

PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES AT ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks protect wildlife habitat and sensitive ecosystems and are shared by many visitors looking to connect with nature. When doing photography in Aldergrove Regional Park, please help protect the natural and heritage features of the park and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all by following these guidelines.

A permit is required to conduct commercial photography in Aldergrove Regional Park. If you are planning on conducting any commercial photography in the park, please purchase your permit online at [this link](#). The annual permit is for both Aldergrove and Campbell Valley Regional Parks.

Under Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012, **commercial photography** means:

“the use of a camera or other device to capture images that are intended to be sold or used for a commercial purpose, including but not limited to for-hire photography, wedding photography, stock photography, or photography using props.”

All commercial photographers must be fully compliant with the Bylaw that governs visitor use.

Park Hours

- No commercial photography activities shall be conducted when the regional park is closed without a special event permit.

Parking

- Park only in designated parking lots, not on roadways and not blocking any gates or road entrances.
- Parking is limited to single vehicle parking stalls, with no accommodation for limousines and chartered buses.

Props and Special Equipment

- Props and photography equipment must be kept to a minimum. Simple light shields, screens, tripods and other basic photography equipment are acceptable, but any shoots requiring large numbers of props/photography equipment will require a **special event permit** (in addition to the commercial photography permit), and will be evaluated for their feasibility and impact on other park users and natural park features before approval.
- Do not use smoke bombs, confetti cannons, or other such devices in the park.

No Drones

- Drones and drone photography are not permitted within regional parks without a park permit that specifically provides authorization.

Shared Use (No Exclusive Use of Park Areas)

- A commercial photography permit does not give the photographer exclusive use to a facility or natural park feature. If you want exclusive use of an area, you will need to apply for a **special event permit**. Please be respectful of others trying to enjoy the park and its amenities. Do not block trails or roadways.
- Photographers are not permitted to monopolize any area of the park by either setting up in a locale and rotating a series of clients through or restricting access for other park users with their props and equipment.
- Please keep in mind that some popular photography areas may not be available at a given time as they are also used for educational programming and special events throughout the year or may be a bookable facility reserved by another group.

Off-Trail Use

- Photography is only permitted in maintained/manicured areas and on designated trails. Forests and tall grass areas are considered off-trail and out-of-bounds. Infringement on these habitat areas is an infraction enforced through the park bylaw for environmental protection. **Please look for signs highlighting environmentally sensitive areas and keep on trails.**

Equestrian Etiquette

- Please be mindful of your proximity to equestrian trails and facilities. Horses can easily be frightened by photography equipment and props that they perceive as being out-of-place. A startled horse may throw its rider causing potential serious injury to both.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, No Cannabis

- Alcohol is not allowed in regional parks, except in indoor facilities by permit only. Cannabis use is prohibited.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted in regional parks except in designated smoking areas.

Responsibility and Liability

- Photographers will be responsible for the actions of their clients and others, including wedding parties and groups who they bring into the park for their photography shoots. Photographers are responsible for ensuring that their clients follow all park bylaws and posted notices.