

**Johnny Appleseed 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) Landscape
 - d) Parks Potpourri
 - 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 manmade structures, humans, domestic animals or horticultural plants may be the focal point of any photograph.
 - iii) In Category C the human element rule does not apply, but the photos must be taken in a park operated by the Johnny Appleseed 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. Past awarded photographs are not eligible.
 - 6) **Print size** must be 8x10, and will be exhibited in a clear plastic 8 1/2x 11 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 (2355 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio 45801) no later than **4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26th**. A completely filled-out official entry form must be secured with each photo. Call 419-221-1232 for additional information.
 - 9) **Awards*:**
 - Best of Show awarded to the overall best photo
 - Youth Division, 1st and 2nd place in each category (8 place awards)
 - Adult Division, 1st and 2nd place in each category (8 place awards)
- *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 2355 Ada Road on Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Photos must be picked up before January 5, 2018.
 - 11) Participants are limited to winning Best of Show once every two years.
 - 12) The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District reserves the right to duplicate all photos for public use.