

General Public Photography Policy

Amateur, recreational and hobbyist photographers are welcome to take photos for personal use only. Group or single posed photography (description below) is required to be pre-approved. Photography may not block, disrupt or hinder visitor access or circulation of paths and walkways. Personal photographs and videos are not to be used for commercial purposes.

Wedding photography is only permitted for clients contracted for a wedding at Sunken Gardens.

Photos sessions are scheduled during the hours of 10am and 3pm Monday through Thursday.

Description: photo sessions include engagement sessions, family portraits, anniversaries, quinceaneras, graduations, prom, maternity, blogs, birthdays, etc. Balloons are not permitted in the Gardens. Sessions must be scheduled 5 days in advance.

Pricing

The fee for a one-hour photo session is \$250 for up to 10 persons, including your hired photographer. Additional time is available at the rate of \$150 per hour, with a minimum increment of one hour. Additional adult guests are \$20 per person. All prices are pre-tax.

Photo sessions are approved on case-by-case basis. Maximum of 5 sessions permitted each day.

Payment is due upon arrival of session and entire party must be present at the time of check-in.

Please note: Sunken Gardens reserves the right to turn away photographers who meet any of the above criteria if they have not booked in advance and has the right of refusal based on community standards/content.

Commercial Photography and Filming in the Gardens:

Sunken Gardens is home to tropical plants and trees in a subtropical environment. There are many backdrops that make beautiful photo and film opportunities.

We allow the use of Sunken Gardens' property for film, TV commercials and still photography shoots based upon certain criteria. To discuss the use and the availability of the Gardens, please contact 727.892.5715 or email sarah.carvalis@stpete.org to receive a copy of the reservation form.

Please note: wedding photography of any kind is only allowed for our contracted wedding clients.

Drone Policy

Sunken Gardens is a no drone zone. Due to strong safety concerns and protection of our National Historic Landmark, drone flight or photography (or flight of unmanned, and/or remote-controlled aircraft of any kind) originating from or flying over Sunken Gardens property, is strictly prohibited, except in collaboration with Sunken Gardens' Marketing Department and with express written permission. Contact 727.892.5715 or sarah.carvalis@stpete.org

In an effort to preserve the beauty and history of Sunken Gardens as well as for your safety, we require all guests to refrain from climbing or hanging from trees, bushes, ponds, waterfalls or animal enclosures. Such actions will result in removal from the Gardens. All visitors should enjoy the Gardens while remaining on the designated paths and walkways. If at any time a volunteer or staff member witnesses behavior that puts the other visitors, the Gardens, or animals at risk, visitors may be asked to leave the premises and forfeit their garden experience.