



Photograph Contest Rules

ELIGIBILITY

The Photo Contest is open to all Epping residents.

The Conservation Commission ("the Commission") reserves the right to reject any entry if, at the Commission's discretion, the photograph indicates a violation of any law or is otherwise inappropriate for viewing by the public (see also the "What to Enter" Section of the rules below).

ENTRY PERIOD

The Photo Contest usually begins early June and ends mid-August (the "Entry Period"). Note that the photograph date is not limited to the Entry Period. Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. See EppingOutdoors.com for the schedule.

VOTING PERIOD

The Commission will select up to five (5) finalist photographs for public voting. The public vote begins shortly after the entry period closes, lasts about two weeks and will take place on the Commission's website <http://EppingOutdoors.com/>. Votes submitted before or after the Voting Period will not be eligible. See EppingOutdoors.com for the schedule. In the event that public voting results in a tie, the Commission will vote to select the winner from the tying photographs.

WHAT TO ENTER

For our Photo Contest, we'd like to know: "How do you enjoy Epping's outdoor spaces?" Do you play in Epping's parks, walk the trails on Epping's conservation easements, or fish in Epping's streams? Do you visit Epping's farms or sled on local hills? Photographs may include the images of people, but the primary subject matter must be Epping's outdoor spaces.

To ensure eligibility for the contest, please submit files to EppingOutdoors@gmail.com of no larger than 20MB at the time of entry. Higher resolution files of at least 240 dpi/ppi will be requested should an entry be selected as a finalist. 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.

Entries must be submitted electronically in a .JPEG .jpg, or.png form.

Entries should include the following caption information:

- Name of Photographer
- Contact phone number and/or email address
- Location (ex. Fox Run Park)
- Detailed caption of subject matter



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Note that private information submitted by photographers will not be shared with the public.

The following submissions are ineligible:

- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright and photographs of persons without the necessary consent required by law.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.

This Photo Contest in no way permits or encourages trespassing by photographers on private land.

HOW TO ENTER

All images must be submitted by emailing a JPEG image to EppingOutdoors@gmail.com, including all required fields, including name, email and other information about your photo submission.

You may enter up to five (5) photographs. Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as with a paragraph about their photo or the highest resolution version of their photo) any time after the entry period closes.

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSIONS AND USAGE

By entering the Epping Conservation Commission Photo Contest, you retain the rights to your works while granting the Commission the right to use, reproduce, communicate, modify and display the works (in whole or in part) for any purpose without any fee or other form of compensation, and without further notification or permission.

JUDGING

Five (5) photo finalists will be selected by the Commission base on originality, technical excellence, composition, and subject matter relevance. The Commission will notify the winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry.

Prize

The winner's photograph will be printed and framed at the Commission's expense and hung in the Harvey-Mitchell Library. Photo credit will be posted with the framed photograph. The winning photograph and other finalists (along with photo credits) will also be featured on the Commission's website, EppingOutdoors.com.