

2025 PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION RESERVATION POLICY



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden is a private botanical garden that offers stunning natural backdrops for photography of all occasions. In order to ensure a memorable experience while supporting the Garden's mission, we require that you adhere to our guidelines for both personal and professional photography sessions. Please be courteous to other Garden guests, and their enjoyment of the Garden at all times.

Contact the **Facility Events Department** at **(804) 262-9887 ext. 345** or the **Guest Services Department** at **ext. 300** if you have any questions.

PHOTOGRAPHY HOURS

Monday – Sunday 9:00am – 3:30pm
(Last available time slot 3:30 – 5:00pm)

Photography Sessions last for 90 minutes per reservation slot.
Subject to change based on daily hours of operation.

PHOTOGRAPHY FEES

Non-Member 90-minute Session	\$100
Member 90-minute Session	\$50
Per-Hour Add-Ons* (Not permitted for last time slot)	\$50
Dressing Room Rental Add-On 90-minute (Reservation through Facility Events only)	\$50

Pricing includes admission for 3 people into the Garden, including your photographer; all others in your party must pay regular admission.

*Additional time must be coordinated at the time of your booking.

Changing areas are not available for Photography Session time slots after 5pm. All changing areas must be vacated at 5pm regardless of Garden hours.

WALK-UP PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

Walk-up photography sessions can be purchased at the Admissions desk.

Upon payment for the session, your party will receive a temporary **Photo Pass Wristband**. All members of your party except for the subject of the photos must be visibly displaying these wristbands as you make your way through the Garden.

Due to the nature of walk-up photography sessions, a designated changing area will not be provided for wardrobe changes. Pop-up changing tents are not permitted. Please plan accordingly.

SCHEDULED PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

To book a time slot for a Photography Session, please contact the Facility Events department using the contact information listed above. All details will be reviewed with you at the time of booking.

Dependent upon availability when you book your reservation, garden designated changing areas are available for an additional \$50 per hour.

Upon your arrival, please check in with the Admissions desk to receive your wristbands.

Please note that the Garden cannot guarantee the safety of personal belongings that are left in the designated changing areas, and we recommend that you keep all valuables locked in your vehicle.

If you have rented event space with the Facility events departments for a wedding ceremony or reception, your contract will include one complimentary 90-minute photography session under these guidelines.



RESTRICTIONS AND COURTESIES

Purchase of photography sessions are required if you are using any of the following equipment:

- DSLR camera
- Mirrorless camera
- Bridge camera
- Compact digital camera
- Film-grade equipment, and accessory equipment such as light panels, artificial light source
- Action cameras (Go-Pros, etc.)
- 360 cameras
- All other cameras with detachable lenses or accessories.

You will have **non-exclusive** access to the outdoor areas of the garden during normal garden hours and as private and garden-wide events occur; please be courteous of other guests by keeping pathways clear, and do not inhibit guest entry to common areas or building entrances and exits.

Drones, changing tents, florals, and props of any kind are not permitted.

Photographers, clients, and equipment are not permitted in plant beds.

The garden does not provide staff to accompany you; garden maps are available via QR code at the Admissions desk in the Robins Visitor Center.

Indoor spaces, including the Conservatory, are not permitted to be used for photography sessions.

Photography sessions are not permitted to be used as opportunities for private events and ceremonies; these must be booked as an event with our Facility Events department.

Failure to adhere to these restrictions and courtesies may result in early termination of your session without a refund.

RESCHEDULING OPTIONS

No cancellations or adjustments to session times can be made to photography session reservations **within 72 hours** of the reservation.

Photography sessions may be rescheduled due to inclement weather within a **minimum of two hours** of the reserved session time.

No refunds or complimentary rescheduling options are available for late arrivals or no-shows.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Photography Session Type (Circle One): **Walk-Up Session** **Reserved Session** **Event Session**

Number of Photo Pass Wristbands issued: _____

Full Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

We truly appreciate you following our Garden's guidelines and thank you for your support!

ALTERNATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY LOCATIONS

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

4308 Hermitage Rd. Richmond, VA 23227

Start by driving Southwest on Lakeside Ave.
toward Hilliard Rd.

Lakeside Ave. becomes VA-161/Hermitage Rd.

Turn right onto Joseph Bryan Ln.

Welcome to Joseph Bryan Park!

BYRD PARK

600 S Arthur Ashe Blvd. Richmond, VA 23220

Start by driving Southwest on Lakeside Ave.
toward Hilliard Rd.

Lakeside Ave. becomes VA-161/Hermitage Rd.

Turn right to merge onto i-95 S

Take Exit 79 for i-195 S toward VA-76 S/Powwhite Pkwy

Continue straight on VA-76 S/Powwhite Pkwy

Take the Douglasdale Rd. Exit toward City Stadium

Turn left onto Douglasdale Rd.

Turn right to stay on Douglasdale Rd.

Turn right on Blanton Ave.

Turn left onto Park Dr.

Byrd Park is on the right!

FOREST HILL PARK

**3900 Forest Hill Ave.
Richmond, VA 23225**

Start by driving Southwest on Lakeside Ave.
toward Hilliard Rd.

Lakeside Ave. becomes VA-161/Hermitage Rd.

Merge onto i-95 S

Take Exit 76B toward US-1/US-301/Belvidere St.

Use the middle lane to turn left onto W Leigh St.

Turn right onto N Belvidere St.

Continue onto Cowardin Ave.

Turn right onto Semmes Ave.

Take a slight right onto Forest Hill Ave.

Turn right onto W 42nd St.

Forest Hill Park is on the right!

JAMES RIVER PARK SYSTEM

4301 Riverside Dr. Richmond, VA 23219

Start by driving Southwest on Lakeside Ave.
toward Hilliard Rd.

Lakeside Ave. becomes VA-161/Hermitage Rd.

Turn right to merge onto i-95 S

Take Exit 79 for i-195 S toward VA-76 S/Powwhite Pkwy

Continue straight on VA-76 S/Powwhite Pkwy

Use the right two lanes to take the Forest Hill Ave. exit

Take a slight right to merge onto Forest Hill Ave.

Turn right onto Hathaway Rd. SW

Continue onto Longview Dr.

Turn right onto Rockfalls Dr.

Turn left onto Riverside Dr.

James River park System in on the right!