

Six Rivers Land Conservancy

2023 Photo Contest “Nature Near You!”



Help us see and celebrate our natural heritage—enter the 10th Annual Six Rivers photo contest! Yet another great reason to get outside and experience *Nature Near You!*

Overview

Submit up to five photos celebrating our natural environment in Southeastern Michigan in a JPEG (.jpg) file format to SixRiversPhotos@gmail.com. Photo submissions will be accepted through September 5, 2023. All photos that meet our guidelines will be eligible and available for public viewing. We have two categories for submission: Juried (photo files of 5MB or greater) and Enthusiast (photo files less than 5MB). In the Juried category, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award winners will be determined by a distinguished panel of judges. Finalists in the Enthusiast category will be selected by Six Rivers staff with the winning entry, “People’s Choice: Enthusiast,” selected by online vote. Attendees will also vote for the “People’s Choice: Juried” winner.

Our distinguished panel of judges is comprised of noted local photographers and will independently score each photo in the Juried category. Photos will be judged blind, with no name associated to them, based upon four criteria: technical integrity, aesthetic quality, creative merit and content value. Only one prize will be awarded per entrant.

Enlargements of the finalist photos in both the Juried and Enthusiast categories will be sold on the Six Rivers Land Conservancy website for a limited time. All proceeds will go towards supporting the Conservancy’s work in land conservation and preservation.

Prizes

Juried Category Prizes:

1 st	\$200
2 nd	\$150
3 rd	\$100
People’s Choice	\$150

Enthusiast Category Prize:

People’s Choice	\$100
-----------------	-------

Contest Rules

1. You need not be a supporter of the Conservancy to enter, although we encourage your support of our program of conservation to maintain a high quality of life in Southeastern Michigan.
2. Photos must be taken within the Six Rivers service area – Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties – within two years of submission date.
3. Entries must be anonymous (no name on the photo) and accompanied with a completed submission form. **Entries submitted without a form will not be accepted.**
4. Photo files 5MB or greater will be accepted for the Juried category. Files less than 5MB in size will be accepted in the Enthusiast category. **All files must be in a JPEG (.jpg) format.**
5. Participants are limited to no more than five entries.
6. All images must be faithful to the scenery or subject matter. Images that include significant alteration and deviation from the original photographic image are not acceptable. **Clarity of the landscape and nature theme is a major criterion for judging.** Captive animals are not considered natural subject matter.
7. The artist grants unlimited use of submitted photos to the Conservancy for publications, displays, web pages, presentations and other Conservancy purposes with credit given to the artist.

Acceptance Notification

Everyone who submits an image will receive an email notification of the accepted image within one week of submission. If an email confirmation is not received, the file was not received. Six Rivers is not responsible for files that have not been received. Those with images chosen as finalists for an award will be notified at the time of selection and must make arrangements with Six Rivers' staff to sign an enlarged version of their photo.

Criteria for Judging

Juried category submissions will be judged based upon the following elements:

- Technical Integrity: Exposure, focus, sharpness, depth of field, contrast, color, tonality
- Aesthetic Quality: Form, composition, balance, lighting, framing, viewpoint
- Creative Merit: Originality, style, expression, mood, impression, distinction
- Content Value: Clarity of the landscape, natural subject, context, significance, relevance

Use Rights

By submission of their photograph(s), artists grant Six Rivers Land Conservancy the right to use their images for display on printed and emailed materials or other Conservancy marketing purposes with credit given to the artist. Finalist photos in both categories will be sold on the Six Rivers website for a limited time to support the Conservancy's mission. By submission to the contest, artists grant the use of their image(s) as stated without further contact or compensation from the Conservancy. The artist further states that by the submittal of these images, he/she owns the rights to these images. All images submitted are the property of the artist and the artist retains the copyright to said images.

Submission

Submit up to five photos celebrating our natural environment in Southeastern Michigan via email in a JPEG (.jpg) file format to SixRiversPhotos@gmail.com. A completed Submission Form must be submitted for each photo file submitted. Size of photo determines the contest category: Juried or Enthusiast. **Photo submissions will be accepted through September 5, 2023.** Please contact Stewardship Manager Ian Ableson at iableson@sixriversrlc.org with any questions.

Six Rivers Land Conservancy 2023 Photo Contest Submission Form

*****Note: This form must be submitted with each entry!*****

Name: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Photo: _____

Title (Artwork title not filename): _____

Location of shot (city, county, park, etc.): _____

Other information about the shot or the location (optional):

