



Green Spring Gardens
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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/>



Photography Guidelines

Green Spring Gardens is a Fairfax County public park that has a mission to connect the community to natural and cultural resources through horticulture, education, and stewardship.

PERMITS

- If you have not done so already, please obtain a permit for professional portrait photography online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/photography-permit>.
- **RESERVATIONS: Green Spring Gardens REQUIRES A RESERVATION for any commercial photo shoot. No matter how many or what type of event, (i.e. weddings; group photos; prom photos, Quincieras., etc.) Please call the 703-642-5173 to make that reservation.**
- **ARRIVAL and PARKING** —*Note: The Gate is closed at 5:00pm*
- When you arrive, please check in with the front desk by calling 703-642-5173. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 am—4:30 pm and Sundays and Holidays noon-4:30 pm. Have a copy of your permit with you.
- **Limousines and buses must park in overflow parking or along Witch Hazel Road (the front entrance road).**
- After 5pm, please park cars, limos, and buses outside the entrance gate (unless other arrangements have been made).

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Keep the entrance and exits to buildings, gardens, and exhibits clear of obstructions. **No photos on the front or rear steps of the Historic House. These are public entrances!**
- **You may not use areas marked with a RESERVED SIGN—usually gazebo areas.**
- Stay out of the garden beds.
- Plant labels, plant containers, sprinklers and hoses are not to be moved or adjusted; leave them as you find them.
- Climbing into trees, pruning or breaking branches or stems, or cutting flowers, plants or vegetables is prohibited.
- No props, **no balloons**, no tables and chairs and no decorations of any kind may be brought into the gardens for use in your photography or for your event without prior written permission from Green Spring Gardens. (this does NOT include brides' bouquet).
- The interiors of the Horticulture Center and the Historic House are not available as backgrounds for photographs.
- Be aware of and honor all posted garden signs.
- Be mindful and courteous toward our visitors, educational programs, and special events.
- We are not responsible for any equipment loss or damage.

OTHER SERVICES:

- Picnic tables are available at the east end of the parking lot.
- Indoor and outdoor rental facilities are available for parties, etc.
- Inquire in the Horticulture Center or call 703-642-5173, or email your request to Sandra.Knapp@fairfaxcounty.gov