

## **Policies and Guidelines for Photography at Shaw Nature Reserve**

- *Every person (including commercial photographers and their clients) must either pay or sign in with their membership at the Visitor Center.*
- *Memberships cannot be used for gaining personal profit.*
  - *Photographers can only use personal memberships for themselves but not their clients.*
  - *Clients may use their own membership to cover themselves.*
  - *If not using a membership, all parties must pay general admission fees.*

### **I. Amateur Photography**

Shaw Nature Reserve is a beautiful location for photography. We welcome visitor photos; individual family, engagement and senior class portraits; and other photography and portraiture intended for **personal use only**. Photographs and videos **may not** be used for commercial purposes without permission from a Missouri Botanical Garden representative.

Visitors must abide by the **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHY** as seen below when taking pictures at the Nature Reserve. If any of these guidelines are violated by anyone in the group, the entire party will be asked to leave immediately without refund of fees.

For **homecoming and prom photos**, everyone (students, photographers, parents, etc.) must pay general admission fees.

Shaw Nature Reserve and its employees are not responsible for any loss or damages to personal property that may occur.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHOTOGRAPHY**

1. All visitors must have entered before last entry and be off the property by posted closing time.
2. Park only in designated parking areas. Please do not pull over and block roadway at any time. Vehicles may load and unload guests who require special assistance in back of the Bascom House. No idling of vehicles is permitted. Drivers will be asked to turn off their engines or leave the premises.



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3. Use of large props and furniture is prohibited. You may utilize any of our benches and chairs for photos, but please do not move them.
4. Please be courteous and respectful to others.
5. Stay on paths and trails. Do not leave the path or paved areas. Pathways or other access areas may not be blocked in any way.
6. Flower beds and natural areas should not be trampled upon by anyone. Even though plantings are "wild" they are still planted beds and treated with care by our staff.
7. Picking flowers is prohibited.
8. Plant labels and other signs may not be changed or removed.
9. Please limit wardrobe changes to one so as not to occupy public restrooms for an excessive amount of time.
10. No pets of any kind are allowed on property.
11. No smoking anywhere on the grounds.
12. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
13. No firearms (including replicas) are allowed on property.

## II. Wedding and Portrait Photography

Wedding and portrait photographs are permitted, subject to the following rules:

- **WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY FEE:** Reservations **are required at least two weeks in advance** by filling out the [Wedding Photography Permit](#) and prepaying the \$100 fee for up to 20 guests. Reservations are between 9 AM and 3 PM with the last entry at 3 PM. Photo sessions must be completed by 4 PM, no exceptions.  
No discounts, complimentary passes or group rates may be applied to the fee. This fee is only waived for wedding parties reserving a ceremony site or reception location at Shaw Nature Reserve.  
Photography is permitted in any of the outdoor, public areas.  
Photography is not permitted in the Bascom House.
- **PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY FEE:** Non-wedding portrait photographers must pay admission for all participants including parents, the subject and the photographer. The **GENERAL GUIDELINES** as stated above must be adhered to.
- **QUESTIONS:** Call Shaw Nature Reserve at 314-577-9505 or email [snrinfo@mobot.org](mailto:snrinfo@mobot.org).

Shaw Nature Reserve reserves the right to refuse admittance for portrait photography and/or to change the Photo Policy without advance notice.

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