

Albuquerque Biological Park

Portrait Photography Guidelines



The Albuquerque Biological Park, comprising the Albuquerque Aquarium, Rio Grande Botanic Garden and Rio Grande Zoo, offers some of the most beautiful and unique locations for portraits to be taken. The BioPark welcomes photographers whose work is appropriate to our mission, but requires that the following guidelines be followed, effective immediately. For updates to the guidelines, please check the BioPark's website, www.cabq.gov/biopark, under Frequently Asked Questions.

Definition of Portrait Photography: The BioPark defines portrait photography as wedding, engagement, family portraits, graduation, quinceanera or other portraiture of individuals by professional photographers/videographers, or by amateurs acting in the role of a professional.

Permit Authorization Badges: Photographers and videographers who conduct portrait photography at the BioPark are required to sign a Photo Policy Agreement before purchasing a Photography Permit Authorization Badge. The badge is available either for a full day or a year. The BioPark reserves the right to refuse to issue a permit badge. To sign the agreement and purchase the permit badge, call the Events Coordinator, (505) 848-7115, or the Facility Office Manager, (505) 848-7112 (if the Events Coordinator can't be reached), to make arrangements. Scheduling in advance is highly recommended. The Events Coordinator and the Facility Office Manager are both located in the Administration Building at the Aquarium/Botanic Garden.

Daily Permit: After signing the Photo Policy Agreement, a Photography Permit Authorization Badge for non-exclusive use may be purchased for \$25 per day per site. The daily Photography Permit Authorization includes the signing photographer's admission to the zoo on the date of the permit. All photographer assistants/participants/clients will be charged the regular admission fee. The authorized photographer will be issued a Photography Permit Authorization badge that must be worn while on the BioPark grounds, identifying the day of authorization. The badge must be returned to the BioPark staff member who issued it at the close of business on the authorized day of use.

Annual Permits: After signing the Photo Policy Agreement, photographers and videographers may purchase a Photography Permit Authorization Badge for \$250. The annual Photography Permit Authorization includes facility admission for the signing photographer only. All photographer assistants/participants/clients will be charged the regular admission fee. The authorized photographer will then be issued a Photography Permit Authorization badge, valid for one year from date of purchase, which the photographer must wear while on the grounds. Photography studios with more than one photographer will be charged an extra \$50 per additional photographer, and each photographer will be provided with their own Photography Permit Authorization badge. Authorization badges are non-transferable (ID's will be required at the Admission booth). All other rules and regulations apply.

Bridal Portraits: Photographers taking bridal portraits must call ahead to schedule their session. We hold many wedding ceremonies and receptions at the Garden and will decline requests for bridal portraits on dates when a wedding is scheduled. Unscheduled bridal shoots will be turned away if a wedding has also been scheduled for that day. Reservations are accepted up to 30 days in advance of the shoot. For reservations please contact the Event Coordinator, (505) 848-7115.

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