Guidelines for Photography, Videos, and Artist-related Activities on Fair Lane (Henry Ford Estate) Grounds

Photography (other than quick “point and shoot tourist photography”) including video recording, and artist-related activity on the Fair Lane grounds typically requires a permit and must be scheduled. Email Karen Marzonie at kmarzonie@henryfordestate.org at least one week in advance to check availability and obtain a permit.

Special Event Photography/video fees:
- Evenings or Weekends (very limited availability): $250 per hour.
- Weekdays (until 5 pm): $125 per hour.

Student Photography (Senior High Photos, Prom, Homecoming, etc.):
- Allowed when Fair Lane grounds are open to the public (times vary seasonally):
  New policy - Permit and fee waived in 2019. Reservations requested.

No photography is allowed inside buildings at this time. There will be no restrooms available.

The photography/video permit document must be in the possession of the photographer, videographer, or artist at the time of activity and shown to Security or Fair Lane staff upon request. Henry Ford Estate (the owner) reserves the right to not issue permits for activities that it deems inappropriate.

Specific Guidelines:
- At least one week prior to photography, video, or artist set-up on the Fair Lane grounds (includes individuals or student groups; amateur photography or video), the site user shall contact the Henry Ford Estate to schedule the date, location, and time of the activity.

- Photography using a drone is not permitted.

- Backdrop material use shall be kept to a minimum. Nothing shall be attached to or leaned against any building or structure on site.

- Potted plants, flower pots, tables, benches, and/or chairs shall not be moved; nor shall any material be added to ponds or garden beds.

- Artists shall not set-up on any stone work, brick, or hard surface patios. Set-up on lawns only with approval.

Guidelines effective as of April 1, 2019