

# **Guidelines for Filming and Photography in Central Park**

*The object of these guidelines is to make Central Park easily accessible for all film productions while protecting and respecting the Park: its visitors, structures, trees, plants, grass, and animals.*

**All Applicants Must Contact Central Park Operations Prior To Filming  
212-628-1036 x29 or film@centralparknyc.org  
Minimum 3-day advance notice is required  
Productions are not permitted on weekends or holidays**

## **The Following Is Prohibited:**

- Filming in playgrounds, the Bowling Green, closed landscapes, restricted areas, and all Parks Department facilities, including all comfort stations and visitor centers.
- Using, props, lighting or other equipment in the following areas: Sheep Meadow, East Green, Strawberry Fields, The Ramble, Henshead, Cedar Hill, Great Lawn, North Meadow and North Woods.
- Tying, draping or attaching in any way, rope, props, or equipment to trees, shrubs, fences, or benches.
- Tying or attaching anything to any architectural features or statues, sculptures, or fountains.
- Cutting, tying back or altering shrubs, plantings, or trees in any way.
- Leaving uncovered cable when crossing any path. Must use cable ramps.
- Posting direction signs for filming locations of any kind.
- Digging and/or staking.
- Using open flames.
- Using amplified sound of any kind.
- Tenting or using plastic tarps.
- Placing portable toilets in the Park.
- Offering gifts or payments to Park employees.
- Using benches or other structures as storage areas.

**Central Park has a policy of Carry In – Carry Out. All materials brought in by a production company, including trash, must be removed from the Park. Park trash receptacles cannot be used to dispose of any waste. Film companies will be summonsed for any trash left behind or scattered across landscapes. Film companies are responsible for all damage. All areas should be left in the condition in which they were found. Any damage must be reported to the Central Park Conservancy and the Mayor’s Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting immediately.**

## **Vehicle Use is Restricted as Follows:**

- Production vehicles are allowed ONLY in the following areas: Cherry Hill, Dead Road, and the 102<sup>nd</sup> Street Cross Drive with advance approval.
- Park Enforcement and NYPD will summons all vehicles without permits.
- No personal vehicles are allowed in the Park.
- Speed limit: 15 mph on Park Drives.
- Vehicles are allowed on paved surfaces only.
- No vehicles are allowed on the Bridle Paths.
- Vehicles cannot stop on the Park Drives at any time.
- Vehicles must not block pathways.
- Stopped vehicles must turn off their engines (no idling).
- Pedestrian paths and closed drives cannot be used as shortcuts.
- Use vehicle entrances that minimize driving in the Park.
- Trucks and oversized vehicles must receive special permission to park in Central Park.

**Please respect the Park and treat our visitors well.**