



Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use

Photography Policy

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use greatly appreciates the photographers who showcase the beauty of our parks and the families who enjoy them. We will always encourage our Parks to serve as the backdrops of many great moments.

Waukesha County Parks and Land Use invites you to enjoy photographing the natural areas, wildlife and scenic vistas we work hard to maintain for you. We are asking for your assistance in preserving these for others to view.

We have prepared this photography policy to enable the protection and public enjoyment of the natural resources in the parks. As you can imagine, this Policy is necessitated by a few neglectful experiences. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. As always, please leave your Park better than you found it.

PHOTOGRAPHY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Photographer(s) shall be responsible for any documented physical damage to the premises caused by its event, agents, representatives, and guests.
- Photography taken at any Waukesha County Park, cannot be used to infer endorsement of a product, person, or service by Waukesha County Parks and Land Use or by any of its employees.
- Our Prairie Areas and “Grow Don’t Mow” areas are being managed specifically for their natural beauty and sustainable landscape. Please do not trample or flatten by any means (*e.g. laying blankets, posing subjects within area, etc.*).
- Our parks are open for the public enjoyment. Please do not restrict or impede public access at any time without prior approval.
- Our roads and trails are specifically placed to provide access into the parks for your enjoyment. Please do not drive on the grass, athletic fields, park walkways, and trails.
- Due to the science based learning that occurs on Retzer Nature Center grounds, pets are not invited to visit. Service animals are permitted.
- Special Use Agreements must be obtained for commercial photography & videography requiring exclusive use of park facilities.
- Permits must be obtained for drone photography.
- Permits must be obtained for placing trail cameras.

This policy is in addition to all standard Park Rules and Regulations, which can be found at waukeshacountyparks.com. We work hard to manage our parks for many visitors. We are optimistic that our guests will join us in following this Policy. Guests who need more than a respectful reminder may be asked to leave. For more information concerning the Photography Policy or Special Use Agreements please call 262-548-7801.

For more information concerning drone permits, trail camera permits, and all other forms and permits please visit www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkformsandpermits.