Professional Portrait Photography/Videography Guidelines

We are delighted that you are considering Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art as the location for your photography and/or videography. To ensure a positive experience for you, while maintaining a pleasant experience for our many guests, please be aware of permitting and guidelines.

PLANNING YOUR SESSION

Interior Photography

Permit and Fee: Crystal Bridges requires a permit to perform any professional photography and/or video services inside the Museum buildings. Permits are available by advance reservation only and must be booked at least 72 hours prior to the session. Please book and pay for the permit through the Special Events department via email at specialevents@crystalbridges.org or telephone 479.418.5700 (Press 5). Permits may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, cash, or check.

The fee for interior photography is $500 per 2 (two) hour session.

We encourage you to visit the Museum and grounds in advance to scout locations for your session.

Please note: permits are not always available due to other activities taking place at the Museum.

Exterior Photography

Permit and Fee: Crystal Bridges does not require a permit or fee for photography on our extensive trails and grounds.

GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

PHOTO RESTRICTIONS

- No professional photography is permitted in Museum galleries.
- These permissions are for portrait photography only, not for photography of the art, buildings or grounds for commercial use.
- Please do not touch the art on the grounds or in the Museum.
- Please do not enter flowerbeds, plant displays, or mulched areas. Remain on the pathways and grassy turf at all times.
• Do not disturb or remove plants or plant labels.
• Please respect our other visitors to the Museum and do not distract from their enjoyment of the museum, trails or grounds.
• No food or alcoholic beverages may be brought into the Museum.
• Please be courteous and do not block pathways or other access areas in any way.
• As the Museum’s installations and activities change often, please understand that Security may ask you to alter your plans.

FORMAL PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

The general photography/videography guidelines outlined here are intended for all guests, but in addition to observing the general photo restrictions, photographers must obtain a permit if they wish to use the Museum’s interiors as the background for formal, posed photography/videography. This includes wedding, family, engagement, prom, graduation photography/videography, or similar.

Those celebrating wedding ceremonies, receptions, or other special occasions scheduled at the Museum are welcome to take photographs or videos during their rental time at no additional fee. Visit www.crystalbridges.org/events for information on having your wedding reception or other private event at the Museum.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

We encourage you to visit Crystal Bridges and the Trails in advance at your leisure to scout locations for your photography/videography session. We ask all guests to help protect our natural areas by staying on the trails.

The Museum reserves the right to refuse admittance for photography/videography, and/or to change its photo policy without advance notice. In addition, the Museum’s Security team may interrupt or restrict access at any time.

Thank you for choosing Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art for your wedding, family, and individual portraits!

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Parking: NO VEHICLES MAY PARK IN FRONT OF THE MUSEUM’S MAIN ENTRANCE or block Museum Way or any parking lot at any time.
To avoid congestion at the main entrance, please meet and collect your party either outside the main entrance (weather permitting) or inside the main lobby. Please do not congregate in front of the Guest Services Desk or otherwise impede traffic flow.

Commercial photography, video, and film shoots are not covered by the Personal Photography Application. Please contact the Special Events Office for the appropriate commercial film paperwork.