

Professional Photography Pass FAQ

It's always been free, why charge now?

Salomon Farm Park prides itself in generating its own revenue to alleviate the use of tax dollars; operational costs are raised through program fees, facility rental fees, donations, and grants. Salomon Farm Park is growing in popularity and amenities. In 2019 we added a 2.5 acre sunflower field and plan to add two more in 2020. The new fee will help Salomon Farm Park upkeep areas such as sunflower fields, gardens, and historic buildings like the Summer Kitchen and Salomon Family Homestead that are popular features for professional photographers.

Why don't photographers have to pay the fee for other parks, why just Salomon Farm Park?

Fort Wayne is very lucky to have such an expansive public parks system; we boast 87 parks! Each park operates a little differently based on the amenities and use. Salomon Farm Park has live animals, Fort Wayne's second largest children's day camp, registered historic buildings, crop fields and gardens in production, and staff assigned specifically to the farm.

What will I get for buying a pass?

We don't just want to take photographer's money, we want to be partners! Knowing who is shooting on the property and when will help us communicate to pass holders busy times to help them plan a high-quality session with their clients. Pass holders will also have opportunities to register (for an additional fee) for Photo Pass Perks Days in which we set up exclusive scenes using things like antique tractors or opportunities to shoot indoors in the historic Old Barn, restored and antiques Homestead, and the Heritage Barn (full of antique farm equipment). We also plan to have more photo areas set up for pass holders to use all around the property. In 2020 we're adding more sunflower fields of different varieties. You'll also be able to market your business as having special access to these amenities!

I'm a hobbyist, do I need a pass?

No. If you are not taking money from clients you do not need to pay.

Do professional photographers hired for an event (wedding, business event, etc.) at Salomon Farm Park need to buy a pass?

No. The rental fee covers photographers shooting for clients that have rented the Old Barn, Homestead, and/or Learning Center.

How will this be enforced?

Pass holders will receive a pass on a lanyard that they will be expected to wear or have visible on their camera strap. Our friendly staff will make rounds during the day and anyone photographing on the property will be asked for their pass.

Can I buy a pass online?

At this time we only have passes available for purchase at the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation main office in Northside Park at 705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Business hours are 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to stop in during these hours please contact the Manager of Outdoor Recreation, Kellie Adkins, at 260.427.6005 or kellie.adkins@cityoffortwayne.com at least one week prior to photography sessions at Salomon Farm Park to arrange to purchase the Salomon Photography pass.

Does this mean I get private use of the park?

No, the park will remain open to the public and multiple pass holding photographers may shoot at the same time.