

Shooting in protected areas

A number of areas in South Tyrol are **protected by law** in order to conserve the province's natural landscapes. Filming in these areas is only permitted under certain conditions and a permit must be obtained from the competent Office for Natural Parks (*Ufficio Parchi naturali/Amt für Naturparke*), which decides whether to issue permits on the basis of expert reports from an evaluation commission.

The competent Office for Natural Parks must always be **informed about the intended shooting work in advance**. Please send the completed form "*Photo and video recordings in protected areas*", including all the applicable information about the film project and details of the exact shooting locations and duration of the shoot, to the **Provincial Department of Nature, Landscape and Regional Development** (*Dipartimento Natura, paesaggio e sviluppo del territorio/Abteilung Natur, Landschaft und Raumentwicklung*) in Bolzano: natur.raum@provinz.bz.it.

We would be happy to help if you have any questions. We strongly recommend that you contact a South Tyrolean location scout/manager who can provide you with helpful information on your desired location, offer advice as you complete the application and, if necessary, suggest alternative shooting locations.

Driving permits:

When filming in protected areas, a **permit for driving on forest roads** must be requested from the competent office **at least five working days before shooting commences**. The request must contain the following details:

- Number and type of vehicles
- Period/date
- The forest roads you wish to drive on
- Vehicle registration numbers (if known)
- Information about the film project and production company

Send your application for a permit to drive on forest roads **in protected areas** to:
Department of Nature, Landscape and Regional Development in Bolzano
(*Dipartimento Natura, paesaggio e sviluppo del territorio/Abteilung Natur, Landschaft und Raumentwicklung*)

natur.raum@provinz.bz.it

For forest roads **in other areas** in the province:
Department of Forest Management (*Ufficio Pianificazione forestale/Amt für Forstverwaltung*), Palazzo 6, Via Brennero 6, 39100 Bolzano, forstverwaltung@provinz.bz.it

Driving off-road is prohibited. However, the responsible office may grant such permission in the form of a special authorisation.

Shooting from the air:

Helicopters are only permitted to fly and land in protected areas for shooting purposes if this is carried out in cooperation with or with the support of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano. The following authorities must be informed of the date, duration and purpose of the flight as well as the areas concerned at least 24 hours before the flight:

The province's Department of Transport (*Ripartizione provinciale Mobilità/Landesabteilung Mobilität*), the Forest Inspectorate (*Ispettorato forestale/Forstinspektorat*) responsible for the area in question and the Department of Nature, Landscape and Regional Development (*Dipartimento Natura, paesaggio e sviluppo del territorio/Abteilung Natur, Landschaft und Raumentwicklung*).

Contacts:

- Department of Transport: mobilitaet@provinz.bz.it
- Department of Nature, Landscape and Regional Development: natur.raum@provinz.bz.it
- List of forest inspectorates: <http://www.provinz.bz.it/land-forstwirtschaft/forstdienst-foerster/landes-forstdienst/forstinspektorate.asp>

Flying is generally **prohibited** in the **Stilfser Joch national park**. Flights may only be made here with a special authorisation.

The following rules and regulations must be observed when shooting in protected areas:

The following are generally prohibited and/or specially regulated

- Motor vehicles
 - Exceptions may be made for production vehicles, but a permit from the competent authority is required.
- Construction of structures and buildings (construction ban)
 - If sets need to be built, the materials being used and the extent of the work must be checked. Generally speaking, set construction must not intervene with or alter the natural surroundings.
- Camps with tents, caravans etc.
 - The film production's base camp must be located outside of the protected area.
- Fire, explosions and other similar special effects
 - Permission to light a fire for filming purposes is given on a case-by-case basis.
- Changes to the terrain
- Disturbance of the peace through continuous, unnecessary noises
- Collection/disturbance/destruction of plants, animals, mushrooms, fossils or minerals

Applications are more likely to be rejected by the competent office if:

- the applicant wishes to access the protected area during sensitive times of day or sensitive seasons for wildlife

- the applicant wishes to access high alpine or rare habitats and/or unexplored areas
- the applicant wishes to access areas which attract a high volume of visitors (during the peak tourist season)
- the contents of the film are inconsistent with the objectives of and rules to be followed in the protected area.

A list of South Tyrol's natural parks can be found [here](#).