We invite production companies and commercial photographers to consider Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties for film shoots, with the knowledge and understanding that our primary concern is managing and conserving the natural and cultural resources at our properties and that may or may not be compatible with filming requests.

Process for Application

Any individual or company interested in using Indiana’s state parks, state forests, reservoirs, fish and wildlife areas or historic sites for the filming of a motion picture (video and/or audio) or for commercial still photography must follow the following procedures:

1. At least 90 days prior to the beginning of your production schedule, contact with the property manager at the location(s) you want to use to discuss your request. Contact information for DNR properties is available in the Indiana Recreation Guide, posted online at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/). Be prepared to provide a brief overview of your project including the settings required, the number of people and amount of equipment planned for use, the general content of the scenes, and the end use(s) of the film. (Note – in some situations you may be referred to department administrators.)

2. Review, complete and sign the DNR Motion Picture – Audio – Commercial Photography Use Agreement as provided by the property manager or accessed on the web at [www.in.gov/dnr/3214.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/3214.htm) or [www.stateparks.IN.gov](http://www.stateparks.IN.gov). Your signature indicates that you have read and will abide by all rules and conditions in the document if given permission to film.

3. Return the agreement to the property manager for review. The property manager may ask you for additional specific information prior to reviewing the use agreement.

Additional Information:

- Please contact the property manager at least 90 days before you hope to begin production.

- Completion of the use agreement does not guarantee approval of the requested site for your project. Impact on natural and cultural resources, other property users, staff and public perception are all considered in the decision.
• Filming on state lands is to be free of charge (per IC 4-13-1-4(17)) but costs may be recouped for any DNR staff involvement that is required.

• Commercial photography shoots are not free of charge. Commercial photography requirements and fees vary by division. Please contact the property manager at the site where you wish to shoot to obtain details.

• Image Rights Permission requests (an entity wishing to use an image belonging to the state) are handled directly through the DNR Division of Communications. Visit [http://www.in.gov/dnr/5348.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/5348.htm), email photos@dnr.in.gov or call 317-234-5509.

If you have general questions regarding these instructions, contact the Division of Communications at 317-234-5509. If you have questions regarding film shoots/commercial photography at an Indiana state parks or reservoir, contact Ginger Murphy at 317-232-4143. If you have questions regarding film shoots/commercial photography at an Indiana state historic site, contact Laura Minzes at 317-232-0069.