



Laurel Hill

Photography & Videography Guidelines

Personal photography/videography is considered any shoot that **does not use:**

- Models (human or other)
- Costumes and props
- Jewelry/art promotion (including for social media)
- Group and event photography (including engagement and wedding shoots)
- Photography clubs and meet-up groups
- The use of extensive equipment and lights
- Financial gain from still or motion pictures
- Drone use

All of the above constitutes a commercial shoot and must abide by the following:

-Groups of photographers or photography classes are asked to contact us at least two weeks in advance to coordinate their visit and sign an agreement. Once the agreement is executed, the group contact will be given day-of check-in instructions. Fees may apply.

-Engagement and Wedding photography must be approved by the Cemeteries prior to shooting.

-Drone photography must be approved by the Cemeteries prior to shooting.

-Commercial shoots and shoots before or after gate hours involve a signed agreement and one month's notice to set up an appointment time. Fees may apply.

-Please park to the side of the roads, enabling regular Cemetery traffic to travel around you.

-Commercial Shoot use and photography groups are entirely at risk of users. Exercise caution on the uneven and steep grounds. Monuments should not be climbed, leaned against, or otherwise touched, as they can and do topple, and are more than 100 years old.

-The production of sexually explicit or socially offensive material on Cemetery property is strictly prohibited. Laurel Hill reserves the right to determine what constitutes “sexually explicit” or “socially offensive” material.

-Photographing or otherwise recording funeral ceremonies, funeral processions, or families visiting gravesites is strictly prohibited (except where photographer is a member of the funeral party or family). All persons present on the Cemetery grounds should conduct themselves with decorum appropriate to a place of mourning, with due respect to those who might overhear them.

-The names on gravestones, monuments, and mausoleums must not be readable in any images thereof except those used for private, non-commercial purposes.

-Alcohol and illegal substances are prohibited on the grounds. Visitors should remove all trash or other materials produced during the photography session.

-No materials are to be removed from the grounds except those brought in by the visitor. This includes the rubble of damaged monuments and markers, pieces of the site’s natural landscape and greenery, found objects, grave ornaments, or any other article of any type. The cutting of tree branches or other plantings is not permitted.

-Fees and the requirement to sign an agreement may apply to any commercial shoot.

-Request of sharing photography or videography for promotion of the Cemeteries may be asked of the user(s).

Please contact the Cemetery office at 610-668-9900 or info@laurelhillphl.com with any questions, concerns, or special requests regarding photography and videography.