

Wayne County Parks Photo Contest 2009

Wayne County Parks natural landscapes and unique events provide limitless creative inspiration to individuals that enjoy seeing the world through the lens of a camera.

If you are interested in participating in the Wayne County Parks first photography contest, please visit our website or call (734) 261-1990.

The submission deadline is December 1, 2009.

Please read the complete rules before entering.

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win.

Photo Eligibility

To enter you must be at least 12 years of age and a Michigan resident. The competition is open to amateurs and professionals. The photo subject must be relevant to Wayne County Parks and the image must be from a Wayne County Parks event or at a Wayne County Parks location. Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo taken by someone other than yourself. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Number of Entries

An individual may submit no more than three (3) entries in the contest.

Photo Subject Restrictions

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public government website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Wayne County Parks retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.

Return of Photos

Photos will not be returned.

Ownership/Rights

Photographers retain the copyright to their photograph(s). By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph(s) displayed on the Wayne County Parks website. No fee or other form of compensation will be remitted to a photographer if his/her photo(s) is/are selected by Wayne County Parks for placement on its website. By entering the contest, photographers also agree to allow Wayne County Parks to feature their photo(s) in its informational brochure(s). Photographers also agree to allow Wayne County Parks to display their photo(s) at various locations in Wayne

County. By entering the contest, the photographer is giving Wayne County Parks permission to use the photo(s) in current and future publications pertaining to Wayne County Parks.

How to Enter

Photos must be submitted using the entry form. Prints must be mailed along with the completed entry form (see further instruction below). Each entry must be accompanied by a completed photo contest entry form. Please do not email entries or attempt to deliver in person. Entries must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 11:59 p.m.

Judging

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and or unique character of Wayne County Parks. A panel will judge the entries and all contest decision are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners

Judges will select a first, second and third place winning photo. Winners will be notified after the contest deadline by mail using the information on the entry form.

Photo Formats

Entries that are color images, black and white images, sepia toned and duotone images are eligible. All prints must be printed 8x10. Minor digital enhancement is permitted.

Not Permitted:

- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name.
- Adding or replacing elements in an image is not permitted.
- Artistic filters are not permitted.

Permitted:

- Images may be cropped and rotated as necessary as long as the rectangular format is maintained and the size is within the specifications above.
- Images may be resized as long as the aspect ratio is maintained.
- Red-eye removal and spot editing.
- One-step enhancement (such as "Auto Fix, "Quick Fix" "Auto Levels", etc.)
- Use of filters to sharpen, soften, blur, despeckle, or remove noise.
- Use of corrective filters to improve the natural appearance of the image such as levels, contrast, brightness, curves, intensity, tone hue, saturation, lightness, value, color balance and tint.

Submitting Prints

Prints must be 8x10 inches. Do not send negatives or email photographs. Attach a label to the back of each print with your name and address. Do not write on the photo itself. If submitting multiple entries, number each print to match a corresponding entry form. Prints will not be returned.

Mail print along with entry form to:
Wayne County Parks
C/o Bethelyn Mabry
33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185

Additional Terms and Conditions

Wayne County Parks is not responsible for lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete or late entries. Wayne County Parks is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decision are final. Wayne County Parks reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that Wayne County Parks has reason to believe is not the original work or does not meet qualifications or contest rules. All winners are subject to all requirements set forth in the Official Contest Rules.

By participating in this contest you agree to release and hold harmless Wayne County and all its employees, officers, affiliate, agents and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Wayne County and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind arising in the whole or in part from this contest.