

Snow Canyon State Park 2024 Professional Portrait Photography and Videography Requirements

Due to its stunning scenery Snow Canyon State Park is a popular location for professional portrait photography and videography. In order to manage the large volume of permit requests we receive, an annual Professional Photography pass is required for any professional scheduling clients/sessions, and using the canyon for shoots that include weddings, engagements, bridals, family shoots or other posed portraiture for commercial gain. Amateurs receiving compensation (including donations and “trade”) and acting in the role of a professional are also required to obtain an annual pass.

Please note the following parameters:

1. Both the Utah State Park Annual Day Use and Snow Canyon Desert Discovery passes are for personal, household use and cannot be used for any type of commercial activity.
2. Commercial shoots including styled shoots; movie productions; television, print, or internet commercials; advertisements; or promotions for products or businesses require a Special Use Permit and do not qualify for a Professional Photography pass. Please e-mail park staff for more information.
3. The annual Professional Photography pass is good for one year from month of purchase for a set number of shoots (see below) and is required for any hired photographer and/or videographer conducting sessions in the canyon (**all shoots must be used prior to pass expiration**). Three separate tiers of pass are available for purchase (one-time Special Use Permits are not issued for professional photography portrait sessions):

Tier 1: \$175. Tier 1 allows up to 5 professional shoots per year.

Tier 2: \$350. Tier 2 allows up to 10 professional shoots per year.

Tier 3: \$525. Tier 3 allows up to 15 professional shoots per year.

4. The pass must be purchased by the photographer (not client) at least five-days in advance of shoot date. Pass sales and scheduling are handled via email. The pass covers up to eight-people in a single vehicle and is good for professional outings only. In addition to purchasing an annual Professional Photography pass you are required to:
 - a. Complete the Terms and Conditions form (see pages 2 and 3) which will be kept on file at park headquarters. Email your completed form to snowcanyon@utah.gov
 - b. Schedule all shoots taking place on park property. To schedule a shoot, you must submit an email request (snowcanyon@utah.gov) at least five-days prior to your outing. Photography or videography requests must include the date of shoot; arrival and departure times; number of people/vehicles; shoot location(s), and nature of shoot (including description of props). This will allow us to track your use and/or notify you of any park closures or restrictions. The number of shoots permitted in the canyon (among all professionals) is limited to three per day. Once all three slots are filled no more shoots will be allowed for that date.

Snow Canyon State Park
Professional Photography and Videography Pass Terms and Conditions

Please fill in your information below

Pass Holder Name:	
Business Name:	
Address:	
Phone #:	
E-mail Address:	
Website Address:	
Staff Use Only Receipt #:	

Terms and Conditions

1. The photography pass is required for any location within park boundaries, including the Whiterocks; Snow Canyon Overlook; Cougar Cliffs; Black Rocks; and Paradise Canyon/Chuckwalla. Please refer to the park brochure for a map of park boundaries.
2. All shoots must be scheduled and approved. Shoot requests must be submitted by e-mail (snowcanyon@utah.gov) a minimum of five-days prior to the proposed outing. E-mail requests must include the date; arrival and departure times; number of people and vehicles; proposed props; the shoot location(s); and the nature of the shoot (i.e. bridals, family portraits, etc). The park reserves the right to deny any shoot due to special events; trail closures; or exceeding the number of daily slots. All shoots will be logged by park staff and deducted from your allocated quantity.
3. Failure to schedule shoots may result in a citation or revocation of your pass.
4. Shoots are only permitted in areas open to the general public, i.e. no special access privileges are granted with your pass.
5. In the event of cancellations (illness, weather, etc) notify the park by e-mail within 24-hours. Failure to provide the proper notice will result in the shoot not being credited back to your business and allocated quantity.
6. Props must be approved prior to shoot.
7. The photography pass can only be used for professional purposes for the duration of your shoot. Personal recreational use is not permitted with the pass.
8. Upon arrival, the pass will be clearly displayed from the rear-view mirror or on the dash. Failure to show proper pass will result in revocation of shoot privileges.
9. The pass is good for one vehicle (up to eight people per vehicle). **All additional vehicles are responsible for paying the current per vehicle day-use fee upon arrival.** If no attendant is available clients will use the self-pay station and follow all self-pay instructions.
10. Follow the 25mph posted speed limit throughout the canyon. Vehicles are only permitted on designated roads and parking lots.
11. Park in designated lots/areas only. Parking on vegetated road shoulders or in washes is prohibited.
12. Parking is limited in the canyon; particularly during busy spring and fall periods or holidays. Your pass does not guarantee access; parking; or special privileges in the canyon. Plan your shoots accordingly.

13. Stay on designated trails and parking lots. **Do not pose clients off-trail or off of parking lots. Do not hike off-trail or cross country.** Failure to stay on designated trails or locations outlined in permit will result in revocation of annual pass and shoot privileges in the park. You are responsible for the safety and behavior of your clients.
14. Do not modify park resources for your shoot. This includes moving rocks; cutting or trimming plants; writing on rocks; etc.
15. Drones are prohibited except at the Snow Canyon Scenic Overlook.
16. Dogs must be leashed and under control. Scoop, bag, and bin all dog waste.
17. Shoot activities will not limit or impede use by the general public.
18. All shoots are limited to park hours - 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. No use will occur outside these hours.
19. Pass is non-transferable.
20. Duplicate or replacement passes are not issued.
21. Commercial liability insurance is not required for professional portrait photography, however, both Utah State Parks and the Utah Division of Risk Management advise that you carry personal insurance in the event that you or your clients are injured on park premises. Your safety and that of your clients is your responsibility.
22. Utah State Parks and the State of Utah assume no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to any equipment or belongings.
23. If you reach the maximum number of shoots allowed within your tier you can purchase more shoots. All shoots must be used prior to the pass expiration date.
24. Failure to follow the Terms and Conditions **OR** unauthorized or improper use will result in termination of your shoot, and revocation of your annual pass and future shoot privileges in the park.
25. Failure to obtain the proper pass may result in a \$600 fine.

I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions:

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Please e-mail all shoot requests to:

Snow Canyon State Park: snowcanyon@utah.gov