Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Natural Resources
Discover Outdoor Connecticut Photo Contest Entry Form

Each photographer must fill out the contact information on this form and list photographs below.

All entries must be postmarked by August 16, 2019

Name: ______________________________________________________ Phone: __________________

Age class (check one): _____ 15 and younger (youth category) _____ 16 and older

Home Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________

Email: _________________________________________________________________________________

I do hereby authorize the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to use any photograph submitted by my (self / child for whom I am the legal or natural guardian (parent) – circle one) _______________________________________ (print), for promotion of the DEEP’s activities, properties, facilities, or functions in any public format, including but not limited to publication in the DEEP website, Facebook, or other social media website used by DEEP, brochure or other publication, and/or press release. I understand that such promotion will be disseminated to the public and may be copied or otherwise reproduced. I hereby release the DEEP from any liability that may arise from the photograph in such promotion, and from any liability that may arise from the dissemination of such promotion to the public or the use of the promotion by the public. 

Signature (Parent or guardian should sign for participants 17 and under):
_________________________________________ Date: ________

See other side for Photo Contest Guidelines.

Categories: Photographers may enter one photo in each category:

1) Wildlife (including fish and insects)
2) People enjoying the natural world (*see note below)
3) Scenic (including flora)
4) Youth (ages 15 and younger)

Judges will select first, second, and third place winners for each category, including an overall first, second, and third place in Youth (ages 15 and younger). There will also be a separate “People’s Choice” award selected by popular vote when all entries are displayed at the DEEP’s Discover Outdoor Connecticut event on September 15, 2019, at the Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison.

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Photographers must write their name and category on the back of their entry or entries and submit with this form – one entry allowed per category.

* Photographers must submit a completed photo release form (page 3) for each person in the photo for this category.
Discover Outdoor Connecticut Photo Contest Guidelines

1. Photographers from any state may participate, but all photos must have been taken in Connecticut. (CT DEEP employees, as well as immediate family members and relatives of CT DEEP employees, are not eligible to participate in this contest.)

2. Photos (or parts thereof) previously published online or in print by a third party are not eligible. This includes print outlets and professional websites/social media accounts. Images you’ve shared on your own personal pages are eligible.

3. All photos must be original.

4. Light edits/enhancements only – images with heavy effects, manipulations, alterations, composites, and/or watermarks will not be considered.

5. Judges will make selections based on the quality, composition, content, originality, creativity, and mass appeal. Decisions are final and in the judges’ sole and absolute discretion.

6. Photographers authorize the department to distribute their image(s) for non-commercial purposes with photo credits – including but not limited to education and news purposes – to the State of Connecticut, media, print, digital, online services, and television for their use. Photographers retain copyright to these photos, the above agreed to permissions notwithstanding.

7. A completed entry form must be submitted with your photos. Please write the name of the photographer on the back of each photo.

8. First place winners will have their photograph published in the department’s Connecticut Wildlife magazine. First, second, and third place winners will have their photographs displayed on the DEEP Website. All photographs entered in the contest will be on display at the Meigs Point Nature Center at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison during DEEP’s Discover Outdoor Connecticut event on Sunday, September 15, 2019. All submitted artwork can be picked up starting at 4:00 PM at the Discover Outdoor Connecticut event or any time thereafter during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM) at Sessions Woods WMA in Burlington.

9. All entries must be postmarked by August 16, 2019. We are not responsible for entries that are late, misdirected, lost in the mail, or damaged in transit or handling.

10. Winners will be announced during the Discover Outdoor Connecticut event at Meigs Point Nature Center on September 15, 2019 (More details are at www.ct.gov/deep/DiscoverOutdoorCT).

11. PRIZES: First place in each category -- $50 gift card to Milford Photo

   Second place in each category -- $25 gift card to Cabela’s

   Third place in each category -- $15 gift card to Cabela’s

   First, second, and third place also receive ribbons and a one-year subscription to Connecticut Wildlife magazine.

   People’s Choice Award – A copy of Macrophotography, Techniques for Exploring the Natural World by Ecologist and Conservation Biologist Dennis Quinn of Connecticut.

ENTRY IS BY MAIL ONLY: Entries must be postmarked by August 16, 2019

1. Provide information on location and category for all photos on the entry form, which must be included with your photos.

2. Eligible formats include 5”x7” up to 11”x14” prints. No slides or transparencies.

3. Photos that are matted/mounted are preferred. Maximum outside dimension of photos and mats must not exceed 11”x14”. NO frames or glass.

4. Each photo must be labeled on the reverse side with the name of the photographer and category.

5. Entries that do not follow the guidelines may not be displayed on the day of the Discover Outdoor Connecticut event.

Photos should be submitted to:
(U.S Postal Service) – CT DEEP Wildlife Division, Outreach Program, Sessions Woods WMA, P.O. Box 1550, Burlington, CT 06013 or
(UPS, FedEx, or other carrier) – CT DEEP Wildlife Division, Outreach Program, Sessions Woods WMA, 341 Milford St., Burlington, CT 06013

Questions? Please call the DEEP Wildlife Division at 860-424-3070 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM) or email deep.ctwildlife@ct.gov.
Photograph/Video Authorization and Release

(This form must be completed for each person appearing in photos submitted in the category of “people enjoying the natural world”)

I, ____________________________ do hereby authorize the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment Protection (DEEP) to use any photograph, video or likeness of

(Please Print Name)

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(Please circle one)                      (Please Print Name)

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___________________________________   __________________________
Signature       Date

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