin room
 125 approx for providing one’s own breakfast and going out to dinner at \$15 per meal for 7 meals, 105 plus 20 or so for breakfast groceries)
\$773 total