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/](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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