

Marble Springs Frequently Asked Questions: Photography

1. What are your hours of operation?

We are open from Wednesday- Saturday from 10am-5pm, and Sunday from 12pm-5pm. Winter hours may vary, as well as special event hours. Photography sessions will not be available during special events, so calling ahead to reserve your date is helpful. Tours will continue as usual during our open hours, so you may be asked to move out of the tour's way as necessary. Staff will assist you to finding areas away from the tour path if needed.

2. How much does it cost?

\$20 per session, or you may join Marble Springs at the \$100 level or higher for unlimited sessions for one year (please note that you are a photographer). Reservations are helpful. No photography sessions will be allowed on days that Marble Springs is hosting a special event. During our closed hours, members may pay \$15/ hour (up to 7pm), and non-members may pay \$20/ hour (up to 7pm). A one hour deposit is due a week in advance. The deposit will be used towards your session time, and is non-refundable if you do not show up for your appointment without proper notification (sessions may be rescheduled due to weather, provided that Marble Springs is given at least 2 hours notice).

3. Why do I have to pay?

The small fee we charge helps us maintain our facilities and grounds, as well as preserving the buildings for the future. The additional fee for closed hours allows us to off-set personnel time.

4. Isn't Marble Springs a public park?

No. We are a State Historic Site owned by the State of Tennessee and operated by the Governor John Sevier Memorial Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

5. If you're a non-profit, why are you making a profit off of photo sessions and other events?

All profits raised for Marble Springs State Historic Site goes towards public programming and site upkeep. Your donations continue to allow us to keep our gates open to the public.

6. Do I have to pay in advance?

You may pay when you arrive for regular hour sessions. A deposit is due one week in advance for sessions taking place during closed hours.

7. Can I move things on the property?

We ask that you ask for approval before moving anything. Staff will have the right to remove you from the property if anything is moved without permission. Any damages to the property by you or anyone in your party (including client(s)) will be your responsibility to replace and/or fix.

8. Can I drive down onto the historic property?

No. All cars should remain in the parking lot field.

9. Can I bring animals to the photo shoot?

Dogs may be on a leash, and must be picked up after.

10. Can I have sessions in the historic structures?

Due to our contract with the State of Tennessee, the only structure that may have photography sessions is the Tavern. Sessions that take place in the Tavern will require an additional fee.