IVDM Collection Research - Fee Policy

The Imperial Valley Desert Museum and curatorial staff want to open up our collection for public use and research! The use of our research materials requires a reservation and a fee of $20.00 per hour, with the first 20 minutes being free.

This fee supports the museum staff’s time and efforts in aiding with your research, and the proceeds go towards improving our collections stewardship and future conservation. At least one member of the IVDM staff will be with you to pull out collection boxes, handle objects, and assist you with questions while you are here. This fee also acts as a reservation, and can be canceled up to 24 hours in advance. If you aren’t able to visit the museum in person but are still interested in conducting research with the museum’s collections, our curator can take on the project for you.

IVDM Staff will make good faith but not guaranteed estimates of the timeframe in which a project can be completed. For researchers choosing to visit the Museum, appointments must be arranged in advance so that workspace and supervision can be arranged. For research being conducted by museum staff alone, an invoice will be sent for the agreed upon estimated time of completion and all relevant information will be sent following the payment.

Please submit a research request to curation@ivdesertmuseum.org and be as specific as possible with your request so we can assess how likely it is we have what you are looking for; we cannot promise that we will have exactly what you are looking for.

NOTE:

- Separate, additional fees apply for video use and photographic reproductions
- Photocopies resulting from research are $0.50 per black and white copy and $1.00 per color copy plus tax.
- Photo negative-development prices may vary depending on cost of travel and price of processing
- Some museum materials may not be accessible or reproducible due to copyright or other legal restrictions

For more information contact the IVDM: info@ivdesertmuseum.org