



How to apply for a NY State Parks Film Permit in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess or Columbia county

Interested in filming in one of New York State's parks or historic sites? You're not alone. We are rapidly becoming one of the most highly requested film shooting destinations. From the Gilded Age majesty of Staatsburgh State Historic Site, to the miles of scenic hiking trails, golf courses and the spectacular panoramic views of the Hudson River from Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park, our parks in the Hudson Valley have attracted visitors from all over the world.

Just a short distance from New York City, our state parks have been the location of feature films, documentaries, fashion photo shoots and more. And even better, if you film at a NY State Park, you may be eligible for the NY State Film Tax Credit. [Click here](#) to learn more about the benefits of shooting in New York State.

Permits are required for commercial shoots for film or still photography. Permit fees, insurance coverage and other supporting documents will be evaluated once a permit application is submitted. Please plan for your permit to take at least two weeks to be reviewed.

*But first, please [click here](#) to fill out and submit a **Letter of Intent**.*

If your request seems doable, you will be contacted to start the film permit application process. Any questions, please contact: Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov.



Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent covers the Taconic Region, which includes Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia counties only.

Please complete and submit the form below if you are interested in pursuing any commercial activity related to photography, film, videotaping or any other media production to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Please allow at least five business days for us to get back to you regarding park availability for a permit. If doable, we will email, fax or mail you a film permit application package. Once your application has been received, allow at least 2 weeks for final approval and grant of the film permit. The more complex the shoot, the longer it may take to process. Requests to film at historic sites may require a longer and more intensive process. NY State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Taconic Region will provide the requirements necessary for the park in which you are interested in filming.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please be as specific, accurate and complete as possible as this information will be used to assess your request and to generate your permit documents, if and when issued.

Please [continue to the application form](#) found on the next page.



Project Name (or working title)*: _____

Full LEGAL Name of Production*: _____
REQUIRED: Specify "LLC," "Inc.," etc. This will be the entity named on your permit and **MUST** match your insurance and compliance documents. [Students: Use the name of your school.]

Company Contact Name and Title*: _____

Company Contact Email Address*: _____

Phone*: _____

On-Location Contact Name and Job Title: _____

On-Location Contact Job Title: _____

On-Location Contact Phone: _____

On-Location Contact Email: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Fax: _____

Project Name (or working title)*: _____

Total Production Budget: _____

Project & Scene Descriptions: _____

Please provide a VERY BRIEF summary of the project and description of scene(s) for your permit

Type Of Production*: _____

If other, please specify: _____

Have you already identified your desired location? Yes No

If so, where? If not, describe your needs*: _____

Notes / Requirements On Location: _____

Please list specific areas of the location(s) to be used, and provide as many details as possible

Upload Map/Diagram (Please send as an email attachment to Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov)

Dates & Times*: _____



For Permit Issuance

Total Cast & Crew Size*: _____

Equipment: _____

Vehicles: _____

Any traffic control or disruption
to local activity?*: Yes No

If so, briefly describe: _____

Any weapons, incendiary effects
or police/military wardrobe?*: Yes No

Are you using a vendor for tent(s)
on park property?*: Yes No

If so, provide name & address,
contact name, title & email: _____

We will send your vendor a tent permit for signature, and insurance requirement.

Will you provide craft/food services
on location?*: Yes No

Craft/Food Services Vendor(s): _____

List contact name(s), phone number(s) _____

and email addresses for all
catering/craft services vendors _____

What brought you to New York
State Parks for locations?: _____

Click "Submit" to send this completed form as an email attachment to
Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov.