Wedding Pictures Policy

With the encouragement of several professional photographers, Shaw Nature Reserve has developed a policy regarding wedding pictures being taken here. Our goal is tri-fold:

1. We think your time here will be more pleasant and efficient because the bridal party will have made reservations and have prepaid.

2. We hope that the process will be more enjoyable for everyone if the bridal party knows what is expected of them and what behavior will not be tolerated.

3. We know that it is best when the weekend staff are expecting a bridal party and understand beforehand what sites have been chosen for the photographs.

Please make as many copies of the Wedding Photography Permit as you need. Give two copies to the bride or whoever is responsible for making the photography arrangements. One copy should be signed by that person and returned with a check made out to Shaw Nature Reserve. The other copy should be in the possession of the bridal party when they arrive at the Reserve. Not only does it confirm their reservation, but more importantly, it serves as a reminder of where they have chosen to have their pictures taken and also of how important the behavior of all those accompanying the wedding party is.

We highly recommend that the bride and/or photographer have visited the Nature Reserve beforehand and have firmed up their plans for photo sites. It will make the photography session much more pleasant and time efficient.

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