



Photography Sessions at the Paine

At the Paine, we treat all photography sessions as special events. During your session, an event staff member will greet you and show you and your photographer the most popular spaces with the best scenery. We'll also be available to answer any questions you may have throughout your session.

*Advanced scheduling is required, with rates included below. Photography sessions can be scheduled up to 3-months in advanced. Please note that **we need at least two weeks notice when scheduling**. To reserve a date and time for a photography session at the Paine, please connect with us at weddings@thepaine.org*

Garden Photography Rates

Senior Photos, Engagements or Family Portraits: **\$100/hour**

Wedding Day: **\$150/hour**

**If your wedding is booked with us, garden photography is included in your rental package; You do not need to pay this fee.*

Prom/Homecoming Photography Policy

*We welcome Prom & Homecoming photography at no charge during prom season or homecoming season in the **gardens only**; however, all sessions must occur between **11 AM and 4 PM**. Groups remaining on the property after 4 PM will be asked to leave.*

Private sessions are not permitted.





Nearly 100 years old, the Paine Art Center and Gardens is a Tudor Revival-style country estate. The mansion features arches, doorways, columns, window panes, and chimney stacks that create the appearance of being built over three centuries in evolving English styles. Much of the estate's architecture, décor, artworks, and landscaping derive from English country houses while utilizing and accentuating Wisconsin's natural resources and beauty.

Because the mansion is filled with precious collection pieces and Our Curator of Collections and Exhibitions has designated areas for fine art and photography works.

Photos may be taken in the following authorized spaces:

*Stair Hallway & Grand Staircase
The Original Front Entrance
The Gothic & Mears Galleries*

Mansion Photography Rates

Engagements, Senior Photos or Wedding Day: **\$200/hour**

**If you have your wedding booked with us inside the mansion, mansion photography is included in your rental package; You do not need to pay this fee*

Family portraits: **\$250/hour**



Frequently Asked Questions

What is a photography permit?

A photography permit allows your group to take professional photos on the Paine grounds during specific times scheduled with our events team. Upon arrival, a member of the events staff will greet you and remain available for the duration of your reservation.

How far in advance should I reserve a photography session?

Photography sessions are based upon availability and may be reserved up to three months in advance.

We kindly ask for a minimum two-week notice. Please note that we are not able to reserve photography sessions during a wedding, other private rentals or evening exhibitions on our estate.

If I host an event at the Paine, do I need a photography permit too?

A complimentary photography permit for the gardens is included with all event rentals (including weddings). Mansion photography may be added to a ceremony or reception rental (additional fees apply for Mansion photography.)

Is a deposit due to book a photography session?

The full rental fee with a signed rental agreement is due at the time of the reservation. A rental agreement & invoice will be emailed to you once we've received confirmation of your booking.

Where can I find available dates and times for a proposal or photography session?

Please email us at weddings@thepaine.org and we can send you a link to our calendar of available dates and times.

What happens if it rains?

In inclement weather, photography may still occur under the Loggia, on the back side of the mansion. This is a covered area with beautiful European architecture. You may also borrow umbrellas for the Paine for some fun and whimsical photography in our gardens. Please contact us before your event to set up an alternative date for your session (*based upon availability*).



Frequently Asked Questions

How long can our photography session last?

Photography sessions are reserved for a minimum of one hour.
Additional fees may apply.

Can I reserve time both in the mansion and in the gardens?

Absolutely. Your reservation fee will be divided accordingly.

Do I need to be a member of the Paine to host a photography session?

You do not need to be a member of the Paine to host a photography session.

Are there certain places where we can and cannot take photos?

In the mansion, our curator has approved four spaces for the Collection and exhibitions of photography (*as listed on page 2*). For preservation purposes, furniture, draperies, sculptures, décor, and artworks cannot be touched, moved, or adjusted for photos. In the gardens, there are dozens of excellent locations for photography. The events team member accompanying your group is a great resource if you have questions about spaces on the day of your session.

Do you provide a photographer?

The Paine does not provide a photographer for photo sessions. You may choose any photographer you wish to take your photos.





Marriage Proposals

Surround your once-in-a-lifetime moment with timeless beauty at the Paine Art Center and Gardens. Whether envisioning a quiet, intimate ask in the gardens or a surprise proposal amidst the grandeur of the mansion's architecture, the Paine offers a breathtaking setting for your "yes" moment.

While we do not offer proposal planning services, our team will work with you and your photographer to ensure a smooth, stress-free experience. We're here to help with scheduling, location access, and ensuring your chosen space is picture-perfect.

Proposals are booked under our standard photography session rates.

Garden Photography: **\$100/hour**
Mansion Photography: **\$200/hour**

To elevate the celebration, add a chilled champagne service in the gardens for **\$175/hour**—perfect for toasting the moment you'll remember forever. Reservations are required; please email us at weddings@thepaine.org

Please note that food and beverages are not permitted inside the mansion, so champagne service cannot be added to mansion photography sessions.

All alcohol must be consumed on the property; guests may not leave the grounds with any remaining champagne. Any leftover alcohol will be discarded appropriately at the end of the session.

