

CUYAHOGA VALLEY
PHOTO SOCIETY

Cuyahoga Valley National Park 2019 Photo Contest

Submission Window:

Open: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – Close: midnight Friday, October 25, 2019

All digital files must be emailed as attachments to cvpscontest2019@gmail.com

Awards Ceremony:

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

6:30 p.m. light refreshments, 7:00 p.m. awards program

Happy Days Lodge, 500 W. Streetsboro St. (Route 303) Peninsula, OH 44264

CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Please read all requirements before submitting your photos.

- Open to current members of Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society. You must have a current membership with the photo society. If you are unsure, please check with the Conservancy. If you are not currently a member of the photographic society, you may sign up at: <https://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/join/cuyahoga-valley-photographic-society/>
- Photos that have won an award in any category in previous Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) photography contests are ineligible for new consideration.
- Entries must have been taken within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park or parks that physically adjoin the national park. This includes Bedford and Brecksville Reservations and Summit County MetroParks that are adjacent to or within the National Park. All of the area labeled as “Land Within NPS Boundary” (in light green) on this map, is eligible: <https://www.nps.gov/carto/hfc/carto/media/CUVAmap1.pdf>
- Up to four entries per photographer will be accepted. More than one photo may be entered per category.
- Entries must be submitted as JPG/JPEG email attachments to cvpscontest2019@gmail.com, using “CVPS Photo Contest Submission” in the subject line. No entries other than email attachments will be accepted. Emails received after midnight Friday, October 25, 2019 will not be considered. See file requirements below.
- All images must reflect the subject matter in a realistic way. Software may be used to process the image so that it still closely resembles the real scene (e.g., minor adjustments to color, contrast, sharpness; cropping; removal of dust spots; realistic use of HDR; black and white conversion).
- No text should be visible on the image itself when it is displayed or projected that was not part of the original scene, e.g. no watermarks with the photographer’s name or signature.

In the email, please provide the contact information for the photographer (**Name, Phone Number, Email address**) and the following information for each photograph being entered into the contest:

1. **File Name** (the name of each electronic photo file that you are attaching)
2. **Category** (the contest category to which you are submitting each photo)
3. **Photograph Title** (the title of each photo that you would like to use)
4. **Location** (approximate location where each photo was taken)

For your convenience, feel free to copy and paste the section below into the submission email or fill out the submission form at www.cvps.org on the Contest page and include it in your email.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CVPS Member number: _____

File Name	Category	Photograph Title	Location in the National Park

File Requirements

File Type: JPG/JPEG

Resolution: 1920 pixels on the longest side

Digital color space: sRGB

File Name: Do not use personally identifiable information in the file name. For example, use springpeeper.jpg rather than janedoe1.jpg or jd1.jpg.

Metadata: Include the photographer's full name in the author field in the metadata.

By submitting a photograph to the CVPS Photo Contest, you affirm that you are the photographer and that the photograph was taken within the boundaries of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The Photo Society reserves the right to:

- Decline entries if any of the requirements are not met.
- Reclassify any entry deemed to be a better fit for a different category.
- Combine categories where there are insufficient entries.

2019 CATEGORIES:

- A. Landscapes – photos in this category depict multiple environmental elements which might include different plants, rocks and earth, water, and often part of the sky (or where the sky would be). Examples would include a sunrise or sunset, a lake or slowly moving river with surrounding foliage, a marsh, or a hillside.
- B. Waterfalls and Cascades – photos in this category show swift running or falling water that includes enough decline in elevation to produce white water. When a key feature of the photo includes a waterfall or cascades, this would be the appropriate category.
- C. Wildlife – photos in this category depict wild birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. These photos might include either single animals or multiple animals in the shot. Most insects will fall into the Close-up category.
- D. Close-ups – photos in this category portray a small part of the environment and traditional “macro” photography. Examples include single or very limited numbers of plants and flowers, as well as insects. A photo whose major feature is a rock, a tree trunk, one patch of flowers, a few colored leaves, or several rocks in a stream would be examples. A bee on a flower or a photo of a single branch of a tree reflect examples of this category. Animal portraits that are not insects would best be represented in the Wildlife category.
- E. Evidence of People – photos that include people and structures made by people. Whenever the key feature of a photo includes humans, bridges, boardwalks, roads, trains, buildings, etc. this is the best category.

Prizes for the contest include a \$100.00 gift card to Pixel Connection in Avon for first place in each category, a \$50.00 gift card for second place and a \$25.00 gift card for third place. The prize for the Tim Thomas Best of Show is a \$200.00 gift card to the Pixel Connection.

By entering photos in the contest, you are granting to the Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society and the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park a non-exclusive license to use those photos to promote the Contest and the Photo Society, including but not limited to posting them on the CVPS web site and Facebook page, and to project them during the Contest awards ceremony.

If you have questions regarding the 2019 Photo Contest, email cvpscontest2019@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing your submissions!