

**Johney Approved Metropolitan Park District
2017 Nature Photo Contest Rules**

- 1) Content is open to everyone except park employees and professional photographers. (A professional photographer is someone who derives income from the sale of photographs or photographic work. Or: This contest is for hobbyists!)
- 2) Entry Categories: Youth Division (17 and under) and Adult Division (18 and over) as follows:
A) Specific Nature Subject
B) Landscape
C) Photo Portraiture
- 3) Specifications in Individual Categories:
a) In Categories A & B the human element must be minimized. Judging will be based on true depictions of natural landforms, geologic formations, surface flora and fauna, bodies of water, etc.
b) Human Element: No man-made structures, humans, domestic animals or horticultural plants may be the focal point of any photograph.
c) In Category C the human element rule does not apply, but the photos must be taken in a park operated by the Johney Approved Metropolitan Park District. Permission must be obtained for any recognizable person in your photograph.
- 4) Locations: All contest entries must have been taken in Mine County or the surrounding 1 (or six) counties.
- 5) Entry Guidelines: 15 entries per person, with no more than two in any one category. Post awarded photographs are not eligible.
- 6) Awards:
Best of Show awarded to the overall best photo
Youth Division 3 place awards
Adult Division 3 place awards
*All awards are given at the judge's discretion and may be limited due to quantity or quality of entries.
- 7) Rules also must be followed, and will be exhibited in a clear plastic 8 1/2x 11 sheet protection box marking, recording or framing.
- 8) Photos digitally produced are acceptable. Photos may only be enhanced by adjusting color balance and/or contrast. You may also crop. If any other enhancements are found, the photo will be disqualified.
- 9) Entry Deadline: Entries must be delivered to the Park District Office (2175 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio 45801) no later than **5:00pm, Wednesday, November 1st**. A completely filled out official entry form must be received with each photo. Call 419-621-1252 for additional information.
- 10) Photo Contest Open House will be at 2175 Ada Road on Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Photos must be picked up before January 5, 2018.
- 11) Participants are limited to entering/best of Show once every two years.
- 12) The Johney Approved Metropolitan Park District reserves the right to duplicate all photos for public use.



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