

Q. Is a permit required for commercial filming?

A: Yes, Public Law 106-206 and NPS guidance require that all commercial filming requires a permit.

Q. What is meant by commercial filming:

A: Commercial filming means the film, electronic, magnetic, digital, or other recording of a moving image by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience with the intent of generating income. Examples include, but are not limited to, feature film, videography, television broadcast, or documentary, or other similar projects. Commercial filming activities may include the advertisement of a product or service, or the use of actors, models, sets, or props.

Q. When does still photography require a permit?

A: Most still photography will not require a permit. Still photography activities require a permit only if:

- *The still photography activity uses models, sets or props*
- *The still photography activity takes place in an area where or when members of the public are not allowed*
- *The agency would incur costs for providing on-site management and oversight to protect agency resources and minimize visitor use conflicts.*

A portrait subject is not considered a model. Examples of portrait subjects include, but are not limited to, wedding parties, high school/college graduates. But photography involving portrait subjects may require a permit if it also includes the use of props or sets, or is conducted in an area closed to the public, or needs to be managed by NPS personnel.

Q. Does commercial still photography require a permit?

A: Not unless it meets one of the conditions mentioned previously requiring a still photography permit. The law bases the permit requirements for still photography on whether the activity will interfere with other park visitors and park activities or impact park resources; not whether the photographer is a professional.

Q. What fees and charges are required for film or still photography permits?

A: The park is required to collect a location fee for filming and still photography work. The cost is based on the size of the party and is listed below. The park may also charge cost recovery for any additional costs incurred as a result of issuing the permit

| Motion Pictures/Videos | | Still Photography | |
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| 1 – 2 people, camera and tripod only | \$0/day | | |
| 1 - 10 people | \$150/day | 1 - 10 people | \$50/day |
| 11 - 30 people | \$250/day | 11 - 30 people | \$150/day |
| 31 - 49 people | \$500/day | Over 30 people | \$250/day |
| Over 50 people | \$750/day | | |

Q. I am a student, are permits required for student film projects?

A: Yes; student film projects are subject to the same permit requirements as commercial film permits. Student film projects are not exempt from the requirements for liability insurance and fees.