

Guidelines for using the West 12 Ranch Studio

We are excited about the backdrops and scenes we're creating here, and want each guest to find them beautiful and immediately accessible. It's our goal to make your photography sessions here at West 12 Ranch a positive memory for your group. Please help us by observing the following:

1. Always have ALL members of your party sign liability releases – not just the person being photographed. This needs to be completed before walking around or taking any photos. Anyone over 18 must sign for themselves. Parents or guardians can list minor children under their name.
2. **NO SMOKING** anywhere on the premises! Hay and straw are extremely flammable.
3. Keep children and animals in your care with you at all times – do NOT let them run loose for their own safety.
4. The swing, trikes, rocking horses, trunks, and wagons are vintage photo props - not strong enough to be toys anymore. Please don't let children play on them for entertainment.
5. You are welcome to use any of our lanes but please close any gates you open.
6. Please do not go into any pastures or pens except the Pepper Tree Pasture without asking first – most of the horses on the ranch are Thoroughbred racehorses and can be very spirited, strong, and pushy, even as babies. When you go into the Pepper Tree Pasture, please be sure to shut and latch the gate behind you.
7. Any props and furniture may be moved to set scenes around the ranch – but please bring them back to the studio barn as you finish with them so others can use them, and so you don't forget about them. We have mowed over several props that were left in tall grass.
8. Please NO GLITTER or CONFETTI! You can still find pieces of blue "It's a Boy" confetti under the willow tree from a 2013 gender reveal.
9. The wagon wheels can be rolled into or out of a scene, but please do not lift or drop them.
10. On the paint peeling doors, please use the doorknob and a single spot on the other side of the door to position them. We are trying to preserve that chippy paint for your next visit.
11. Replace the plastic on the chairs and Victorian sofa when you are done to keep off dust.
12. Please turn out the lights when you are done in the studio barn. The light switch is located behind the barn door on the left (magnet board wall).
13. If you would like to use a horse, Leo the unicorn, Cupcake the pony unicorn, or put a bubble bath in the claw-foot tub, please schedule with us in advance. We will make every effort to accommodate your special request!

Thank you for helping us keep West 12 Ranch Studio safe and beautiful for everyone!