GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY POLICIES

To promote more active visitor engagement and sharing of Stratford Hall images on social media, photography is permitted in the Great House and galleries. To continue to preserve and protect Stratford Hall’s collection, there will be some restrictions. Additionally, this does not change our current policy for commercial photography and filming.

Casual, non-flash photography for personal use, on a cell phone, tablet or camera is permitted in the Great House and galleries at the discretion of Stratford Hall’s staff. Audio or video recording is not permitted in the Great House or galleries. Commercial or group tour photography must be authorized prior to visiting. Tripods, selfie sticks, large camera bags, camera equipment, and video cameras are not permitted in the Great House and galleries without prior permission.

Restrictions for indoor photography:

- No flash photography
- No tripods or monopods
- No selfie-sticks
- No large camera bags
- No lighting equipment
- No audio or video recording

Drone photography is not permitted without prior approval, in order to ensure Stratford Hall’s visitors' safety and privacy. If interested in obtaining a drone photography permit, please contact awithers@stratfordhall.org.

Balloons, kites and flying lanterns are prohibited. Please contact the Events Office for the full list of props that are prohibited.

Moving or removing plants (inside or out) or structures that are part of the property—such as benches, containers, displays, plant signs, fences, etc.—is strictly prohibited.

No photographers, assistants or subjects may step in flower beds, fountains or places other than on designated paths. Climbing or mounting equipment in trees or on buildings is not permitted.

All photo subjects must be fully and appropriately clothed. Swimsuit and boudoir photo shoots are not permitted.

All cords or wires must be placed and guarded in a way that doesn’t alter the pathways and put visitors at risk.
Photographers will be held accountable for their actions and those of clients, crew members and subjects if they damage Stratford Hall facilities or property.