Family Photo Sessions

at Shipley Farms | Vilas, North Carolina

Pastures, cattle, barns and Blue Ridge views for your family portraits

Bring your photographer and your family to a working Appalachian beef farm. We open the gates, show you the best spots, and let the farm do the rest.

The Farm Session — $75

- One hour on the farm for your family and your photographer.
- Starts with a 10-15 minute orientation, with guidance to multiple spots on the farm.
- Backdrops of farm animals and farm scenes: pasture, fence lines, barn and cattle.
- Optional photos with our goats and/or farm dog, with a handler provided for a 15-minute segment (waiver required).

Add-On: Ridgetop Vista — +$50

- 30 more minutes with a guide and farm vehicle.
- Ride up to the ridgetop for a sweeping Blue Ridge mountain vista.

How It Works

- Your photographer sets their own fee, paid to them separately. The farm fee covers the farm.
- The farm fee is paid when you book.
- Weather problems? Reschedule at no charge.
- Add the Ridgetop Vista when you book, or ask on the day if time allows.

Good to Know

- Up to 8 people per session.
- Every adult signs the farm waiver before the session.
- Animals are handled by our staff; please follow the handler's lead.
- Wear closed-toe shoes you don't mind getting a little farm on.

Book Your Session

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