



# Lakeshore Nature Preserve

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## Guidelines for Photography within the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

The Lakeshore Nature Preserve is a popular location for photographers. Photography for personal noncommercial use is allowed. **Photographers taking posed or formal pictures are also allowed as long as they follow all photography guidelines and [visitor etiquette](#).**

### Photography guidelines:

- Photographers and clients must stay on trails at all times.
- Photographers must stay with their props and equipment at all times.
- Photographers taking posed or formal pictures cannot restrict areas to the visiting public.
- No trampling, picking, or collecting flowers, leaves, or boughs. No disturbing animals.
- All photographers and clients must follow the Preserve visitor etiquette policies.
- Faculty, staff, and students needing special considerations for educational purposes are asked to submit a teaching/research permit application available at:  
<https://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu/apply-for-a-teaching-and-research-permit/>

### Commercial photography and video

Stock and commercial photography and/or videography requires advance arrangements with the university. Projects involving commercial or stock photography (such as photos taken for publications, catalog shoots, commercials, professional videos, and the like) should contact [University Communications and Marketing](#) to review campus [commercial use policies](#).

### Drones

For safety and privacy reasons, **drone operations by students, employees or visitors for recreational or hobbyist purposes are not permitted on UW-Madison premises**. There is a drone-use approval process for research and instructional purposes. Please refer to the [UW-Madison Drone Use Policy](#).

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