

Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is a photo-friendly state park. We have guidelines in place to preserve and protect our environmental resources and wildlife inhabitants.

This policy applies to still photography taken by hand-held cameras or devices and to video recordings, which are permitted only on mobile phones or similarly small recording devices.

Please contact us to request a permit for professional and commercial projects.

Commercial photography, videography and filming requests will be taken on a case-by-case basis and fees associated with commercial shoots will vary. Please contact us to request a Photography Permit Application Form.

The Park reserves the right to prohibit photography in any area at any time. Failure to adhere to guidelines or staff direction may result in termination of the photography session.



Handheld cameras and camera phones are welcome in all public outdoor spaces, as well as inside our Visitor Center during normal operating hours.

Cameras must be self-contained and may not draw on Park power sources.

For safety and security reasons, drones are not permitted at anytime within, over or at the Park, including both Gardens and Beach side.

Please be thoughtful of your photography or video activities and respect the needs and privacy of other visitors.

Visitor and Park Staff traffic may not be blocked at any time.



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Photography Guidelines



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Park Hours: 8am to Sunset



Please follow these photography guidelines while on Park property.

1. All photography must take place during normal operating hours. (8am-Sunset)
2. Please adhere to the Park closing time. (Please see exact time at Ranger Station & Beach Access)
3. Photography must be conducted without disruption to other visitors.
4. Contact us for a Special Use Permit for unique photo sessions and before or after hours requests.
5. If backdrops, props or other equipment are to be used on Park property, please contact the Park for approval.
6. Photographers, clients, guests and subjects must always remain on the designated paths.
7. Do not stand or sit in flower beds, defined grass beds, ponds or on trees, limbs, branches, walls, railings, brick walls or any other defined garden area, Park structure or feature.

8. In order to protect our delicate environmental resources, refrain from climbing, hanging, sitting, standing on any trees, branches and limbs.

9. There are multiple benches throughout the Park for sitting and relaxing. Please refrain from standing on the benches.

10. The use of drones is prohibited within or over the Park at any time.

11. Balloons of all types are not permitted anywhere in the park or on the beach in order to preserve our natural resources and to protect our wildlife inhabitants.

12. All persons/vehicles entering the Park for a photography session are required to pay the Park entrance fee upon arrival.

13. Business may not be conducted on State Park property.

14. All payment for photography sessions between the photographer and client(s) must occur elsewhere.

15. Pets are not permitted in the Garden area or on the Beach.

16. Vehicles are not permitted to drive on ANY of the paths in the gardens.

17. Park in designated parking lots only. Parking is prohibited on the road shoulders.

18. Be considerate of other Park guests and refrain from blocking the pathways.

19. Due to the diversity of our visitors, only family-friendly photography is acceptable. Adult-oriented (18+) images are strictly prohibited. No expressed or implied nudity of any kind will be permitted.

20. Do not block the flow of foot traffic or vehicle traffic during photography sessions and respect other Park visitors.

21. Changing of clothing is not permitted inside the Visitor Center Museum or inside the Gift Shop.

22. Do not pick any flowers, leaves or vegetation. Cutting or pulling of any plant, leaf or flower, including roses, is prohibited.

23. Do not hang items, props or décor from the trees, plants, foliage and structures.

24. Nails, push pins, staples, screws or any adhesive devices or materials to hang decorations or props are strictly prohibited.

25. In order to preserve the sensitive, natural environment of the Park, confetti, rice, glitter, balloons, dropping silk flower petals or introduction of any foreign materials, or the release of live birds, butterflies or animals are prohibited.

26. Do not move park benches, chairs or other objects from their locations.

27. Food and drinks are prohibited in the Formal Gardens.

28. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere in the Park or on the Beach.

29. The Park reserves the right to make renovations and modifications to its facilities at any time and is not liable for alteration or inconvenience to previously intended plans or events.

30. The Park and its representatives assume no responsibility for any property placed in the facility or on the premises or any property that is left on the premises.

31. Please note the gardens will be decorated for the Holiday season between November 15th through January 8th (approximately).