



Bloedel Reserve Photography Policy

Bloedel Reserve welcomes special occasions and portrait photography, including engagements, family portraits, and other commemorative sessions. To protect the experience of all guests and preserve the beauty of our unique living museum, all photography sessions must adhere to the following guidelines:

Scheduling & Fees

- Sessions must be scheduled at least **2 weeks in advance**. Same-day or walk-in permit requests will not be accepted.
- **Session times available:**
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Sundays
10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:00 PM
(No sessions on Mondays or Saturdays.)
- **Photography Permit Fees:**
 - 1–4 guests: \$250
 - 5–10 guests: \$325
 - Fee includes one photographer admission; all other guests must purchase Garden Admission.
- **Session Length:**
 - 90 minutes
 - Extendable by 30 minutes for \$50 (maximum total time: 2 hours)

Photographer Responsibility

- The **Photographer is the primary responsible party** for the session.
- The Photographer **must communicate all Bloedel Reserve rules and restrictions** to their clients and participants prior to arrival.
- The Photographer is **responsible for the actions and compliance** of all clients, assistants, and guests in their group.

Check-In Requirement

- Photographers **must check in with Guest Services upon arrival** before beginning their session.
- At check-in, photographers will:
 - Collect their photography permit from Guest Services.
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 - Confirm understanding of current policies
 - Receive any day-of updates



- Failure to check in may result in **immediate cancellation of the session without refund**

Photography Session Requirements

- Photographers **must always wear the provided permit lanyard.**
- Photography is allowed in **outdoor gardens only.** No indoor photography.
- A permit is required for **all portrait sessions**, including non-professional shoots (family, engagement, maternity, prom, senior portraits, etc.).
- **Commercial photography and videography are not permitted**, including:
 - Brand promotion
 - Fashion or product shoots
 - Advertising or stock photography

STRICTLY PROHIBITED

The following are not allowed under any circumstances:

- Drones
- Props of any kind, including:
bouquets, signs, furniture, picnic blankets, balloons, glitter, confetti, flower petals
- Large equipment: carts, light stands, reflectors, large tripods
- Wardrobe changes or use of dressing areas
- Entering indoor spaces for photography
- Groups larger than 10 participants

Additional Rules

- All guests must **enter together and check in at the main entrance.**
- Permits and IDs must be presented upon request.
- No refunds for photography sessions, including no-shows.
Sessions may be rescheduled due to inclement weather.
- Professional photographers must provide **proof of insurance.**
- No ceremonies are allowed without booking through Private Events.
- Sessions must not disrupt other guests or scheduled events.
- Press/media must coordinate with the Communications Department.
- Photographers are responsible for securing any necessary copyright permissions.

Prohibited Behavior

- Use of the space for commercial or promotional purposes
- Inappropriate attire (e.g., swimsuits, lingerie)



- Moving plants, furniture, or site features
- Climbing trees, sculptures, or structures
- Leaving designated paths (no stepping into planting beds, mulch, etc.)
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes
- Pets (service animals permitted)

Enforcement & Penalties

- Failure to comply with any policy may result in:
 - Immediate termination of the session without refund
 - Removal from the property
- The Photographer is **financially and professionally responsible** for any violations by their clients or group.

Serious or Repeat Violations May Result In:

- Administrative or damage fees (minimum \$250)
- Suspension or permanent ban from future photography sessions at Bloedel Reserve

Examples of Serious Violations Include:

- Use of drones
- Bringing prohibited props
- Entering restricted or planted areas
- Conducting unauthorized commercial photography
- Failure to check in with Guest Services

Policy Enforcement

Bloedel Reserve reserves the right to revoke permits or stop sessions at any time for non-compliance. Policies may change without notice.



Photography Session Agreement Bloedel Reserve

Photographer Information

Name: _____
Company: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Session Details

Date: _____
Time: _____
Total Group Size: _____
Permit Fee Paid: \$ _____

Client Information

Name: _____
Company (if applicable): _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Agreement Terms: By signing below, I agree with the following:

1. I have read and understand the Bloedel Reserve Photography Policy.
2. I am the **primary responsible party** for this session and will ensure all participants comply with all rules.
3. I have **communicated all policies and restrictions** to my client(s) and participants prior to arrival.
4. I will **check in with Guest Services** before beginning the session.
5. I understand that non-compliance may result in:
 - Immediate termination of the session
 - Forfeiture on all fees
 - Removal from the property
6. I acknowledge that I may be subject to **additional fees or a ban from future sessions** for violations.
7. I understand that commercial photography is prohibited.
8. I release Bloedel Reserve from liability for any loss, damage, or injury during the session.
9. I understand that all fees and paperwork must be completed prior to the session.

Photographer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Client Signature: _____ **Date:** _____