Photographer Guidelines

Chippewa Nature Center is open to the public. Our goal is to protect the natural and cultural environment and the experiences of the visitors.

General

- Please respect and take care of the natural environment. Wildflowers and other vegetation, including trees, should not be trampled or damaged.
- The primary purpose of docks and kayak/canoe launches is for paddlers and those engaged in nature study and recreation. These user groups must still be able to use these areas.
- The privacy of photographers and their clients can’t be guaranteed since the facility is open to the public.
- Do not block any trails or roads that provide for pedestrian passage. Allow for trail passage for visitors and staff at all times.
- Do not reposition CNC equipment, artifacts, benches, tables or other items.
- Do not move or remove any posts or signage, including plant identification labels.
- CNC hosts hundreds of nature and history programs throughout the year. Formal photography sessions cannot distract or disrupt the public experiencing these events.
- No “sittings” may occur on the day of festivals and special events. It is the responsibility of photographers to be aware of days on which Festivals and other special events are happening.
- Abide by all CNC rules and regulations, including no pets, alcohol, drugs or smoking.

In addition to the general guidelines, the following are Homestead specific:

- Timber Frame Barn and farm equipment: No climbing into hayloft, no entering when locked, subjects may not be placed on sleighs and wagons.
- Buildings (Schoolhouse, Sugarhouse, Cabin and Wagon Barn, Outhouses) are to be used as backdrops only. No photo “sittings” inside the buildings.
- Sheep, pig, chickens and cow pastures – photos outside fences only (no entering animal area).
- Grounds – do not impede the flow of visitors, including general visitors, school and scout groups and individuals participating in CNC programs.

Parking: Park only in designated spaces and parking lots (Visitor Center, Ridge, Wetlands, River Point, etc.). For those wishing to utilize the Homestead Farm, Peepers Pond, Six Island Pond, etc. areas, use designated parking spaces across from the Sugarhouse and Nature Study Building turn-a-round.

PERMISSIBLE ITEMS: Camera, lenses, flashes, tripods, hand held light reflectors/discs, personal size step stool (up to 3 rungs/stairs).

RESTRICTED ITEMS:
- Furniture; pipe, drape or similar structures
- Farm animals and pets of all kinds, including horses
- Generators and ladders over 4’ high
- No glitter, candles, open flame, balloons, confetti, floating lanterns, fireworks, explosives, smoke bombs or incendiary devices

Annual use fee: CNC is a private non-profit organization supported by memberships, user fees and financial contributions. We encourage each photographer to purchase at minimum a CNC Family membership. This also allows photographers to receive all the benefits of a CNC membership.

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