



**New Hampshire Association
of Conservation Commissions**
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2023 NHACC Photo Contest

Contest Rules:

1. This contest is open to all residents of New Hampshire who are amateur photographers.
2. Members of the NHACC Board of Directors, their immediate families, and the jurors and their families are not eligible to participate.
3. We are primarily looking for photographs that inspire the preservation of our natural environment.
4. You are encouraged to take photographs on conserved lands in or near your town, but they also may be taken in other places such as your own backyard. Not sure where your town's conservation land is? Contact your local conservation commission.
5. Photographs must have been taken in 2023.
6. The theme of this year's competition is "water, wetlands, and wildlife in the natural world." Images should include one or more of these subjects, and photographers are encouraged to add their own interpretation to this theme.
7. While some digital editing is part of the artistic process of creating a photograph, photographers are cautioned that overly-manipulated images may not be included in the jurying process.
8. Entries will be accepted in three age categories: Kids up to 12, Teens between 13 and 18, and Adults over 18.
9. There is a one-time \$10 per person Entry Fee to help cover costs. Each person may enter up to 3 images.
10. There will be two phases of jurying:
 - a. All entries must first be submitted in digital form (see below) between June 1 and September 8, 2023. Jurors (see below) will individually select "finalists" based on these digital images.
 - b. Finalist images will then be professionally printed by NHACC, and those prints will be used for selecting the award winners. One Winner and one Honorable Mention will be selected in each category. Print will be 8 x 10 inches, and contestants are advised to submit digital files capable of being printed at this size.
11. Winners in each category will receive \$250, and Honorable Mentions will receive \$50. Each finalist print will be sent to the photographer along with an award certificate.
12. Winners, Honorable Mentions, and Finalists will be publicly announced at the NHACC Annual Conference on November 4, 2023. Winners in each category will be notified in advance, and will be invited to attend the conference with a friend or family member at no cost.
13. By entering this competition, you agree that your photograph(s) may be used by NHACC and/or your town's conservation commission to promote their mission to advocate for and protect New Hampshire's natural resources, for example, on a website or social media. We will not sell your work, and credit will be given to the photographer each time a photograph is used for publicity.
14. Jurors for this competition will be:
 - Well-known author and "ecology photographer" Jerry Monkman,
 - Gary Samson, former head of the photography program at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, and
 - Jim Salge, avid nature photographer and meteorologist who worked at the Mount Washington Observatory for many years.

How to Enter:

Start taking pictures now!

We will be using an on-line platform called ArtCall (<https://artcall.org/>) between June 1 and September 8, and details about how to use this tool will be released shortly. Contestants will be able to edit or change their entry any time before midnight on September 8.

Have fun and be creative!