



Nature Print Contest 2018

REGISTER HERE

Registration for the photo contest is electronic, <https://goo.gl/AmrMmD>. A physical copy of each print entered in the contest must be dropped off in order to be eligible for judging. You may submit up to four prints in the contest, and all prints may be entered on a single form. Please submit only one form per photographer. High-resolution digital copies of your print entries must be submitted with the entry form in order for your photos to be judged in the contest

All entries will be displayed as follows: Highbanks Nature Center, Oct 13-14
Battelle Darby Creek Nature Center, Oct 20-21; Scioto Grove, Oct 27-28
Blendon Woods Nature Center, Nov 3-4; Blacklick Woods Golf Course, Nov 10-11
See a Parkscope or metroparks.net for more details about display dates.

If you have questions, please call Jen Moore at 614.846.9962 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 is Sunday, September 30 2018.
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, Blendon Woods or Highbanks nature centers, 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 23 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.
17. All prints remain the property of the photographer. Metro Parks is not responsible for loss, damage, or return of entries.

JUDGING

18. A panel of judges, selected by Metro Parks, 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. The Best in Show winner will receive a voucher for \$50 in BigShots Digital or Film Photofinishing from McAlister Photoworks. The People's Choice winner will receive a voucher for a 16x20 canvas-wrapped print from Dodd Camera.
19. The judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry that does not conform to contest rules.
20. Judges are not obligated to award first, second and/or third places in every category.
21. 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.

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").

New this year

- l Cell Phone pictures: A natural picture that you have taken using your cellphone rather than a camera. Prints in this category must still conform to print size limits and preparation rules.