



COMMERCIAL FILMING

- A permit is required under the following conditions:
 - **All commercial filming requires a permit.** Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television or feature film, advertisement, or similar project. It does not include news coverage or visitor use.
 - **Still photography activities require a permit only when:**
 - the activity takes place at location(s) where or when members of the public are generally not allowed; or
 - the activity uses model(s), sets(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location’s natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities; or
 - the park would incur additional administrative costs to monitor the activity;
 - The park needs to provide management and oversight to:
 - avoid impairment or incompatible use of the resources and values of the park, or
 - limit resource damage, or
 - minimize health or safety risks to the visiting public

News coverage does not require a permit, for either filming or still photography, but is subject to time, place, and manner restrictions, if warranted, to maintain order and ensure the safety of the public and the media, and protect natural and cultural resources.

- Costs associated:

All commercial filming permits and still photography permits are subject to cost recovery and a location fee. No waivers are allowed. The location fee is calculated per day and must be based on the following schedule and is determined by the type of activity (commercial filming versus still photography) and the number of people on park lands associated with the permitted activity. There is no deviation from the schedule.

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

Cost Recovery. Cost recovery amounts are based on the actual cost incurred by the park in processing the request, monitoring the activity and rehabilitating or restoring the permitted area.

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- To request a commercial filming or still photography permit, please complete the Special Use Application at the link below and return it at least 30 days in advance of your requested date(s) to:
 - o Business Management Specialist
Petersburg National Battlefield
1539 Hickory Hill Rd.
Petersburg, VA 23803
- [Link to PETE's Application for Commercial Filming/Still Photography Permit](#)
- For questions, contact the Business Management Specialist at PETE_permits@nps.gov or (804) 732-3571.