

PHOTOGRAPHY EVENT GUIDELINES

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1. A permit is **REQUIRED** for all wedding attire photography and special photography at the Park. All Wedding Photography must be reserved and permitted with the park at least 7 days in advance.
2. Events may be reserved with a start time between **9am and 2 hours prior to closing**. Permits expire 1 hour prior to closing time of the Park.
3. Please adhere to the Park closing time. (Please see exact time at Ranger Station & Beach Access)
4. Your reservation is NOT confirmed until the full payment is received, and written confirmation is authorized by the Park. Do NOT make plans until your confirmation is received.
5. Payments may either be mailed with a check information to the Park address listed above on the Permit Request Form or telephone the Park Services Specialist to make your credit card payment over the phone.
6. Photography must be conducted without disruption to other visitors.
7. **NO DRONES**. The use of drones is prohibited within or over the Park at any time, including the beach side of the Park.
8. 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.
9. No individual shall expose the human, male or female genitals, pubic area, the entire buttocks or female breast below the top of the nipple.
10. Do NOT pick any flowers, leaves or vegetation. Cutting or pulling of any flower, including roses, is **PROHIBITED**.
11. No standing in any rose beds or any garden beds.
12. ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, including professionals, participants, guests, and subjects, **MUST REMAIN ON DESIGNATED PATHWAYS**. Photography is NOT permitted in Garden beds or off pathways while in Formal Gardens. Photography is NOT permitted in the dune system on beachside. These are extremely sensitive ecosystems.
13. Entering garden beds, standing in mondo grass restoration areas, climbing beach dunes, entering intracoastal restoration areas, entering ponds or damaging any natural resources will result in cancellation of the permit and request to leave the Park **IMMEDIATELY**.
14. In order to protect our delicate environmental resources, refrain from climbing, hanging, sitting, standing on any trees, branches and limbs.
15. No natural resources or animals of the Park may be impacted, harmed, or harassed.
16. 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.
17. There are multiple benches throughout the Park for sitting and relaxing. Please refrain from standing on the benches.
18. Do not move park benches, chairs or other objects from their locations.
19. In order to preserve the sensitive, natural environment of the Park, confetti, rice, glitter, balloons, smoke bombs, confetti cannons, silk flower petals or introduction of any foreign materials, or the release of live birds, butterflies or animals are **PROHIBITED**.
20. 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.

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20. Live animals may NOT be used in photo sessions. Pets and animals are NOT permitted in the Gardens or on the Beach.
21. Please note the gardens will be decorated for the Holiday season between *November 15th through January 8th* (approximately).
22. Roses are not in bloom between *March 1st through mid-April*.
23. Vehicles are NOT permitted to drive on ANY of the paths in the gardens, please give this driving information to all participants, including any vendors.
24. Park in designated parking lots only. Parking is prohibited on the road shoulders.
25. Business may NOT be conducted on State Park property. All payment for photography sessions between the photographer and client(s) must occur elsewhere.
26. Be considerate of other Park guests and refrain from blocking the pathways. Do NOT block the flow of foot traffic or vehicle traffic during photography sessions and respect other Park visitors.
27. All activities, changing of clothing and or gatherings of large crowds are NOT permitted inside the Visitor Center Museum or inside the Gift Shop. The Park has no indoor facilities for special events.
28. Food/Drink are PROHIBITED in the Formal Gardens.
29. Alcohol is NOT permitted anywhere in the Park or on the Beach.
30. Do NOT hang items, props or décor from the trees, plants, foliage and structures. It is your responsibility to remove any decorations, props, etc. from the Park.
31. Nails, push pins, staples, screws or any adhesive device or any materials to hang decorations are STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
32. If backdrops, props or other equipment are to be used on Park property, please contact the Park for approval. Special arrangements such as; set up, music, etc. must be discussed with and approved by the Park before this reservation can be confirmed. All props and equipment must be listed on this permit and approved by the Park in advance.
33. 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.
34. All persons/vehicles entering the Park for a photography session are required to pay the Park entrance fee upon arrival.
35. Dispose of all litter in the trash receptacles. This is crucial to the ecosystem.
36. If a cancellation is required, a two-week notice must be received for a refund. Please return your ORIGINAL receipt that was mailed to you. Allow up to four (4) weeks for refund processing. A \$5.00 administrative fee may be deducted.
37. 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.
38. Reservation is subject to cancellation by the Park with little to no advance notice due to unforeseeable events such as virus-related issues; high wind, flood, hurricane and tropical storm warnings; state of emergency statutes and park damage; etc.