Lake Conestee Nature Park offers a variety of photography options in its 406 + acres. The Park is privately owned by the Conestee Foundation and is open to the public 265 days a year. The need to protect the Park’s wildlife sanctuary status and the high volume of photography requests requires us to manage the process and to institute this Policy. For the purpose of this Policy, photography includes videography.

**Professional photographers** are defined as persons being compensated (including barter) for individual or family photography services. Professional photographers are not defined by primary sources of income. Commercial photographers are those who are engaged in the sale or distribution of photography or engaged by a commercial entity for the purposes of photography services. Such services that result in the sale of photographs, product advertisements, marketing collateral or some other form of public promotional campaign must be contracted separately.

**Amateur photographers** are those who do not exchange money, compensation or barter for photography services and who do not use props such as furniture and professional equipment such as special flash, lighting or reflective disks. Amateur photographers do not sell, exchange or transfer photographs for any compensation. Amateur photographers may take photos in areas that are open to the public but shall not infringe upon private events or areas being used by professional photographers. Amateur photographers are not required to pay the fee.

**Rules**

1. Each photography session must be reserved in advance through the Park office by calling 864-277-2004 or writing mary@lakeconesteenaturepark.com.
2. The Park will not be held responsible for any injury or accident. The Park will not be held liable.
3. The Park is not responsible for any loss or damage to photography equipment.
4. The exact location of the photography session will be on a “first-come-first-serve” basis.
5. Photographers may take photos only in approved areas. Approved areas include open meadows, bridges, observation decks, boardwalks, and trails. Non-approved areas include wetlands, river, any water body.
6. Photographers, equipment and props shall not block, inhibit or detour pedestrian traffic.
7. Climbing or mounting equipment in trees, buildings or other improvements is not permitted.
8. Photographers shall obey all posted rules and signage and may not drive beyond designated parking areas.

9. Be aware that the Park is a wildlife sanctuary and our primary goal is to protect the uniqueness of the various habitats here. Snakes and other critters are here. That is why you must stay in permitted areas.

10. Drone photography is not permitted.

11. All photo subjects must be fully and appropriately clothed.

12. The photographer is responsible for cleaning the area following the project. Any trash generated by your party must be removed prior to your departure.

13. Photographers are accountable and responsible for their actions and those of their subjects along with any staff or assistants related to any damage to the Greenway property.

14. Permission to photograph in the Park is conditioned on compliance with this policy. Non-compliance may result in forfeiture of the right for future photography.

Conestee Foundation has no feasible way to enforce this policy and require fees; therefore, we rely on the professionalism and respect of each photographer to comply.

**Fees**

$50 for the first hour, $25 for additional hour

If you choose to write a check, make it payable to the Conestee Foundation and mail the check to Conestee Foundation, Inc., P O Box 9111, Greenville, SC 29604.

We also accept credit card payments. Call the office at 864-277-2004.