



CAVE OF THE MOUNDS®

National Natural Landmark

Photography Permit Policy

Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark is a popular destination for photographers because of the farm like setting and beautifully manicured grounds and gardens. Photography by visitors for personal, noncommercial use is allowed without a permit. Permits are for above ground use only. Private cave rental is available for those wishing to take posed or formal photographs underground in the cave environment.

Posed photography

Photographers taking posed or formal pictures (e.g., engagement, wedding, senior year, family) must obtain a permit and carry it while on the grounds at Cave of the Mounds during the permit effective date(s).

Photographers may purchase an **above ground, one-time use photography permit for \$30**. This is ideal for a single photo session or shoot of an individual, couple or family. Photographers must have a permit for each individual photo session or shoot with each client. Mini shoots are considered multiple sessions and require an annual photography permit.

Photographers may purchase an **ANNUAL above ground photography permit for \$300 per year**. The annual permit allows multiple sessions for one year starting from the permit purchase date. This is ideal for professional photographers and others who might regularly use Cave of the Mounds as a photo shoot location. Please contact us for conditions before purchasing an annual permit.

Rules:

- Please call ahead with the date and time of your photography shoot(s).
- Mini shoots are considered multiple sessions and require an annual photography permit.
- Photographers and clients *must* stay on trails or lawn areas at all times. No walking into garden beds, climbing rock walls, climbing trees, or going off trail.
- There is no access to buildings that are not open and available to the general public.
- Pets are *not allowed* beyond the upper main parking lot at Cave of the Mounds.
- Photographers *must* accompany their props & equipment at all times.
- Please do not trample, pick, or collect flowers, leaves, branches or rocks anywhere on the grounds or in the gardens.
- Vehicles must be parked in designated parking spaces in the main entrance upper parking lot. NO PARKING AT OR AROUND THE HISTORIC BARN.
- All photographers and clients must **follow visitor etiquette**.

Please note:

- Cave of the Mounds staff and stewards will check your permit.
- Areas cannot be reserved, and photography does not take priority over other visitor activities. Visitors are free to use any area at any time.
- You may not use props that are otherwise not allowed at Cave of the Mounds—for example, no pets in the gardens. Allowable props may only be placed on lawns and trails—not in garden beds or off trail. Props may not be left unattended.
- Cave of the Mounds reserves the right to deny permits for certain dates when photography sessions could interfere with scheduled events.

Failure to adhere to the photography permit policy may result in the forfeiture of the permit fee and loss of photography privileges at Cave of the Mounds.

Commercial photography

Stock and commercial photography requires advance arrangements. Projects involving commercial or stock photography (such as photos taken for publications, catalog shoots, commercials, professional videos, and the like) should contact Kim Anderson, (608) 437-3038 at Cave of the Mounds to review **commercial use policies and location agreements**. She will work with photographers to set guidelines for commercial projects.



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Posed/Formal Photography Permit Application

Name:

Business name:

Business address:

E-mail (required):

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Approximate # of clients served per year (for our site): _____

Permit type: 12-month (\$300) Today's date: _____

One-time (\$30) Date of photo shoot: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (Checks payable to Cave of the Mounds)

Mail/deliver this form with check payment to:

Cave of the Mounds

Kim Anderson

PO Box 148

Blue Mounds, WI 53517

Once approved, you will receive your photography permit via e-mail. The permit must be carried at all times when taking posed/formal photographs on Cave of the Mounds property. Your participation and payment helps protect & conserve Cave of the Mounds trails, grounds and gardens. If you have any questions about the permit process, please contact kim@caveofthemounds.com.

If your one-time use photography date is affected by inclement weather, you may select a new date by contacting kim@caveofthemounds.com.