



## Filming Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/special-events-policies-procedures#film>

The events office will make every effort to review and approve filming uses when an application is received. While the department strives to review and approve all requests, deference is first given to maintain park user access and ensuring minimal to NO public impact.

In order to be most successful, thoroughly detailed applications should be received **7 or more days** in advance of the requested start date. Shoots with multiple locations, detailed needs, or large numbers of cast/crew should plan to submit requests a minimum of **14 days or more in advance of the start date**. Applications are processed in the order received, and may be approved based upon the current overall permit workload and resources available. **Applications that are incomplete or have conflicting information, may require a new application, which could cause delays in the approval process!**

**Be sure to check your application before submittal!!!**

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Location/ Area Type	Desired Times/ Locations	Not Allowed
<b>Barton Springs Pool</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Wednesday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, before morning swim and prior to evening busy hours.</li> <li>Equipment in water shots require at least 1 ADDITIONAL WEEK of permitting review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday the pool is closed for cleaning. Access is NOT available.</li> <li>Diving board use or interruption.</li> <li>Amplified sound or sound making equipment that would distract from lifeguard duties.</li> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Basecamps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basecamps can be reviewed and approved for on-site park filming.</li> <li>Park curfew is 10 pm daily.</li> <li>During weekdays, uses near park curfew should arrange and consider activities near residential uses to minimize noise disruption by equipment, idling or similar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Boardwalk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Campsites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Long Metropolitan Park is the only city managed campsite for public recreation.</li> <li>As such, filming must minimally impact those enjoying time camping.</li> <li>Monday through Wednesday (excluding Holidays).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekend filming, or peak/holiday filming.</li> </ul>
<b>Cars on Grass or Unpaved Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no desire to permit cars or motor vehicles on unpaved grounds or areas.</li> <li>In the limited circumstances where considered, grounds protection may be required that meet the required specifications of the parks department – such as LD panel, or terraplas products which must be shipped to the site in advance by the coordinator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming or photography within the cemetery will not interfere with normal cemetery operations, or disrupt the peaceful ambience of the cemetery.</li> <li>Approved permits can be cancelled at a moment's notice for interment services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loud noises and noisy activities are not appropriate.</li> </ul>



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<b>Classrooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classrooms in recreation and senior center facilities are dedicated for recreational and education uses.</li> <li>If NOT booked during normal working hours, a room may be utilized. The production may NOT have elements disruptive to other use of the facility including sound or equipment needs that interfere with public use and enjoyment.</li> <li>Charges are required for any usage authorized after normal closing hours including staff and utilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure of any recreation or senior center during public hours.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Curfew</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming between 5 am and 10 pm will be considered.</li> <li>Filming near residential uses will be required to consider and plan to be neighbor friendly in all filming activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park curfew is between 10 pm – and 5 am daily.</li> <li>No filming is allowed during these curfew hours without substantiated cause/need.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Drones</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drones- State and FAA regulations impact the use of drones.</li> <li>TEXAS Parks and Wildlife requires an aerial management permit to count, photograph, capture, or take wildlife or exotic animals by use of aircraft, including unmanned aircraft systems (drones).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Federal Aviation Administration</a> - regulations, and requirements, and <a href="#">State Government Code</a> – Government Code, Chapter 423</li> <li><a href="#">Texas PWD (aerial management)</a></li> </ul>
<b>Great Lawn Zilker Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holidays</li> <li>Event periods</li> </ul>
<b>Greenbelts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Hike and Bike Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Holidays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal, State or locally honored holidays are peak park use times.</li> <li>Some holidays may include day(s) before/after the actually day.</li> <li>Extenuating circumstances may be considered for major shoots that have adequately pre-planned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Permits are not regularly issued on holidays.</i></li> </ul>



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<b>Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming between 5 am and 10 pm will be considered.</li> <li>Filming near residential uses will be required to consider and plan to be neighbor friendly in all filming activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park curfew is between 10 pm – and 5 am daily.</li> <li>No filming is allowed during these curfew hours without substantiated cause/need.</li> </ul>
<b>Mt. Bonnell</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> <li>During peak tourism season – expect extremely high pedestrian traffic and limited parking.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Parking Reservation or Blocking Parking Spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking at all sites is permitted first come first served.</li> <li>Parking may NOT be blocked off or reserved without SPECIFIC WRITTEN ADVANCE PERMISSION.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Parking on Grass</li> <li>Parking for NON park permits/uses is not approved in support of keepings parks accessible to the public.</li> </ul>
<b>Pflugger Bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Wednesday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, before morning swim and prior to evening busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Pools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays). (excludes <a href="#">Barton Springs Pool</a>)</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, before morning swim and prior to evening busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li>No diving board use or interruption.</li> <li>No amplified sound or sound making equipment that would distract from lifeguard duties.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Recreation Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classrooms in recreation and senior center facilities are dedicated for recreational and education uses.</li> <li>If NOT booked during normal working hours, a room may be utilized. The production may NOT have elements disruptive to other use of the facility including sound or equipment needs that interfere with public use and enjoyment.</li> <li>Charges are required for any usage authorized after normal closing hours including staff and utilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure of any recreation or senior center during public hours.</i></li> </ul>



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<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday through Thursday (excluding Holidays).</li> <li>9 am – 4 pm, after morning and prior to evening park/busy hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generators are not allowed.</li> <li><i>The city does NOT permit closure or intermittent closure.</i></li> </ul>