



# Booking Information for Summer Flower Garden Sessions

*Guidelines for a Successful Session at Country Cove*

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*Thank you for considering booking your session with Country Cove! We appreciate your business and look forward to working with you and your clients. As we work to keep you safe while on our farm, we ask that you read over these guidelines before booking your flower session. The rules might seem extensive, but unfortunately, experience has given us good cause for each guideline.*

## ***Safety Considerations at Country Cove***

- ✓ Upon arrival at Country Cove, come to the tent on the west side of the building and we will sign you and your clients in for your session.
- ✓ We will have a "waiting area" for your clients to wait for their session. Please ask them to wait there or in their car. They may **not** go into the tree fields to "play."
- ✓ Farms are dangerous places. Please be aware of dips, holes, stumps, critters, insects, poison ivy, sticky plants, fallen limbs, tall grasses, wood piles, etc.
- ✓ We work on the farm year-round, especially on weekends. Tractors, lawn mowers and other equipment might be in use.
- ✓ Do **NOT** let anyone go barefooted. Farms are dangerous and should never be visited without shoes.
- ✓ Enjoy the beauty of our 35 acres! You are free to shoot just about anywhere **south** of the tall tree line, but please do not bother the house or the yard. **We (Jan and Joe) DO NOT live on the property, and the house is rented out.** We ask that you please help us respect our neighbor's privacy.
- ✓ During summer flower garden sessions, please be aware that **bees will be everywhere!** Ask your clients if anyone coming to the shoot is allergic to bee stings, or any other insect; if so, said client must be prepared by bringing the appropriate antidote. **We cannot give out antihistamines or EpiPen's.**
- ✓ Portable restroom is located near the west tall pine tree line. We do not have indoor plumbing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer will be located near the Portable restroom and the Hospitality building.



## How to Book

- ✓ All sessions are by appointment only so that we can plan for your visit (no walk ups). Otherwise, Country Cove is a private, working farm that is not open to the public, except during Christmas tree selling season.
- ✓ Schedule enough time for your session.
  - Consider that **begin time** is when you plan to arrive at the farm (*not when your client sessions start*), and **end time** is when you plan to leave the farm (*not when your client sessions end*).
  - We give you a 15-minute grace period if your session runs over or if you check in early. After that we will have to charge for the extra session time on a pro-rated basis.
- ✓ **There will be a few props in the flower gardens for you to use.**
  - But you may bring blankets, stools, or mementos for your sessions. We will not be able to transport your items, so make sure they can be carried.
  - Also, your clients can bring anything they can carry to make the session personal for them. Again, we will not be able to transport the items, so make sure they can carry them to the flower gardens themselves.
- ✓ Book a rain date so your client will have that date on their calendar, too. **The rain date is only activated if rain is occurring on the farm at least one hour before your shoot time**, not necessarily raining where you live. Appointments cannot be changed based on the *forecast* of rain unless it is changed 7 days prior to your scheduled date.
- ✓ A maximum of three photographers and clients will be booked each time slot. We will not offer private sessions this summer.
- ✓ Appointments must be made by using our website booking link, <https://www.countrycovetrees.com/photography/book-a-summer-flower-session/>. Call Jan at **615-848-8564** or email [countrycovephotography@gmail.com](mailto:countrycovephotography@gmail.com) with questions about shooting at Country Cove.
- ✓ Booking times are on the hour and the half hour (for example, 5:00 and 5:30, not 5:15 or 5:45)

## Pricing & Payment

- ✓ Sessions are **\$50 per hour**. One hour is the minimum you may book.
- ✓ A 10% discount will be applied (\$45/hour) if you book 4 or more hours in one day.
- ✓ Session invoice and payment is through **PayPal**.
- ✓ A **30% deposit** is required when the session(s) are booked via a PayPal invoice.
- ✓ The balance is due one week before the appointment date; you will receive an invoice for the balance. If you book a week or less before your appointment, then 100% is due at booking.
- ✓ No refunds are granted, so please book responsibly.



## *Session Guidelines*

- ✓ You must check in when you arrive and check out before leaving. Check in/out is located under a tent on the west side of the building.
- ✓ Pets are welcome; they must be leashed and always picked up after.
- ✓ Please **do not park or drive** in the fields; everyone can park in the gravel parking lot on the **west side** of the barn.
- ✓ Please let your clients know that they may **NOT** use their cell phones to photograph before, during or after their session with you. That defeats the purpose of using a professional photographer!
- ✓ Please keep our farm clean by not using glitter, confetti, or any other substance on our trees or ground that cannot be cleaned up completely; please pick up any trash or debris in your area.

## *Social Media and Other Contact Information*

- ✓ Feel free to share your images on our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/countrycovetrees](http://www.Facebook.com/countrycovetrees)
- ✓ Tag and follow us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/countrycovetrees](http://www.instagram.com/countrycovetrees)
- ✓ Email us at [countrycovephotography@gmail.com](mailto:countrycovephotography@gmail.com)
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