



Capture Nature Photo Contest

50th Anniversary Edition

General Information and Contest Rules 2025

Getting Started

Photo submissions: Accepted between **June 1 until October 15.**

Register in a Category based on your age:

- *Adult Category*-- 18 years of age and up
- *Youth Category* - 17 years of age and under (must have parental consent signed via registration form)

This year's photo contest is free to enter, so registration isn't required. Instead, we're asking participants to upload their photo submissions using the [photo submission form](#).

Contest Themes and Criteria

Each year, the themes for *Capture Nature* change to inspire your creativity. You are invited to submit **up to four photos** to the contest, one for each of Wildlife and Landscape, and 2 for Then and Now.; you can submit them all to one theme or spread them out across all themes. However you decide to do it, just make sure they are a good fit for the theme, as part of the judging criteria for our Jurors is how well a photo fits the theme it is submitted to.

You can submit your photos at any point during the contest period, however the earlier the better, so that you have the opportunity to collect as many public votes through our website as possible (see more info below on how voting works).

Both black & white and colour photos are accepted.

Finally - and possibly the most important - **all photos must be taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park.**

The themes for 2025 are:

- **Wildlife**
- **Landscape**
- **"Then and Now"**



2015 Winner: Tim Hopwood

Submitting Your Photos

Please be sure to follow the steps below and include the information requested:

1. Ensure Photos Are the Right Size

Images must be between 1 and 3 MB maximum in size, JPG format.

2. Name Your Photos

Use this convention to name each image submitted:

Category(Adult or Youth)-Theme-First name.Last name-Location-Subject

Eg. Adult-Wildlife-John.Smith-Bebo Grove-sunset

Eg. Youth-ThenAndNow-Debbie.Smith-Hull's Wood-creek

3. Upload your photos!

Access the [photo submission form](#) and follow the instructions to upload your photo submission(s). Make sure to carefully read and accept the terms and conditions for the contest before you submit.



****Please note that if your photos are not named with the specific file-naming convention as outlined above, or are larger than 3MB in size (jpg format), they may not be accepted. These requirements are in place to help us efficiently coordinate the contest, and it may not be possible for our Jurors to rename/resize photos that we receive.**

How Voting Works

Once we receive your photos, they will be added to the online gallery. This gallery will allow the public to see and vote on their favorite images. Voting will be open throughout the contest period starting June 1. and will end on October 15.

Check back on the Capture Nature page for a link to the online gallery.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Public Vote - one winning photo will be chosen in each category, determined by the most votes in our online gallery:

- Public Vote - Best Adult Photo
- Public Vote - Best Youth Photo

Juror Vote - one winning photo will be chosen in each category, determined by the most votes by our Contest Jurors

- Juror Vote - Best Adult Photo
- Juror Vote - Best Youth Photo

Our Jurors use the following criteria to judge the winning photos that they vote on:

Originality – is this a one-of-a-kind photo that required some skill to capture?

Composition – the combination of elements that bring balance to your images

Technical aspects (for instance, exposure, focus, lighting) – all the technical stuff that contributes to a great photo

Theme - how well your photo reflects the theme to which it's been submitted

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for participation in *Capture Nature* you must:

- Be a resident in a Province or Territory of Canada
- Be registered with *Capture Nature* via Eventbrite
- Provide proof of permission to participate if under 18 years of age (this will be done via the Eventbrite registration process)
- Be neither an employee nor a Board member (nor be residing with an employee or Board member) or the immediate family of Alberta Parks or the Friends of Fish Creek
- Ensure that all photos are submitted by the contest deadline of 11:59 p.m., October 15, 2025 and following the specified file-naming convention outlined in this document.

Contest Rules

1. Photo submissions will only be accepted during the contest period, between June 1 through 11:59 p.m. on October 15.

3. All photographs MUST be taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Images that are not taken in the park will not be considered.
4. Photo submissions can be taken at any point throughout the year as long as they are submitted within the official contest period.
5. All Juror decisions are final. Decisions will be made by midnight on August 15th, 2025 and winners will be informed on September 3rd. Winning photos will be posted on our website and included in our Fall newsletter, as will the names of the winning photographers.
6. Each participant can submit a maximum of four photo images in total.
7. Photos submitted with the photographer's name and date stamp on the image will not be accepted.
8. Prizes are awarded based on the corporate and community support we receive for the contest.

Acknowledgement

By registering with *Capture Nature*, you acknowledge that:

- You will abide by the contest rules.
- The decisions of the contest Jurors are final and binding and cannot be reviewed for any reason.
- If for any reason this contest is not capable of running as planned, due to causes that may include infection by computer virus or other technological bugs, malware, tampering with the online resources associated with the contest, tampering with the physical resources associated with the contest, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Friends that affects the security, integrity, fairness, or impartiality of this contest, the Friends staff may terminate this contest at any time.
- If a contest participant does not follow the rules/regulations outlined by the Friends, the organization has the ability to disqualify them.
- The Friends may, at its own discretion, feature the participation of certain contest individuals in its own communications, including but not limited to our *Voice of the Friends* newsletter, the Friends website and/or other outreach with the public.
- By participating in the contest, you agree to accept any prizes as awarded; prizes are not transferable, or exchangeable, and cannot be redeemed for cash or cash value.
- The odds of being selected will depend on the photographic content, skill and subject matter featured in the photograph, as well as the total number of eligible entries received.
- It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that any photograph submitted has been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe on the copyright of any third party or any laws.
- Each participant grants the Friends non exclusive license to use, feature, publish, reprint, reproduce, display or sell any or all the submitted photographs in any of its publications, its website, and/or in any promotional or exhibition material connected to this contest or other future uses as the Friends determines in digital and print format.
- Each participant also permits the Friends to use the participants name in connection with the participants photograph.

All participants represent and warrant that:

- The participant's photo entries are original.
- The participant took the photographs themselves, not materially aided by any other individual.
- The participant is the owner of any copyright, or any other intellectual property attached to their photo entries.
- By submitting your photo entry and in consideration of the agreements herein and value received, you hereby irrevocably sell, assign and transfer to the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society any and all of the participants' rights, ownership and entitlements originating from the photo entries submitted.
- The participant agrees to fully indemnify the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society from any and all claims, actions, causes of actions, and any other costs that may arise as a result of or in connection with the use of participant's photoentry.

We would to extend a special thanks to our 2025 sponsor, The Camera Store, for their generous support.



We hope that you enjoy taking part in *Capture Nature* and look forward to seeing how you capture the essence of Fish Creek Provincial Park from behind the lens!

Good luck and have fun!

If you have any questions about *Capture Nature* please contact Kumiko:
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