

# NATURE'S BEST NATIONAL PARKS

## PHOTO CONTEST GUIDELINES

**DEADLINE: ENTER NOW UNTIL SEPT 26, 2019**

The editors of *Nature's Best Photography* magazine invite photographers at all levels of experience to enter the inaugural NATURE'S BEST NATIONAL PARKS PHOTO CONTEST. Whether you are based in the U.S. or any country around the world—if you have travelled to a U.S. National Park and have favorite images and adventures to share, please join us in assembling a public record of this diverse ecosystem. There is no date restriction on when your photos were taken as all entries, past and present, are welcome. Entries are judged by a panel of experts in photography, publishing, education, and conservation. The winning images are selected based on overall appeal, technical quality, originality, and artistic merit. Our goal is to commemorate and support the national park system through the art of photography and storytelling.

**\*NOTE: PHOTOS MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ONE OF THE 62 U.S. NATIONAL PARKS. SEE LIST ON PAGE 4.**

### PHOTO SUBJECTS

#### WILDLIFE

Enter photos of wild animals (mammals, birds, fish, etc.) including portraits, behavior, wildlife within their environment, predation, adults with young, and animal interaction, close-ups, etc.

**\*IMPORTANT: 1) Photos of captive, lured, or baited animals ARE NOT accepted. 2) Images must not involve the harassment of wildlife and must be taken in strict adherence to the regulations of the National Park Service.**

#### LANDSCAPES

Enter photos of expansive views, wide-open vistas, powerful waterfalls, natural features such as erupting geysers, plant life (flowers, trees, other flora) close-ups, dramatic weather, sunsets and sunrises.

#### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Enter photos of park visitor experience and enjoyment such as: camping, hiking, rafting, backpacking, horseback riding, skiing, families, groups, photographers, rangers, and more.

**\*IMPORTANT: 1) If faces are recognizable we will need permission from the individuals featured. 2) All Landscapes entries must be taken in strict adherence to the regulations of the National Park Service.**

#### PHOTOGRAPHER LEVELS OF EXPERTISE:

**PROFESSIONALS:** Earn more than \$5,000 of income per year from photography.

**AMATEURS:** Earn less than \$5,000 of income per year from photography.

**YOUTH:** 18 and under, as of September 26, 2019.

*\*If selected as a finalist, Youth must have consent from a parent through email/phone before publication or promotion.*

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- Top 20 will be published in *Nature's Best Photography* premier nature magazine.
    - Top 100 will be featured in NBP online presentations.
    - One-year free subscription, renewal, or gift subscription.
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## HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS ONLINE

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**PREPARE YOUR PHOTOS:** Digital images should be taken with your camera set for highest resolution. Create low resolution COPIES of each photo saved as a RGB JPEG at about 1000-1800 pixels on the long side and no larger than 5 MB. Label each file with your First nameLast name underscore Subject and saved as a JPEG (.jpg). No extra spaces. (Example: **JohnDoe\_Elk.jpg** with no extra spaces). Do not add borders or watermarks on your photo files, as images are judged without seeing entrants' names. Follow the directions to start a Contest Account and upload images and enter information about each shot in the Entry Form found online here:

**[naturesbestphotography.com/enter](http://naturesbestphotography.com/enter)**

**HI-RES:** Photographers with images that pass into the semi-final round of judging will be required to supply 300 ppi high resolution TIFF and RAW (if available) files and a detailed caption about the shot before the final round of judging. Failure to supply requested materials and information on time may lead to disqualification.

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Instructions on how to send us your high resolution files and the details we need for captions will be emailed to you if your images reach the semi-final round. You will need to confirm that your photos were taken of subjects that were not baited or lured.\*\***

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## HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOS BY MAIL

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**IF ENTERING BY MAIL:** Be sure to include BOTH your low and high resolution photo files along with the Entry Fee of \$30 (for Pro and Amateur) or \$20 (for Youth) by check (*no foreign checks*) and the completed Entry Form (*see page 4*) with ALL information clearly filled out. MAIL your submission to:

NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY, NATIONAL PARKS 2019  
1930 ISAAC NEWTON SQUARE W, SUITE 200C, RESTON, VA 20190 USA  
**PHONE for COURIER: 703-467-9783**

**IF YOU ARE MAILING DIGITAL IMAGES:** Images should be taken with your camera set for the highest resolution. COPIES of each photo should be named with your FirstnameLastname underscore Subject and saved as an RGB TIFF at the largest size, then saved to low res JPEG (Example: **JohnDoe\_Elk.jpg** with no extra spaces). Do not add borders or watermarks to your images. Each USB drive must be labeled with your first and last name.

**\*\*Keep your own copy of your submission—they will NOT be returned after the contest.\*\***

**WHEN MAILING, SEND BOTH** low and high resolution images with your submission:

- Low Resolution RGB JPEG copies of your images, approximately 1000-1800 pixels on the longest side, must be saved on a USB drive and labeled 'LOW RES' for preliminary judging.
- High Resolution (300 ppi) RGB TIFF and RAW images, largest file available, saved on USB drive for the final round of judging, each labeled 'HI-RES.' Tiff files, or files created from the original RAW files, will be used for publication if selected as a winner.

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## RULES

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All photographs must accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the viewfinder. Nothing should be added to an image at a later date, and aside from in-camera dust spots, nothing should be taken away. Normal processing of RAW image files and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable, as is cropping. Black and white images are accepted. Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person, or submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer. Obscene, provocative, or otherwise objectionable content will not be considered and such determination is solely at the discretion of the judges.

*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Images that do not comply with all of the contest rules will be eliminated from the competition. Nature's Best Photography reserves the right to select materials to be used in exhibitions, publications, multi-media presentations, and online galleries. We make every effort to protect the photographers' copyrights.*

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## PARK SAFETY

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**Do NOT approach wildlife! Read and obey the laws of each park. See the National Park Service safety tips online: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/camping/staying-safe.htm>**

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## ENTRY FEES

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You may submit as few as one or as many as 25 images per each paid entry. **Multiple entries are allowed.** Payment is accepted during the secure online entry process via credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express) OR by mailing a check (*no foreign checks*) made payable to **Nature's Best Photography** OR pay by phone at 1-888-884-5999 within the U.S. or 703-467-9783, from 9:00am - 5:00pm EST Monday - Friday.

**PRO and AMATEUR: \$30 US dollars** for each entry of up to 25 images.

**YOUTH: \$20 US dollars** for each entry of up to 25 images.

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Questions? **Email:** [awards@naturesbestphotography.com](mailto:awards@naturesbestphotography.com)

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National Parks 2019 Photo Contest

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**WWW.NATURESBESTPHOTOGRAPHY.COM**

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## LIST OF U.S. NATIONAL PARKS AS OF MAY 2019

WHEN ENTERING PHOTOS ONLINE, USE THE DROPDOWN MENU TO SELECT ONE OF THESE PARKS AS YOUR "CATEGORY:"

### ALASKA:

Denali National Park & Preserve  
Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve  
Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve  
Katmai National Park & Preserve  
Kenai Fjords National Park  
Kobuk Valley National Park  
Lake Clark National Park & Preserve  
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve

### AMERICAN SAMOA:

National Park of American Samoa

### ARIZONA:

Grand Canyon National Park  
Petrified Forest National Park  
Saguaro National Park

### ARKANSAS:

Hot Springs National Park

### CALIFORNIA:

Channel Islands National Park  
Joshua Tree National Park  
Kings Canyon National Park  
Lassen Volcanic National Park  
Pinnacles National Park  
Redwood National and State Parks  
Sequoia National Park  
Yosemite National Park

### CALIFORNIA & NEVADA:

Death Valley National Park

### COLORADO:

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park  
Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve  
Mesa Verde National Park  
Rocky Mountain National Park

### FLORIDA:

Biscayne National Park  
Dry Tortugas National Park  
Everglades National Park

### HAWAII:

Haleakala National Park  
Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

### INDIANA:

Indiana Dunes National Park

### KENTUCKY:

Mammoth Cave National Park

### MAINE:

Acadia National Park

### MICHIGAN:

Isle Royale National Park

### MINNESOTA:

Voyageurs National Park

### MISSOURI:

Gateway Arch National Park

### MONTANA:

Glacier National Park

### NEVADA:

Great Basin National Park

### NEW MEXICO:

Carlsbad Caverns National Park

### NORTH CAROLINA & TENNESSEE:

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

### NORTH DAKOTA:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park

### OHIO:

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

### OREGON:

Crater Lake National Park

### SOUTH CAROLINA:

Congaree National Park

### SOUTH DAKOTA:

Badlands National Park  
Wind Cave National Park

### TEXAS:

Big Bend National Park  
Guadalupe Mountains National Park

### U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS:

Virgin Islands National Park

### UTAH:

Arches National Park  
Bryce Canyon National Park  
Canyonlands National Park  
Capitol Reef National Park  
Zion National Park

### VIRGINIA:

Great Falls Park  
Shenandoah National Park

### WASHINGTON:

Mount Rainier National Park  
North Cascades National Park  
Olympic National Park

### WYOMING:

Grand Teton National Park

WYOMING,  
IDAHO, & MONTANA:  
Yellowstone National Park

# NATURE'S BEST NATIONAL PARKS

## PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

WHEN ENTERING BY MAIL, PLEASE USE THIS FORM

FIRST NAME / MIDDLE INITIAL / LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME \_\_\_\_\_  PROFESSIONAL  AMATEUR  YOUTH (18 AND UNDER) / BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ APARTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE / PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP / POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE  CELL  HOME  OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS / WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND US A SHEET OF BRIEF CAPTIONS FOR EACH IMAGE. CHOOSE YOUR PARK FROM THE LIST ON PAGE 4.

ENTRY FEE: PRO/AM \$30, YOUTH \$20 METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CHECK  CREDIT CARD CALL OUR OFFICE TO CHARGE OVER THE PHONE 703-467-978

CREDIT CARD NUMBER  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMEX EXPIRATION DATE SECURITY CODE (3 OR 4 DIGITS ON BACK OF CARD)

PRINTED NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR CARD: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER (NO FOREIGN CHECKS! DO NOT STAPLE CHECK TO ENTRY FORM)

NUMBER OF IMAGES IN ENTRY (EACH PAID SUBMISSION ENTERS UP TO 25 IMAGES)

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL NUMBER OF IMAGES  ON USB DRIVE (SAVE YOUR IMAGES WITH FIRST AND LAST NAME IN TITLE)

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY USB DRIVES WILL NOT BE RETURNED AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION.

DEADLINE: POSTMARK NO LATER THAN SEPT. 26, 2019

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE AND IMAGES VIA USPS OR COURIER:

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NATIONAL PARKS 2019  
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FOR NBP OFFICE USE

Questions? E-mail Awards@NaturesBestPhotography.com or call 703-467-9783

# NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY NATIONAL PARKS PHOTO COMPETITION USE AND RIGHTS

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By entering the Contest, you hereby grant to each Party a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to publically display, reproduce, distribute, modify, transmit, and sublicense the photographs submitted for the Contest in any manner **related to the Contest**, including all associated reproduction, distribution, derivative works and commercial and non-commercial use in all media including, but not limited to: NBP websites, social media channels, print and digital presentations, brochures, newsletters, articles, calendars, and other printed or digital publications; Nature's Best publications and all Nature's Best works related to the Contest; solicitations by Nature's Best for the Contest; promotions and ongoing communications in connection with the Contest; and physical and digital galleries and photo exhibitions of all submissions for, and winners of, the Contest, including, but not limited to; exhibitions of Contest submissions and/or winners displayed at museums and galleries, government centers, conferences, trade shows, and Contest sponsor offices. This license shall remain in place for a term of 2 years (2021) without further compensation, notification, or permission, unless prohibited by law. Furthermore, you represent and warrant that no part of your photograph infringes upon or violates any copyright, trademark or any other proprietary right of any third party, and you indemnify and hold harmless each of Nature's Best, and Nature's Best partners against any claims brought by any third party claiming ownership of such rights.

The NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY NATIONAL PARKS photo competition is open to ALL photographers except employees of Nature's Best and partners. Your entry to this contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs, your name, occupation, city and state of residence to be published as a selected award winner **\*\*ENTRANTS RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS.\*\*** Nature's Best and partners shall have the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility.

**LEGAL CONDITIONS:** By entering this NBP NATIONAL PARKS photo competition, you agree to certain legal conditions. By entering, participants release and hold harmless Nature's Best and partners, its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the NBP NATIONAL PARKS photo competition.

Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with Nature's Best, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the NBP NATIONAL PARKS campaign, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Virginia, which court shall apply the laws of the commonwealth of Virginia without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the NBP NATIONAL PARKS photo competition. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the NBP NATIONAL PARKS photo competition is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, Nature's Best reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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