



Lake Metroparks presents

34th annual

AMATEUR



# photography contest

**The Photo Contest and Show will look a little different this year. Online registration is required for payment of entry fees. Visit [goto.lakemetroparks.com/photo-contest](http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/photo-contest) or call 440-358-7275. Properly matted and labeled photos must be dropped off at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center. Please help us bring back this popular show by following the new guidelines listed below.**

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED** at the front doors of Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland on these days ONLY: Friday, May 21 from noon to 6:30 pm; Saturday, May 22 from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday, May 23 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

**DIVISIONS** are Adult and Junior (ages 14 and younger).

**ENTRY FEE** is \$5 per print for adults, \$3 per print for juniors (ages 14 and younger). **Pay online by going to [goto.lakemetroparks.com/photo-contest](http://goto.lakemetroparks.com/photo-contest) or call the Registration Department at 440-358-7275 Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm.**

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES** Adults may submit a maximum of **six** photographs in the contest; Juniors (ages 14 and younger) may enter a maximum of **three** photos in the contest. **No more than two photographs may be submitted by anyone in a single category.**

**OPENING RECEPTION** There will not be a reception this year. Look for the winners to be posted on [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) beginning Saturday, June 5.

**PRIZES** are awarded to first, second and third place and Best of Show winners. Ribbons are awarded to first, second and third place and Honorable Mention winners in each category. All winners are determined by independent contest judges.

**EXHIBIT** of all qualifying entries will be displayed online from Saturday, June 5 to Sunday, August 8. Please visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) to see the show.

**CATEGORIES:** Photos can be either film or digital.

**1. LAKE METROPARKS**– Color photos should highlight a unique natural aspect of a particular park within Lake Metroparks and may include people, animals or architecture as it relates to the park. The park location must be clearly identified. Please note that North Chagrin Reservation is NOT part of Lake Metroparks.

**2. LAKE ERIE**– Color photographs submitted in this category should highlight Lake Erie and its unique shoreline. Photos may include people, animals or architecture as it relates to the lake.

**3. WILDLIFE**– This category is for color photos that feature wildlife such as birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. \*Note: Domestic animals do not qualify for this category.

**4. LANDSCAPE/FLORAL**– Color photos in this category should feature scenic images of nature and/or flowers. Photos may include animals or architecture as they relate to the landscape or flowers.



**5. FEET & FOOTPRINTS**– This color category can depict human or animal feet, their footprints or tracks, in the outdoors in any season. Human feet can be bare or with shoes.

**6. BLACK & WHITE**– This category is for all black and white photos. Subject matter can depict any of the specified categories listed above.

**NOTE: ALL PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN IN THE OUT-OF-DOORS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY.**



# Contest Rules & Regulations

1. All photographs must remain on exhibit at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, through the conclusion of the exhibit on Sunday, August 8, 2021. **Contestants may pick up their entries from Penitentiary Glen Nature Center on the following days and times: Monday, August 9 from noon to 6:30 pm; Tuesday, August 10 from noon to 6:30 pm; Saturday, August 14 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Lake Metroparks is not responsible for photographs not picked up after August 14.**

2. The Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers only. A professional is defined as one whose primary source of income (50% or more) results from his/her photographic work.

3. Photographic images must be a minimum of 5 x 7 inches and not exceed 11 x 16 inches. **Note: Matted panoramic images cannot exceed 27" total width.**

4. Photographs must be individually matted with a **single white mat—no double matting**. Photos cannot be framed, and the photographer's name cannot appear on the front. **Failure to comply with these rules will cause photos to be disqualified.**

5. A **"Photograph Identification Form"** (attached) must be securely attached to the lower right corner on the back of each entry. Additionally, the contestant's name, address and phone number should be clearly printed directly on the back of each entry. Contestants must submit a completed entry form (attached) with entry fee and photograph(s).

6. Photos will be judged on depiction of category, technical quality, composition and originality. The independent judges' decisions are final.

7. Lake Metroparks reserves the right to combine categories in the event of insufficient entries in order to preserve the integrity of the contest. All categories may not necessarily receive sequential awards.

**8. Only work not previously entered in the Lake Metroparks' Annual Amateur Photography Contest will be accepted.** Lake Metroparks reserves the right to disqualify any photograph not properly mounted, not taken in the out-of-doors, or that does not meet the entry/category requirements. Lake Metroparks also reserves the right and authority to reject any photograph(s) that may seem objectionable to participants and/or visitors.

9. It is the sole responsibility of the photographer to secure permission from any person or persons appearing in his/her photo(s). Any photograph entered in this contest may be used, without charge, in future Lake Metroparks publications or promotions. Photo credit will be given for all photos used.

10. All reasonable caution will be exercised with all photographs; however, Lake Metroparks is not responsible for any damage or loss that may occur. Due to the nature of the show, Velcro will be used in hanging the photographs. Photo Title Cards will be mounted on the bottom center of each photo after the judging has taken place.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Registration Department at 440-358-7275 or Wendy at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center at 440-256-1404 x2123.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Read all of the contest rules and information carefully.
2. Type or clearly print the requested information in ink (forms on next page).
3. Secure a "Photograph Identification Form" to the lower right corner on the back of each entry.
4. Drop-off properly matted and labeled photographs at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center May 21–23 only.

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# Photo Labels

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