

Commercial Filming/Photography

Commercial Film Permits must be obtained when filming is done by other than bona fide newsreel or news television. Commercial photography permits are required if photography is to be done of vehicles or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising or for resale. It is the policy of the National Park Service to allow filming and photography when it is consistent with the protection and public enjoyment of park resources and when it avoids conflict with the public's normal use and enjoyment of the park.

A permit is required for filming, videotaping, sound recording, or still photography when:

- Product or service advertisement is involved
- Talent/models, props, crews, or sets are involved
- The project has the potential to disrupt other park activities or visitors
- More than just hand-carried equipment is used
- Project requires access to an area normally closed or restricted to general public use
- Access into an area outside of normal public use hours is required
- Project carries with it a potential risk to park resources
- Activity raises safety concerns that can be mitigated through issuance of a permit with restrictions or conditions

Generally, permits are not issued for filming on weekends or holidays. Normal visitor use patterns should not be interrupted for longer than five minutes, and only as specified in the approved permit. Visitors will be allowed to watch filming in public areas.