

PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

The U.S. Botanic Garden is a plant museum. Public exhibits are located in the Conservatory and its surrounding grounds and in Bartholdi Park. Photographic or filming activities can in no way affect the public's enjoyment of, or access to, our exhibits.

The following rules apply to all photography activity at the U.S. Botanic Garden:

- Films or photographs must be for non-profit use.
- No weddings or wedding pictures are permitted.
- Flow of visitors along walkways must not be impeded. Photographers are asked to be aware that narrow pathways and intersections may become bottlenecks during periods of increased visitation. Photographers may not unreasonably block the passage of wheelchairs and strollers.
- Plants may not be moved, cut, rearranged, or handled in any way.
- Photographers and their equipment must stay on pathways—walking in beds or behind beds, or placing equipment in beds is prohibited.
- Photographic activity must be done during public hours of operation, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- The U.S. Botanic Garden does not provide any equipment or staff assistance.
- Publication, distribution, exhibition, or film production requires that location credit be shown as the U.S. Botanic Garden.
- Original artwork, sculpture, or other creations that are on exhibit at the U.S. Botanic Garden are protected by artist's copyright and may not be photographed for the purposes of reproduction or copying in any way.

Hand-held camera or video equipment may be used without special permission in the Conservatory and on the grounds of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

The use of a tripod, mounted lighting, reflectors, or other equipment, requires a permit. Permits may be obtained by calling 202-225-8333 and are subject to the following regulations:

- Permits are issued for weekdays, Monday through Friday. Permits are issued to groups by special request.
- Only one permit per day is issued. You may reserve a permit in advance for your desired day.
- Permits may be obtained at the visitor desk in the Conservatory. Photographers will be asked to sign a statement indicating they have read these regulations and to display their permit during their visit.

Thank you for abiding by the rules and for helping to create an enjoyable experience for all our visitors.