



Nature Print Contest 2017

REGISTER HERE

Registration for the photo contest is electronic, at <https://goo.gl/Hbo9N5>. A physical copy as well as a high-resolution digital copy of your print entries must be provided in order for your photos to be judged in the contest. Digital copies are to be included on the online registration form, while physical copies must be delivered to the park location of your choosing.

(All entries will be displayed at four parks in October and November: Highbanks, Inniswood, Battelle Darby Creek and Blacklick Woods — see page 2, PUBLIC DISPLAY, for details). If you have questions, please call Jen Moore at 614.878.7106 or e-mail JenMoore@metroparks.net, subject "Print Contest"

Contest Rules

WHO CAN ENTER, HOW TO ENTER AND TIMELINE

1. The contest is open to amateur photographers of all ages.
2. The last day to submit your entries and physical prints is Saturday September 30, 2017.
3. Contest registration must be done electronically. Please submit your electronic registration prior to dropping your print photo/s at a park. Entries may be dropped off during regular hours at:
 - Battelle Darby Creek, Blacklick Woods, Blendon Woods or Highbanks nature centers, at Inniswood Metro Gardens, or at Metro Parks headquarters, 1069 West Main Street, Westerville. You may also mail your prints to the headquarters address.
4. Prints may be picked up on or after Friday November 17 at any of the parks that accept contest entries. If you wish to have your print(s) returned by mail, you must include self-addressed packaging with postage.

WHAT PICTURES MAY BE ENTERED

5. The competition is limited to photographs taken in Ohio.
6. Each photographer is limited to a total of 4 prints, with no more than 2 prints per category, except category K (4 prints allowed in this category).
7. The pictures should depict the natural landscape and/or native or naturalized species found in the state. Photos (*except in categories G and H*) should not include people and/or man-made features, such as buildings, roads, trails, bridges, fences, birdhouses etc.
8. Entries in categories G and H, **Metro Parks People** and **Metro Parks Places & Things** can include people and non-native species but must be taken within one of the 19 Metro Parks.
9. Editing to correct color or crop photos is permitted.
10. Photos that have won a previous Metro Parks Nature Print Contest category cannot be entered again.

PRINT SIZE LIMITS AND PREPARATION

11. All prints, except category k, must be at least 5" X 7" and no larger than 8" X 12".
12. All prints must be individually mounted on a matte board-like material or foam board (no thicker than 3/8"); matting is optional but recommended; frames are not permitted. **Maximum matte size is 11" X 14"**.
13. Each print must be labeled on the back with the photographer's name, contest category letter and picture title. The picture title must match the title given to the electronic submission. Photographer's age should be included for category K. There must be no identifying marks on the front of the print.
14. Please submit a separate form for each photo (up to four) you are entering.
15. To protect the prints and insure your entries stay together, all photos should be packaged in a large envelope or plastic bag. Please do not use a box or large packaging unless the prints are sent by mail.

16. All packaging material must be labeled with the photographer's name and address.

JUDGING

17. A panel of three judges, selected by Metro Parks and the Lens and Leaves Camera Club, will view the entries and determine the winners. Ribbons will be awarded to winners of first, second and third places in each category, plus Best of Show.

18. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry that does not conform to contest rules.

19. Judges are not obligated to award first, second and/or third places in every category.

PUBLIC DISPLAY

Photos will be on display at four different parks in October and November. While viewing the photos, visitors will have the opportunity to cast a vote for the People's Choice Award. A ribbon will be presented to the People's Choice Award winner.

- Battelle Darby Creek Nature Center on Sat and Sun Oct 14 and 15 from 9am to 5pm.
- Blacklick Woods Nature Center on Sat and Sun Oct 21 and 22 from 8am to 6pm.
- Highbanks Nature Center on Sat & Sun Oct 28 and 29 from 11am to 5pm.
- Inniswood Metro Gardens on Sat & Sun Nov 4 and 5 from 11am to 4pm.
- Everyone is welcome to vote for the People's Choice Award.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **All prints remain the property of the photographer.** Metro Parks and the Lens and Leaves Camera Club are not responsible for loss, damage or return of entries.

Print Categories

Beginning photographers

- a Native Ohio Animals
- b Native Ohio Plants
- c Ohio Scenic Beauty and Nature's Art

Advanced photographers or any photographer who has placed first, second and/or third place a total of three times or won Best of Show in a Metro Parks photo contest

- d Advanced: Native Ohio Animals
- e Advanced: Native Ohio Plants
- f Advanced: Ohio Scenic Beauty and Nature's Art

Open to any photographer

g Metro Parks People People out having fun at the parks, hiking or biking the trails, fishing, picnicking, canoeing, golfing, disc golfing, on the climbing wall, or any of the other many fun activities available to visitors.

h Metro Parks Places & Things Great scenes from the parks or photos of animals and plants.

(Parks – for g and h) Battelle Darby Creek, Blacklick Woods, Blacklick Woods Golf Courses, Blendon Woods, Chestnut Ridge, Clear Creek, Glacier Ridge, Heritage Trail, Highbanks, Homestead, Inniswood, Pickerington Ponds, Prairie Oaks, Rocky Fork, Scioto Audubon, Scioto Grove, Sharon Woods, Slate Run, Slate Run Living Historical Farm, Three Creeks and Walnut Woods.

- i Close-up Photography: Ohio Native Animals and Plants
- j Black and White: General Ohio Nature

Photographers up to 12 years old

- k Children: General Ohio Nature and Metro Parks (Prints may be smaller than 5" x 7").