



2018 Delaware Watersheds Photo Contest



DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship is looking for striking photographic images of Delaware's waterways, native natural surroundings, native wildlife, and actions you can take to help protect Delaware's aquatic resources.

How to Enter

Email your 300 dpi or greater (no larger than 20MB) resolution digital image in .jpeg or .png format with completed application form (attached at bottom of this document) to:

[Photo Contest](#).

Photo descriptions must accompany submissions, and should include: entrant's name, phone number, address, email address, the location the image was taken, the category the photograph is being entered in, and if you are submitting a photograph in the Native Wildlife or Native Plant category, include the name of the species.

Rules

Photographs must have been taken by the entrant before the contest deadline of **June 6, 2018**.

1. Your images must be taken within the state of Delaware.
2. Entrants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. Entrants must minimize disturbance of wildlife and habitats. Judges will disqualify photographs of any animal appearing to be stressed from being trapped or mishandled.
3. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.
4. Photographs may not include people, names, signatures, or other identifying marks.
5. The photograph must be original and it, or any substantially similar one, may not have been published, nor have won, or currently entered in any other contest. The entrant must own all rights to the photograph, including copyright.

Categories

Your images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes and waterscapes. For the purposes of this contest, “native” should mean “indigenous to the area.” No photograph may include persons. You may enter photographs in all or any of the four categories below (you must submit the attached application form for each photograph you enter).

- Natural Landscapes and Waterscapes of Delaware – Photographs of any waterbodies such as streams, rivers, lakes, creeks, estuaries, bay, ocean, etc. or scenic landscapes in Delaware.
- Native Wildlife of Delaware -- Photographs of domesticated animals are not eligible for this category and this category may include pictures of native animals, birds, fish, insects, and amphibians. When submitting in this category, include the name of the species in the application form.
- Native Plants of Delaware – Photographs of Delaware native plants in any setting. When submitting in this category, include the name of the species in the application form.
- Protecting the Waterways of Delaware – Photographs should show practices or things people can do to help protect our waterways (ex. photographs with rain barrels, streamside buffers, rain gardens, etc.). For more information on actions to help protect Delaware’s waterways visit: <http://delawarewatersheds.org/You-can-help/>

Deadlines

Entries must be received by **June 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT** when the contest ends. DNREC shall not be responsible for late/incomplete entries or entries that have not followed the guidelines. DNREC reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

Eligibility and Judging

This contest is open to legal residents of the United States at the time of entry. The contest is open to photographers of all ages and skill levels.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each category will receive a DE State Park pass for 2019. The 1st place winners of each category will be announced by the Governor at the Delaware State Fair along with their winning photographs appearing in Outdoor Delaware magazine.

DNREC will determine entries that will proceed to the next stage of online public voting to determine the top finalists in each category. The finalists will be on display at the 2018 Delaware State Fair and voted on by fairgoers to determine 1st 2nd and 3rd place winners. All finalists will be notified by phone or email. If, in DNREC’s opinion, there is any suspected or actual evidence of tampering with or alteration of any portion of the contest, or for any other reason DNREC reserves the right to terminate the contest.

Terms and Conditions

By entering the contest, entrants grant DNREC a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any DNREC purpose, including, but not limited to advertising and promotion of DNREC in print, its web site, and its publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit. DNREC will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses. DNREC has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos and will not promote or endorse third-party products or services. By entering this contest, the entrant further agrees to these official rules.

By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless DNREC, its affiliates, employees, volunteers and representatives, from any and all third party liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the competition (collectively, "Losses"), including without limitation any third party claim for copyright infringement or a violation of an individual's right to privacy and/or publicity right. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.

You agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with DNREC, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. DNREC is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the photo competition, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the photo competition, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. DNREC assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. DNREC is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or sending images or information in the photo contest.

Questions

Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to [Photo Contest](#) or call 302-290-3578.

Application form below

To save the form with your information, please use the "Save As" function with your name and category you are submitting to as the file name.

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Name:

Email:

Phone number:

Address:

Location image was taken: (If no physical address, description of Location)

Entry category:

If submitting in **Native Plants or Native Wildlife** category, **name of species in photograph** (if you are not entering in these categories **please enter “No”** in this section):