

# Professional Photography/Film Policy

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## **Purpose:**

Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space encourages the use of its parks for recreational, publicity, and commercial photography. The Division shall, as far as possible and according to the terms of this policy, cooperate with the public, corporations, and others who desire to use County park land and facilities for photography and filming purposes.

## **Definitions:**

Amateur photography is defined as a park visitor who engages in the art, science, or study of photography as a hobby or pastime rather than as a paid professional.

Professional photography is defined as a photographer who earns a portion or up to 100% of their income from photography. These photographers are paid by clients to take photographs on location within a park. Examples may include but not limited to bride and groom portraits, family portraits, graduation and others.

Commercial photography/filming is defined as capturing a moving image on film and/or video, as well as sound recordings for the purpose of advertising, promotional materials, fashion and glamour.

## **Amateur/Professional Photography Guidelines:**

1. Photographer and clients will stay out of all restricted areas, please see attachment for restricted areas.
2. Photographer and clients will conduct themselves in a proper and professional manner.
  - a. Lewd or lascivious behavior including language or photographs is prohibited.
  - b. Park staff has the authority to expel photographers and/or their clients from the park if the actions of the photographers and/or clients are deemed improper by park staff.
3. Photographer and clients will not impede normal park operations and programming.
  - a. The party is not permitted to disrupt park visitors or staff.
  - b. No associated equipment for a photo shoot is permitted in any indoor buildings or allowed to block visitor entrances and pathways.

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4. No special consideration shall be given (golf carts, security, use of prohibited park equipment, etc.)
  - a. No power or electrical power will be provided by Wake County Parks for the purposes of film, video or photography projects.
5. Photographer and clients will only use the park during regular park hours.
6. Photographer and clients will not disturb any natural or man-made park features, for example:
  - a. Vegetation and wildlife will not be disturbed or removed.
  - b. Decorations used must have prior approval by park management.
  - c. Signage will not be used.
7. Photographer is responsible for familiarizing themselves, and informing all of their clients, of all park rules and regulations, and then to adhere to them when at the park.
8. Wake County reserves the right to have full/correct name of location of photo taken in documentation.
9. Wake County reserves the right to prohibit any projects which are not in the best interest of the County.
10. Each Wake County Park reserves the right to establish a permitting process to manage level of photographer impact.

### **Commercial Photography Guidelines:**

Any professional photography or photography/filming for commercials, such as sales of products and political advertising, movies, video, television productions shall be subject to the conditions set by Wake County.

Photographer should notify park staff in advance of planned use.

- a. It is advised that photographer use the park when other park functions are not in progress.
- b. Arrangements for a photo shoot for commercials, film and etc.

Park Use Agreement will be initiated by park management and used to confirm session.

Photographer must show proof of Liability Insurance and will take responsibility for clients at all times while using the park. Photographer will be held liable for any damage to the park caused by themselves or their clients.

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### **Fee Schedule for General Photography and Commercial Photography:**

Wake County PROS reserves the right to bill for fees associated with photography session. Follow event policy document for fee structure.

Donations are welcomed and encouraged to continue maintenance of these facilities.

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## **Photography Prohibited in the following Restricted Areas:**

### Blue Jay Point County Park

- a. Overnight Lodge (including decks, walkways, fire pit area around overnight facility) without prior approval.

### Historic Yates Mill County Park

- a. Under the mill;
- b. On the mill dam beyond the south side abutment (i.e., spillway “bump-up”);
- c. Beyond the wooden arm located near the waterwheel;
- d. At least 20 feet from the waterwheel on the south side of the creek

### Historic Oak View County Park

- a. No cameras/equipment/photography permitted in the interior of any buildings
- b. Do not enter any animal pen or send subjects into any animal pen
- c. Do not climb any trees or have subjects pose in any trees
- d. Do not block paths or entrances to buildings with cameras, equipment, or subjects.

### Harris Lake County Park

- a. Progress Energy Exclusion Zone
- b. In specific area during forest practices (i.e. prescribe burning)

### Lake Crabtree County Park

- a. Restrict access to the outflow structure
- b. Restrict access to the marsh area west of Aviation Pkwy

### Crowder District Park

None at this time

### American Tobacco Trail

- a. Remain on trail surface and trail property
- b. Policy only covers Wake County Portion of the American Tobacco Trail

### North Wake Landfill County Park

None at this time