



Photography Policy and Agreement

The Ridges Sanctuary, a private non-profit, provides a beautiful backdrop for photography. We invest substantial funding and effort each year to ensure the Sanctuary is preserved for many generations to come. We welcome the opportunity to host photographers and their clients on the grounds, but we must ensure minimal interruption to our visitors and have zero impact to sensitive habitat areas on the property.

To maximize enjoyment and use by all of our guests, a **formal photography policy** has been implemented. For the purposes of this policy, a professional photographer is defined as someone who is being paid to take photographs at The Ridges Sanctuary. This includes amateur photographers acting in the role of professional photographer.

Fee

A \$5.00 trail fee is required for all who wish to utilize The Ridges Sanctuary for a photography session.

Process

Photographers are required to contact The Ridges Sanctuary at a **minimum of one week prior** to the photoshoot to schedule their visit and location. **All photographers must check in** at the nature center upon arrival during open hours. Visitors, paid field trips, and programs will have priority over areas in use.

Site Use Rules and Regulations:

- Please be respectful of the property and other visitors at all times.
- Parking is only permitted in the designated parking areas.
- Photographers and clients must stay on the trail to avoid damaging sensitive habitat areas.
- Natural features, decorations, benches, etc. may be included in photos, but must not be moved.
- Props are not permitted.
- Smoking or drinking is NOT allowed on the property.

The Ridges staff reserve the right to approach anyone conducting a photography shoot to enforce this policy. This policy applies to photographers on the grounds any time from dawn until dusk. There is no availability of public restrooms after business hours.

I agree to The Ridges Photography Policy:

Company: _____ Contact: _____ Cell: _____

Date signed: _____ Date of shoot: _____ Ridges Staff: _____