

Just4moments Photography

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Subject: Leyfi til ljósmyndunar

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from just4moments, dated 23rd of July, for permit to photograph within the protected areas Dyrhólaey, Hraunfossar and Skógafoss.

Dyrhólaey is protected as a nature reserve cf. regulation no. 101/1978. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. Permit from the Environment Agency is needed for camping inside the nature reserve.

Hraunfossar is protected as a natural monument cf. regulation no. 410/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

Skógafoss is protected as a natural monument cf. regulation no. 477/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

According to art. 22 in act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation it is not allowed to camp or stay overnight in campers or motorhomes outside camping sites without permission from landowners or rightholder.

Description of the project:

The purpose of the project is to take landscape photos at different locations within parking lots and photo hotspots. Pictures will be late in the evening and early in the morning between 4:00-5:00. In order to be able to start photographing at first light the applicant would like to stay overnight in the areas. That's arriving at night or late in the evening. Most of the time photoshoots will be completed before other visitors enter the location. In some areas it is requested to take footage in location spots where regular visitors are not allowed. Map with those locations was attached to the application. Project duration is from 26th of August till 10th of September. Number of employees is 8 in 3 campers/motorhomes.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the areas if the applicant follows instructions from rangers where it is safe to go outside paths without disturbance of animal life, vegetation and geological formations. Some areas are closed for all traffic for safety, vegetation protections and restorations reasons.

Conclusions and conditions:

No campsite is at Hraunfossar and the Environment Agency has no authority to allow overnight stay in the area. The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants just4moments a permission for photography in Dyrhólaey, Hraunfossar and Skógafoss on its behalf in the period of 26th of August till 10th of September and to stay overnight in Dyrhólaey while taking footage there on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.

- If the dates of the project change the Environment Agency shall be notified, with at least 5 days notice, if possible, when the project starts. Otherwise as soon as possible.
- The Environment Agency should be informed if there will be any changes to the project description.
- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger will be contacted before starting the project and inform him on your intentions in at least 24 hours notice in order to go over the spots where it is allowed to go of paths.
- If photoshoot takes place outside paths markings should be put up to inform other visitors that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained to leave the path or one of the crew members must stay behind at the path to inform them of this to prevent others to follow in you outside the path.
- While staying overnight in Dyrhólaey all campers/mothorhomes must have prominent signage or labelling where it is stated that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained to stay overnight in the area. It is only allowed to stay overnight in the parking lot at Lágey not at Háey.
- Overnight stay at Hraunfossar is prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- Fauna, geological formations and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that photographing causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- All traces of the work must be removed carefully off the site by the end of the work/project.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tell. +354 591 2000.

According to art. 88 in act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation the ranger has the authority to stop the project if the project is likely to cause damage to the area.

A permission from the landowners and/or the municipality might be needed for the project.

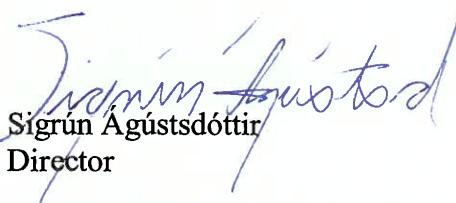
Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography is 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Supervision:

The Environment Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely



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