

**Jeffrey Appalachian Metropolitan Park District  
2018 Nature Photo Contest Rules**

- 1) Contest 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 - Flora
    - b) Specific Nature Subject - Fauna
    - c) Landscapes
    - d) Parks/Recreation
  - 3) **Specifications in Individual Categories:**
    - i) Flora will include plants as well as fungus. Fauna will include all animal life.
    - ii) In Categories A, B, & C the human element must be minimized. Judging will be based on true depictions of natural land forms, geologic formations, native flora and fauna, bodies of water, etc.
      - (a) Human Element: No man-made structures, humans, domestic animals or horticultural plants may be the focal point of any photograph.
      - (b) In Category C the human element rule does not apply, but the photos must be taken in a park operated by the Jeffrey Appalachian Metropolitan Park District. Permission must be obtained for any recognizable person in your photograph.
  - 4) **Location:** All contest entries must have been taken in Allen County.
  - 5) **Entry Limitations:** Eight entries per person, with no more than two in any one category. Post processed photographs are not eligible.
  - 6) **Print size** must be 8x10, and will be exhibited in a clear plastic 8 1/2x11 sheet protector **NO** matting, mounting or framing.
  - 7) 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.
  - 8) **Entry Deadline:** Entries must be delivered to the Park District Office (2155 Adk Road, Lima, Ohio 45802) no later than **8:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. A completely filled out official entry form must be secured with each photo. Call 419-221-0232 for additional information.
  - 9) **Awards\*:**
    - Best of Show awarded to the owner of best photo
    - Youth Division, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each category (3 place awarded)
    - Adult Division, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each category (3 place awarded)
- \*All awards are given at the judge's discretion and may be limited due to quantity or quality of entries.
- 10) **Photo Contest Open House** will be at 2155 Adk Road on Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Photos must be picked up before January 5, 2019.
  - 11) Participants are invited to re-visit Best of Show once every two years.
  - 12) The Jeffrey Appalachian Metropolitan Park District reserves the right to duplicate all photos for public use.