



Photography Policy

Photography must be conducted without disruption to Filoli operations or limitation to the accessibility of other guests, including doorways, pathways, and high traffic areas.

Photographs and videos are a wonderful way to remember your visit. Photography and video taken at Filoli are for personal use and enjoyment and may not be sold. Visitors and members are welcome to take casual photographs of plants, individuals and subjects that capture the events of your visit.

Tripods, monopods, and selfie sticks, are permitted within the Garden ONLY, and only to be used for snapshots or nature photography (not staged portraits) Only natural light photography is permitted indoors; no flash or other supplemental light sources. A safe distance must be maintained from all artwork, furniture, and displays.

For safety and security reasons, drones are not permitted on Property.

Filoli reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withhold and/or withdraw permissions to photograph or videotape on its premises, if it is a disruption and/or is perceived that it might endanger artwork, garden beds, garden objects, or other visitors.

Filoli reserves the right to further define Portrait Photography and Professional Photography on a case-by-case basis.

Please note: Filoli reserves the right to turn away photographers who are not operating in accordance with our rules and regulations, as well as photographers who have not made reservations.

Filoli reserves the right to adjust these policies at any time, with or without notice, in the best interest of the property and the general public.

Professional Photography

Professional Photography includes: commercial photography, large photo equipment (attachable flashes, reflectors, tripods, shades, carrying bags for equipment), wardrobe changes, large props, and the use of Filoli staff to organize photo locations.

Professional Photography is to be requested in advance with the Rentals and Events Department. Requests can be made at (650) 364-8300 x221 or events@filoli.org Advance booking is required and is typically only booked one week or more prior to requested date.

Portrait Sessions

Filoli defines portrait photography as: engagement, quinceanera, family, maternity, portfolio, prom, graduation, holiday, and any other posed portraiture of individuals by professional or amateur photographers, whether PAID or UNPAID. The interior of the House may NOT be used for photographs in the portrait sessions; such pictures would require a professional photography package. Balloons, rice, glitter, and confetti are strictly prohibited anywhere on property.

All Portrait Sessions should be scheduled in advance with the Visitor Services Department. Reservations are not required, but Portrait Sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis and there are a limited number of Portrait Sessions available per day. Portrait Sessions are not available on special event days and holidays. Filoli reserves the right to black out dates for Portrait Sessions where attendance is higher than average.

Guests participating in a Portrait Session must purchase admission for that day with an additional Portrait Session Fee of \$75. The session fee is good for up to 90-minutes. The designated group photographer will receive an identification badge to be worn while photographing. The badge must be returned when finished or at the end of 90-minutes or additional fees may apply. Only 5 badges will be issued simultaneously.

Portrait Sessions **do not** permit large photo equipment, such as, but not limited to:

- Large Tripods or stands
- Shades
- Reflectors
- Freestanding flashes
- Large equipment bags
- Chairs or stools
- Large props - such as signs greater than 12 inches

By purchasing a Portrait Session and receiving a permit you acknowledge that you have reviewed the Filoli Photography Policy and agree to abide by the following policies and guidelines:

- Portrait Sessions are for 90 minutes from the time of purchase. The permit pass must be returned at the end of 90-minutes or additional fees will apply.
- Portrait Sessions are to be performed during normal business hours. Special requests may be made to perform photography session before or after normal hours.
- Clients/Models must be fully and appropriately clothed (i.e. no nudity, swimsuits, lingerie, etc.)
- Wardrobe changes are NOT permitted (clothing changes require the arrangement of a Professional Photography Session).

- Portrait sessions should not disrupt visitor access, employee access, special events or pedestrian flow.
- Property of Filoli may not be moved or disturbed. This includes standing or walking in flower beds, picking flower/plant material, moving benches or display.
- Filoli assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to any equipment or belongings.
- Filoli reserves the right to cease portrait sessions if clients do not follow the outlined policies and guidelines.
- Any unauthorized portrait, professional, or commercial photography sessions will be escorted from Filoli.

Name: _____

Time: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____