



Outdoor Photography at Grand Oaks Farm

Welcome! We are thrilled to have you at Grand Oaks Farm for your outdoor photography sessions. We hope you and your client enjoy your time here and get some wonderful photos! Before your session we want to provide you with some information to make your time onsite productive, as well as let you and your clients know what to expect while you are here.

Location & Parking

Grands Oaks Farm is located at 1019 County Rd 603, Fort Payne, AL 35968.

When you arrive, follow signs for parking. Please remain in the parking area until your scheduled session time so as not to disturb other photographers who may be onsite.

Arrival at the Farm

We encourage you and your clients to arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled session time. We schedule sessions back to back so are not able to extend session times in the case that someone is running late.

If you have any questions about your session once you arrive, feel free to reach out by phone or come up to the house. Once your session time starts, you are welcome to head into the flower fields. If you have any clients who will be arriving after your session already started, they may head down as soon as they arrive.

General Guidelines & Policies

While you are onsite, please adhere to the following guideline and policies:

- Please do not pick the flowers. If you would like a bouquet for your photo shoot, they are available for purchase.
- Do not step on the plants as this will damage and may kill them.
- Portable restrooms are available seasonally.

- We schedule multiple sessions every day. Please be courteous to the other photographers who are coming onsite by wrapping up your sessions within your allotted window.
- Please be respectful of the property. This is our home.

- Please keep an eye on children in the parking area as there can be a lot of vehicles coming and going at the same time.
- The farm has a lot of hills and uneven ground. Use caution when walking the property.
- In the summer, it can be very warm and humid outdoors. We recommend having water with you during your session time.
- Be aware that there are also bees and other critters that visit the farm. Bees especially love flowers!

Frequently Asked Questions

- Will the lavender or other flowers be in peak bloom for my scheduled session? We do our best to predict when the lavender and other flowers will be in bloom, but there is some variation year to year due to weather conditions. Please understand that we are providing the property location and can make no guarantees. If we feel that the bloom time will be delayed, we will reach out and give you the option to reschedule.
- When do you harvest your flowers? We begin harvesting when the flowers are blooming. However, we are very conscientious of how we harvest to ensure that there are plenty of great spots for photos in the flower fields.
- Are dogs allowed on the property? Absolutely! We love it when people bring their dogs. Dogs are required to be kept on leashes while on the farm.

Inclement Weather Policy

We always hope for perfect weather for photo sessions, but we know that is not always going to be the case. Summer rain showers often pop up in June during peak lavender bloom. Should it become necessary to reschedule a photo session due to inclement weather at Grand Oaks Farm, we will do our best to find a new time that works for all. We make our final decision on rescheduling a session 2 hours prior to the session start time. We generally encourage photographers to come out. If you arrive onsite and are not able to get your photos, we will provide dates for rescheduling. If we are unable to find a new time that works for all parties, we will refund the session fee.

Inclement weather does not include:

- Sunshine
- Overcast/Cloudy skies
- Cool/Warm temperatures
- Wet ground

Inclement weather does include:

- Temperatures over 100 degrees F
- Active Rainstorms
- Severe weather watches/warnings

Safety on the Farm

Your safety is our top priority while you are enjoying your time at Grand Oaks Farm. We strongly encourage you to follow the below safety recommendations:

- Children must remain with their parent or guardian the entire time they are here - no exceptions. If a child is left unattended, we will require the parents return to their child. If this interrupts the photo session, no refunds will be made.

Reschedule & Cancellation Policy

Rescheduling and cancellations must be done at least two weeks prior to your session. Many photographers want to book with us to get photos taken at the farm. We want to be respectful to all.

Covid-19 Updates & Precautions

If sessions need to be cancelled as a result of a client or photographer getting Covid-19, we will

provide a refund or credit to reschedule at a later point in time, whichever is preferred.

Additionally

Grand Oaks Farm reserves the right to change its policies at any time. As this is an active farm and personal residence, we may be outside working on the farm while you are here. We make every effort to ensure we will not interfere with your session.