Welcome to the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. The Wildflower Garden, founded in 1907, is the oldest public wildflower garden in the country. It is a sensitive managed landscape of more than 500 species of unique plants that has taken over a century to create.

Informal photos of plants and garden areas for personal use are permitted while remaining completely on the trails at all times. The use of tripods and other equipment is strongly discouraged. Any tripods or equipment used must remain completely on the trails at all times and must not impede other visitors’ ability to walk on a trail.

Posed and commercial photography is prohibited in the Wildflower Garden and permits are not granted for this purpose.

Contact Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Customer Service Staff at 612.230.6400 or visit www.minneapolisparks.org/permits for a list of sites where permits can be obtained for posed and commercial photography in the Minneapolis park system.

The Photography Rules have been established for the Wildflower Garden in order to allow free-flowing foot traffic, to provide an enjoyable nature-focused experience for all visitors and to protect the plants growing in the Garden.

Definition of Posed Photography: For the purposes of this set of rules, Posed Photography is defined as any photographer (amateur or professional) that gathers a group together for a photo and/or poses individuals for wedding, prom, engagement, family or similarly-purposed photos.

Definition of Commercial Photography: For the purposes of this set of rules Commercial Photography is defined as wholesale, retail, and professional uses of photography for advertisement.
The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board maintains the right to adjust these rules in specific instances for the best interests of the facility and the general public. The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is owned, operated and maintained by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board.