



# 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 early November (the "Entry Period"). Note that the photograph date is not limited to the Entry Period, but should be from the same calendar year as the contest. Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. See [EppingOutdoors.com](http://EppingOutdoors.com) for the schedule.

## **VOTING PERIOD**

The Commission will select 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](http://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 via the link provided on [EppingOutdoors.com](http://EppingOutdoors.com) of at least 6 megapixels in resolution and no larger than 50MB. 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 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 via the link provided on [EppingOutdoors.com](http://EppingOutdoors.com) of at least 6 megapixels in resolution and no larger than 50MB, including all required fields, including name, email and other information about your photo submission. You may enter up to three (3) photographs, and switch out submitted photos up until the end of the entry period. 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**

Photo contest finalists will be selected by the Commission based 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.

## **Prizes**

A canvas print of the winner's photograph will be made at the Commission's expense and hung in the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library. The photo will also be featured in the town's annual report. Photo credit will be posted with the photograph. The winner will also receive a canvas print of the photograph of their own, as well as a gift card to a local business of their choice. The winning



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photograph and other finalists (along with photo credits) will also be featured on the Commission's website, [EppingOutdoors.com](http://EppingOutdoors.com).