



2019 Photo Contest Rules

Cincinnati Nature Center invites any and all **amateur photographers** to enter our 2019 Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be posted on our website and may be used in Nature Center print and electronic publications.

The "Best of Show" winner will receive a complimentary one-year membership to Cincinnati Nature Center, choice of membership level up to a Family level (\$84 value), and a gift certificate to *The Nature Shop*. First place winners in all categories will receive a complimentary admission pass and a gift certificate to *The Nature Shop*. Other winners will receive free complimentary passes to the Nature Center. Photographers may win in more than one category. In the event that a participant receives multiple awards, he/she will be given one award at the highest level received.

Deadline for all entries will be November 30, 2019. A panel of judges will review the entries and select the winners. The decisions of the judges are final. **Winners will be announced in January 2020.**

1. **Contestants must be amateur photographers.** Professional photographers are not eligible. The Nature Center considers you a professional photographer if you earn more than 20% of your annual income from the sale of your photographs or photography services. Eligible photos should not be published or accepted for publication by any publisher, media or other print or electronic means.
2. **All photographs must be taken at Cincinnati Nature Center** – Rowe Woods or Long Branch Farm & Trails.
3. Each photo entry must be submitted via **digital and print files**. Printed photos must be 8" x 10" in full color on photo-quality paper. Judging is based on the 8" x 10" prints, therefore, photos submitted on regular paper or on photo paper that is not 8" x 10" will not be judged. Digital photos should be at least **9" x 12" at 300 dpi**. Make sure your camera is set to take high-quality photos before you take them. Once you take them at a lower setting, you cannot increase the quality. Submit your photo(s) via www.wetransfer.com **prior to the deadline**. If entering more than one category, send ALL of your submissions in one WeTransfer link. You can send up to 2GB in one link.
 - a. Simply go to www.wetransfer.com (use the Free version–no need to sign up for the Plus version).
 - b. Where it says "add your files," click the + and find your photo on your desktop and select it.
 - c. Where it says "email to," put "photocontest@cincynature.org"
 - d. Where it says "your email," put your email address.
 - e. Click transfer. It will send a download link to photocontest@cincynature.org.
4. Photos with special effects will not be accepted. Examples: colors removed or overly saturated, vignettes, feathering of edges, etc. Photos should reflect the natural beauty of the Nature Center.
5. Photos with signatures, watermarks and time stamps will not be accepted.
6. Photos showing visitors breaking rules will not be accepted.
7. Photographs should not be mounted or matted.
8. **Adult Amateur contestants may submit only one original photograph in each subject category.**
9. **Youth contestants may submit up to three photos.**
10. Cincinnati Nature Center staff and contractual partners, and their immediate family members are not eligible.
11. The photographer assumes the responsibility of ensuring that any human subjects have given permission to be photographed and featured online, in Nature Center publications and/or marketing materials, and that any children have written parental consent to be featured.
12. Each photograph must be accompanied by a completed signed entry form attached to the back of the photograph with one piece of tape located at the top of the form. Make sure the top part of the form with your name is visible.
13. **Adult amateur** entries will be judged in **six subject categories**: People on the Trails, Pollinators, Families in Nature, Plants, Spring and Snow and Ice. **Youth** entries will be judged in one category.
14. Cincinnati Nature Center reserves the right to mount and display any submitted photo. The Nature Center also reserves the right to publish any submitted photo with any Cincinnati Nature Center materials (including print and electronic) or give to members of the media (including, but not limited to, newspapers, internet content, television and magazines) at any time throughout the universe. **Submitted photos will not be returned.** Photo credit will be applied where applicable but cannot be guaranteed.
15. Entries must be sent via www.wetransfer.com and submitted to Cincinnati Nature Center, 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, Ohio 45150 **no later than November 30, 2019.**