

## Photography Session Reservation Policy

The Garden would like to ensure you have a wonderful experience while capturing your special memories with us so we do require that all photography sessions, both personal and promotional, be scheduled in advance and paid in full at the time of booking through the Facility Events Department at (804) 262-9887, ext. 345 or 224. These sessions include any bridal, engagement and family photography.

### **Scheduling Your Photography Session:**

Photo sessions are scheduled Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 3:30pm. These sessions include complimentary admission for up to six guests; all others must pay regular Garden admission. You will be responsible for bringing in your own photographer as we do not provide photographers but their admission is included within the six complimentary guests that are part of your reservation. Unfortunately we are not able to accommodate photo sessions during the weekends as these are the days in which the Garden is most heavily visited and we cannot ensure Garden spaces will be easily accessible.

Sessions are also permitted during Flowers After Five (our seasonal evening event) with the last session scheduled by 7pm. The Blomendaal House and Grace Arents Garden are not available to take photos in during this event.

Any clients who have rented the Garden for both their ceremony and reception do receive one complimentary 1½ hour photography session under the same guidelines.

### **Restrictions and Courtesies:**

- We encourage you to take photos with our beautiful Garden spaces as your backdrop in any available outdoor Garden space. Please be mindful that we are unable to reserve any specific Garden areas for photo sessions. We also do not allow photo sessions to occur in any building interior spaces including the Conservatory.
- We ask that photographers and clients be courteous to Garden guests and their enjoyment of the Garden at all times.
- We do not allow the obstruction of Garden pathways, guest common areas, building entrances and exits and areas being used for private or Garden-wide events. The intrusion on exhibits is also prohibited.
- In order to protect our plant displays we do not allow photographers, clients, or equipment in any of our plant beds while taking photographs.
- Garden staff members are not available to accompany groups during these sessions but we do encourage you to pick up Garden maps at the Admissions Desk, located in the Robins Visitors Center, to familiarize yourself with our Garden spaces.

### **Fees:**

Photography Session (1 ½ hours)	\$150
Member Rate (1½ hours)	\$100
Additional Hours	\$50

**Changing Area** – By request when making your reservation and based on availability, a restroom can be designated for a dressing area during the reserved photo session time only. Designated restroom locations are determined by the Garden. You must check in at the Admissions Desk in the Robins Visitors Center on the day of your reservation for location details.

**Late Arrivals** - No adjustments to session times or designated restroom times will be made due to late arrivals the day of the reservation. Garden hours of operation are 9am – 5pm and strictly enforced. There are no refunds for late arrivals.

**Inclement Weather** – A photography session may be rescheduled due to inclement weather through the Facility Events Coordinators under the terms above. There are no refunds for photography sessions (to include non-rescheduled shoots or no-shows).

**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden is a private botanical garden that charges admission and photography fees for guests accessing our garden areas. These fees are critical in directly supporting our Garden's mission. We truly appreciate and thank you for your support.**

**For your convenience the following is a list of nearby public parks that do not charge fees for admission or staged photography needs:**

**Joseph Bryan Park  
Richmond VA 23227**

Start out going southwest on Lakeside Avenue toward Hilliard Road/VA-161/VA-356 1.5 mi  
Lakeside Avenue becomes Hermitage Road/VA-161 .2 mi  
Turn right onto Joseph Bryan Lane .3 mi  
Take the first left onto Rosinas Lane .1 mi  
Welcome to Joseph Bryan Park

**Byrd Park  
600 S Blvd Richmond VA 23220**

Start out going southwest on Lakeside Avenue toward Hilliard Road/VA-161/VA-356 1.5 mi  
Lakeside Avenue becomes Hermitage Road/VA-161 .2 mi  
Merge onto I-95 S 3.5 mi  
Merge onto I-195 S via Exit 79 toward Powhite Pkwy/US-60/US-360-W 2.6 mi  
Keep right to take I-195 S/Downtown Expy toward Downtown .6 mi  
Merge onto Rosewood Avenue .4 mi  
Turn right onto McCloy Street .06 mi  
Take the first right onto Idlewood Avenue .4 mi  
Turn right onto VA-161/S Boulevard .2 mi  
Make a u-turn at Grant Street onto S Boulevard .02 mi  
600 S Boulevard

**Forest Hill Park  
3900 Forest Hill Ave Richmond VA 23225**

Start out going southwest on Lakeside Avenue toward Hilliard Road/VA-161/VA-356 1.5 mi  
Lakeside Avenue becomes Hermitage Road/VA-161 .2 mi  
Merge onto I-95 S 3.5 mi  
Take Exit 76B toward US-1/US-301/Belevidere St .1 mi  
Turn left onto W Leigh St/VA-33 .09 mi  
Take the second right onto US-1 S/US-301 S Continue to follow US-1 S/US-301 S 2.0 mi  
Turn right onto Semmes Ave/US-60-W Continue to follow US-60-W 1.4 mi  
3900 Forest Hill Avenue is on the left

**James River Park System  
4301 Riverside Dr Richmond VA 23219**

Start out going southwest on Lakeside Avenue toward Hilliard Road/VA-161/VA-356 1.5 mi  
Lakeside Avenue becomes Hermitage Road/VA-161 .2 mi  
Merge onto I-95 S 3.5 mi  
Take Exit 76B toward US-1/US-301/Belevidere St .1 mi  
Turn left onto W Leigh St/VA-33 .09 mi  
Take the second right onto US-1 S/US-301 S 1.8 mi  
Merge onto Riverside Drive 1.0 mi  
Turn right to stay on Riverside Drive .5 mi