Policy for Site Photography

The timeless beauty of the Shadows Gardens will enhance the beauty captured in your on-site photography session. From the elegant bridal photographs on grounds that have seen weddings for more than a century, to playful shots of children among the lush gardens, the variety of outdoor settings provide an expansive backdrop to your special event.

PHOTO SESSION FEE
The Shadows charges a **$50 photo session fee** for photographers to access the grounds. This grants access for up to 5 people, including the photographer. An additional $8.00 will be charged for each individual beyond 5 in the party. Shadows accepts cash, check, VISA, and MasterCard. **No photography is allowed inside the museum.**

AVAILABILITY
Reservations are **required** for photo sessions. Sessions can be scheduled during normal operating hours, Monday – Saturday from 10am – 4pm. The garden gates are locked at 4:30pm. Photo sessions can be scheduled outside of normal operating hours for a charge of **$100 per hour**. If shoot exceeds time limit, there will be a charge of **$30 per 15 minutes**. Photo sessions **cannot** be scheduled on Sunday. All special sessions are held at the discretion of Shadows staff.

DAY OF PHOTO SESSION
Please check in at the Shadows Visitor Center (320 E. Main Street) to confirm appointment, make payment, and receive any last-minute information. The photographer and entire party should check-in together. Each member of the party must possess a “Grounds Only” admission ticket.

Whomever is being photographed should arrive dressed as there are no changing rooms available on-site, except the public restroom.

You are welcome to use the stairs and galleries for photo settings, but please remember that our tour groups have the right of way. Also, please be aware that tours might be ongoing in the house or in the gardens nearby. For that reason, we ask that you keep noise to a minimum so you do not interfere with our guests’ enjoyment of the house and grounds.

Please **DO NOT** move benches, porch furniture, and antique olive jars on porch or in gardens.

**DO NOT** sit or stand on cisterns.

Smoking is **NOT** permitted on National Trust Historic Sites.

Pets are **NOT** allowed on-site.