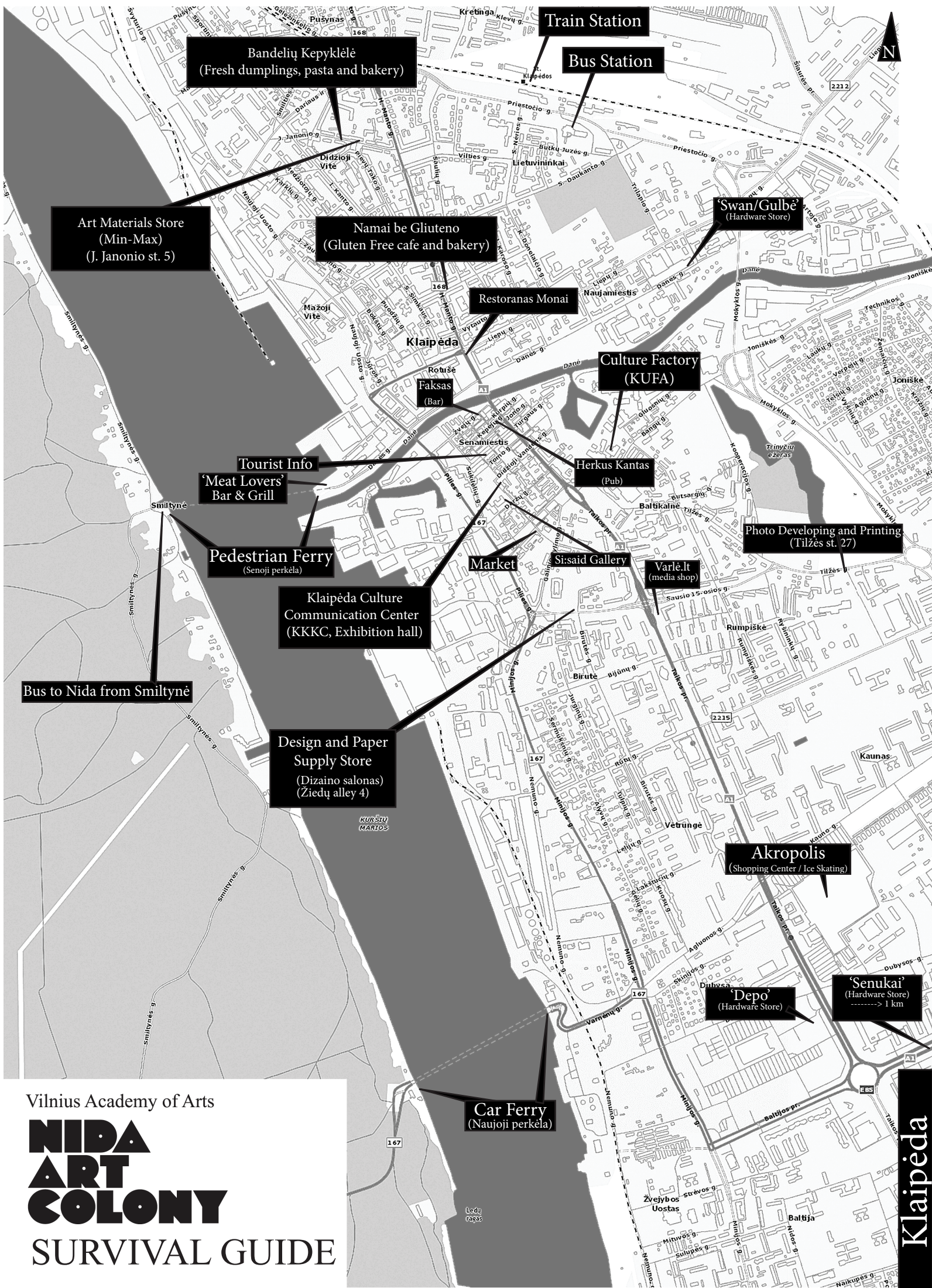




Vilnius Academy of Arts
**NIDA
ART
COLONY**
SURVIVAL GUIDE

Klaipėda

Welcome to

Nida Art Colony of Vilnius Academy of Arts!

We are excited to welcome you here as a Resident. We look forward to working with you to realize your projects and facilitate collaborations! If you have any questions, please speak or write to any one of the staff members and we will be happy to help.

Getting Here: Chances are you have either printed out this guide ahead of time, or you are already on a bus to Klaipėda trying to figure out where to catch the next bus. The Cover of this guide is the map of Klaipėda, the first city you will probably need to navigate. Buses to Nida vary depending on the season, so check the Timetable (on the websites, which are given on the last page of this guide) to make sure at what time the next bus leaves. **The last bus leaves at 9 PM.** Take care not to be stranded!

A Little Bit of History

Nida Art Colony or NAC is a subdivision of the Vilnius Academy of Arts. It is developed under the EEA and Norway Grants support and EU Structural Funds support. NAC was opened in March 2011.

NAC is a uniquely located platform for contemporary art, design and architecture practices, and their research. It fosters innovative processes of artistic production, artistic research, formal and informal art education.

The main forms of NAC activities are international workshops, summer schools, exhibitions, conferences, video screenings and the artistst-in-residence programme. In May, June and September NAC houses summer workshops of the Vilnius Academy of Arts (these workshops constitute a part of the curriculum and are organised by the Academy's departments themselves).

NAC is located on the Curonian Spit, which is a peninsula dividing the Curonian Lagoon and the Baltic Sea. A century ago, the beauty of the Curonian Spit and Nida was acknowledged by artists, mostly painters (among them Brücke artists Max Pechstein and Karl Schmidt-Rotluff) as well as writers, composers, musicians, and actors. They stayed at the hotel of Hermann Blode in Nida. Thomas Mann built a summer house in Nida for his family holidays where they stayed 1930–1932.

More information on NAC at www.nidacolony.lt

Use of Space

NAC is cooperatively run. Everyone is responsible for the cleanliness and respect of space, and for the quiet and comfortable work environment of others at NAC.

Apartment / Studio

The apartments/studios are furnished with basic furniture including a small kitchen. We advise you to keep your studio locked while you are away. You are responsible for emptying your trash following the local recycling standards.

Sheets: We provide bed linen and towels. You can exchange your bedsheets and towels on Mondays.

Guests: You are allowed one guest, as long as you inform NAC staff 2 days prior to their arrival. You will be responsible for a pillow fee – for the use of water and linens. Please refer to the contract for a detailed explanation of our guest policy.

Pets: Pets are allowed, however you are responsible for the safety and peace of the other residents and surroundings.

Access to Equipment: As a resident you have full access to the equipment of NAC, including bicycles.

Losing keys or other equipment of NAC will result in a charge, so please be careful with it!

No smoking. Inside of all NAC buildings we have a non-smoking policy.

Quiet hours are between midnight and 8 AM.

Front desk hours are between 10 AM and 3 PM, Mon-Fri. The staff also live at NAC, however we are not always on duty. If you need something, try to come by during the front desk hours.

Wifi

NAC has several Wifi Networks for your use:

- 1) **nmk2-2** (Residency studios, 1st block)
- 2) **guest** (2nd block)
- 3) **Guests** (3rd block)

The password is: **kolonija**



Sauna

Rabbit hole
(only during summer season)

To the Beach

To the Dunes

Nida Art Colony

Thomas Mann Museum and Cultural Center

History Museum and Library

Etnographic Cemetery and Lutheran Church

Museum of Hermann Blode Hotel
(only during summer season)

Bookshop

Nerija
(restaurant)

Kuršis
(Restaurant)

Swedbank

Bakery

Don Vito
(Restaurant)

Maxima
(Supermarket)

Bus Station

Culture and Tourism Center
(Agila)

ChestNut/Kaštonas
(Bar, only during the summer season)

Police

Smoked Fish Bar
(Tik pas Joną)

Health Clinic

Post

Fisherman's Ethnographic homestead

Faksas
(Pub & Night club, only during the summer season)

Equipment & Facilities

Video: cameras, projectors;

Photo: cameras, lenses, analog photography equipment;

Audio: speakers, mixers, wireless microphones, headphones.

Workshop: laser engraver, various tools for working with wood and metal.

To borrow equipment, please sign it out in the office.

In the **Media Lab** we have 4 computers (Macs and Windows) available for your use. The Epson v500 Photo Scanner can also be found there.

The Library is located on the 1st floor of the 3rd block. In it you will find various periodicals, books and publications on past residents projects. Books are signed out using the sheet on the table in the library. When you return a book, please note it on the sheet.

Printers

There is a Samsung B&W printer available.
120-200 gm paper cost extra 0,05 €

Printing costs

A4 black and white: 0,05 €

The other printer we have is Epson SureColor. It can print up to B1 sheets. The cost is determined by the amount of ink used and paper.

Printing costs

1 ml of inkjet used: 0,73 €

Useful Websites:

Art Materials Store

<http://www.minmax.lt/en>

Design and Paper Supply Store

<http://www.heliopolis.lt/en>

An electronic card index of the NAC library

<http://library.nidacolony.lt>

How to use...

Laundry

There are two washing machines and one dryer.

To use **washing machine** you need to enter the code
1 2 5

There are a number of settings but the ones most frequently used are 'baumwolle' and 'automatic'. Please try to use ecofriendly detergent with both machines. You will have to get washing detergent by yourself or with other residents.

For the **dryer**, there is no code. Just set the machine to the type of clothing, or use cotton. In the summer we usually hang clothing outside. There are racks for that in the Laundry room.

Kitchens

Dishwashers: Both kitchens have two dishwashers. They look just like cupboards. The dishwasher controls are on the inner lip of the dishwasher. The best setting is Auto. We use dishwashing tablets, which are placed on the shelf near the dishwashers in a glass jar.

Stoves: When you use the stoves, make sure you turn on the ventilation by pulling out the ventilation shaft at the top of the stove.

Ovens: We also have two ovens in each kitchen. To use them - press the circular buttons, then the operating system will come out. Turn the right dial to the temperature (in celcius), and the left dial to type of heating (broil, grill etc.)

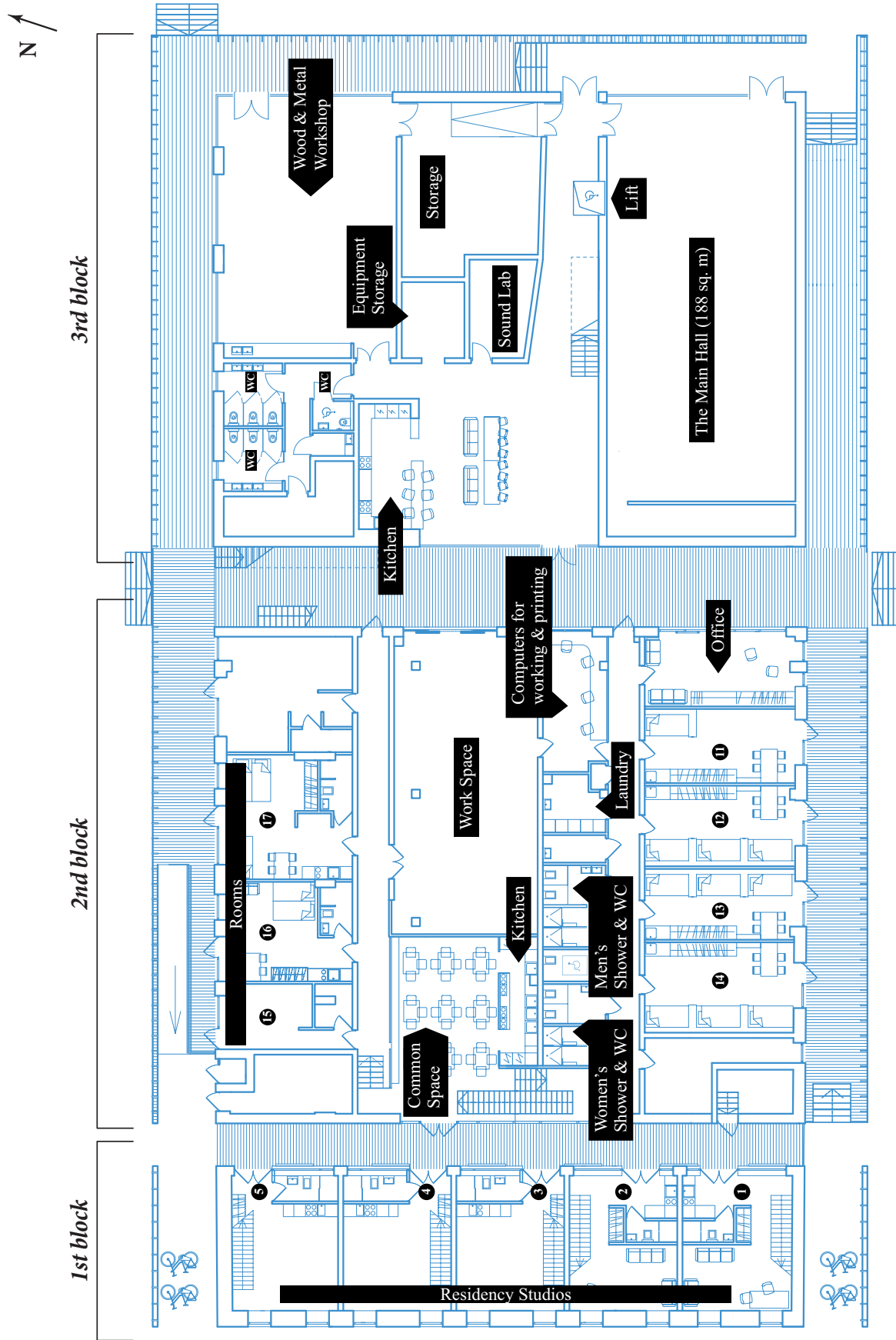
Public Fridges: You may keep food in the public fridge. The food here is not free to use, so remember what you place into the public fridge and try not to eat someone else's!

Free food cabinets and a fridge in the kitchen of 2nd Block: We tend to acquire a bit of extra food from past residents and visitors. Feel free to use the food there.

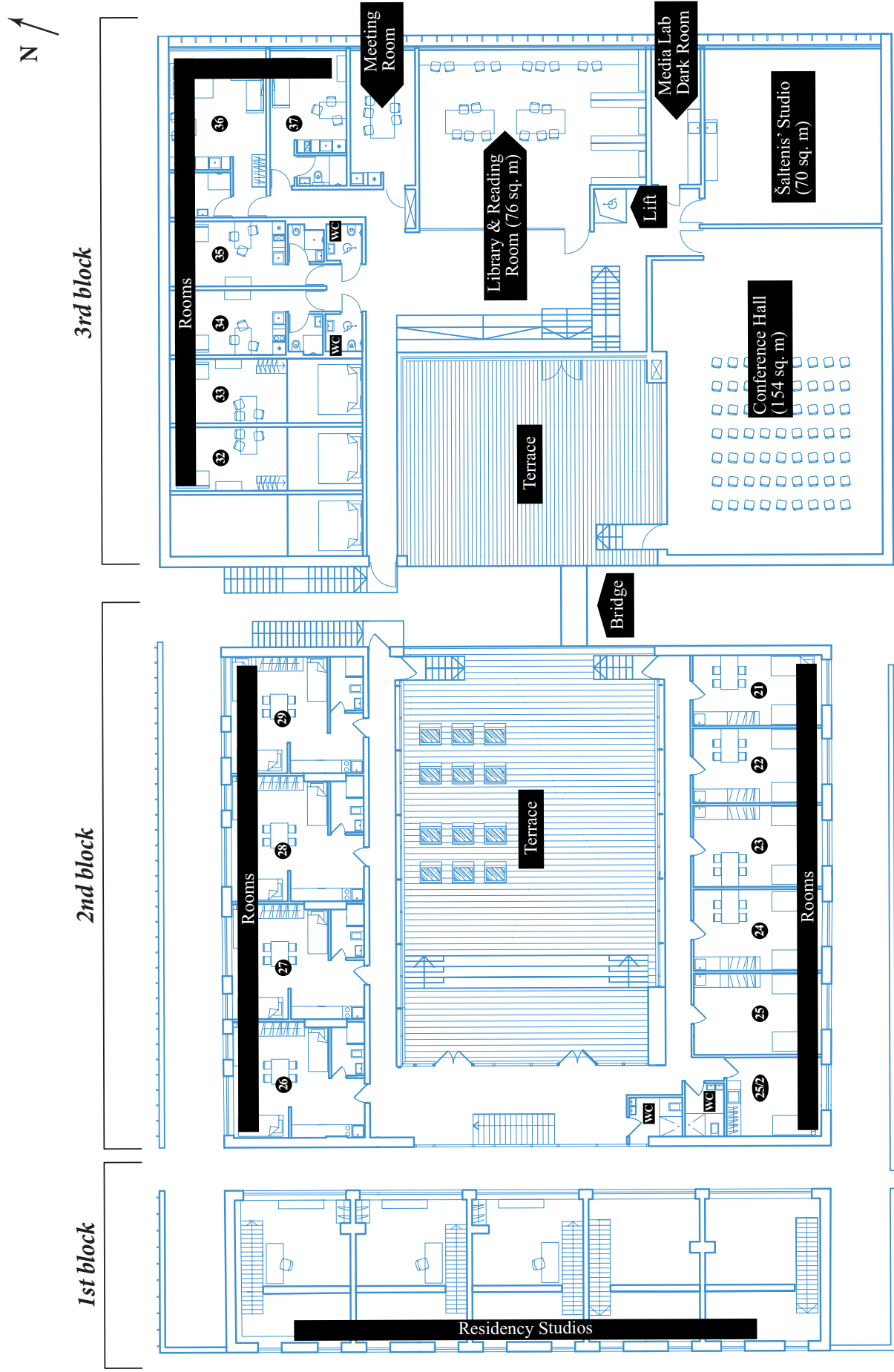
Bikes: You can use any of the white bikes. There are two codes for the locks: 0319 or 1225.

The Baltic Sea

Several useful things to keep in mind while swimming in the Baltic Sea. The Sea might "pull you in" or "pull you under". There are areas of the Sea, that can "pull you along" the coast horizontally. Enjoy swimming, but do it safely.



Ground Floor



First Floor

Contacts

Nida office:

Indrė Liškauskaitė, Artists-in-residency Curator

Takes care of all types of questions connected to the residency, including realization of projects, logistics, documents, presentations, open studios et al.

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Visiting, delivery and mailing address:

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Registration address and main office:

Vilnius Academy of Arts
Maironio str. 6, Vilnius LT-01124,
Lithuania

Using phones:

To make a phone call in Lithuania you need to use the full number, starting with +370, for example: +370 444 55555.

If you see a number that looks like this: 8 444 55555, simply replace the 8 with +370. +370 is the international code for Lithuania.

We recommend to turn off automatic connection to mobile network on your mobile phones. Because of the close location to the Russian border, roaming can switch to a Russian mobile network provider thus generating unexpected costs.

Useful Websites of Timetables:

Buses Nida - Smiltynė - Nida:

<http://www.visitneringa.com/information/getting-to-neringa>

Airport shuttle Palanga - Klaipėda - Palanga

Blue Microbus Nr. 100

<http://m.stops.lt/klaipeda/#bus/100/b-a/9996>

Ferry Klaipėda - Smiltynė - Klaipėda:

<http://www.keltas.lt/en/home>

Train:

<http://www.traukiniobilietas.lt/portal/en>

Buses Klaipėda - Vilnius - Klaipėda:

<http://www.autobusubilietai.lt/index.php?lang=0&c1=start&redirected=1>

Airport Express to Vilnius, Ryga, Kaunas:

<http://www.ollex.lt/en/express>

Taxi:

In Vilnius, Kaunas and Klaipėda use **Bolt Taxi App** or **City Bee shared bikes' and cars' App** or regular Taxi numbers (make sure to negotiate the price in advance for these):

Vilnius: 1450; 1820; 1465; 1420; 1833; 1488

Kaunas: +370 37 733337; +370 37 311111

Klaipėda: +370 46 311211

Nida:

Tuk Tuk: +370 616 32 666

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