

2009 Photo Contest

Rules, Terms and Conditions

Wildlife Prairie State Park invites photographers to enter its 2009 Photography Competition. **You must read the following rules, terms and conditions before submitting any photos!**

The Wildlife Prairie State Park 2009 Digital Photography Competition (the "Contest") is open to ALL photographers at least 18 years of age, except employees of Wildlife Prairie State Park and the immediate families of such employees. The contest is open to all participants regardless of residence or citizenship, so long as the laws of their jurisdiction allow participation.

YOUR RIGHTS: You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit—including ownership if applicable—other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, you hereby grant to Wildlife Prairie State Park (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display, publicly perform the photographs you submit to Wildlife Prairie State Park, and (ii) the right to use your name, city, state, and country of residence in promotions and other publications.

WHAT TO ENTER: We are looking for striking digital images of nature, highlighting the diversity of life at Wildlife Prairie State Park. Your images may be taken in any public place in the park and the location should be included in the photo caption. Your images may show animal behavior, portraits of wildlife in the natural habitat, plant life, natural landscapes, weather or people interacting with nature. If you chose to include people in your submission you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to Wildlife Prairie State Park upon request. Entrants must not submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, or infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping adjustments of color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER: Each photo must be submitted electronically, by the following method: Submit your photos to Flickr. Simply create a Flickr account and then join our group, Wildlife Prairie State Park. Then, upload your pictures to our group.

Tag them with: "Name of the Month" as an example "March Photo Contest" (**important don't forget the quotation marks**).

ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING: To ensure eligibility for the contest, entries must have a resolution of 5 million pixels or greater (5 mega pixels). Resolution can be calculated by multiplying the pixel width of the image with the pixel height. For example, a photograph taken with a 5 mega pixel camera set for the highest resolution and best quality produces images that are 2584 pixels by 1936 pixels, which are acceptable under the rules ($2584 \times 1936 = 5$ million). Images that do not meet this standard may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion. Entries may originate in any format—including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints—so long as they are submitted electronically. Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. The judges are all of the members of Wildlife Prairie State Parks Group. The Group shall determine winner. All decisions made by the judges are final.

DEADLINES: Deadline for submitting entries is 12:00pm Central Mountain Time on the last day of each month in 2009. Online entries must be uploaded starting at 12:01 Central Mountain Time on the 1st. day of each month. Entrants may be asked to submit a paragraph about the story behind the photo anytime. Prize Winners will be announced on or before the 15th of each month. Wildlife Prairie State Park reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s) as the result of causes beyond its immediate control.

WINNING PHOTOS: Each month will have one Prize Winner.

Grand-prize winning photographers will be credited with captioned "c Person's Name." Wildlife Prairie State Park has final approval of any language that appears on its website with any of the photos and will not promote or endorse a third-party products or services.

On the last Saturday of each month One Grand Prize winner will be selected.

- The Monthly Grand Prize Winner will receive: A One Year Membership to Wildlife Prairie State Park and the winning photograph will be displayed in a case at the Visitor Center. Also the photo will be posted on Wildlife Prairie State Park's website for One Month.

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Legal Conditions

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By entering, participants agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Wildlife Prairie State Park, its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives, from any and all third party liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the competition (collectively, "Losses"), including without limitation any third party claim for copyright infringement or a violation of an individual's right to privacy and/or publicity right. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.

Each participant in the Contest (each a "Participant") is responsible for ensuring that he or she has the right to submit them to the Contest per these rules.

You agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the Park, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action. The Contest and the Wildlife Prairie State Park website are provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied.

The Park is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the photo competition, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the photo competition, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. Wildlife Prairie State Park assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. Wildlife Prairie State Park is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the photo contest.

If, for any reason, the photo competition is not capable of completion as planned, including but not limited to, any reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of Wildlife Prairie State Park that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the photo competition, Wildlife Prairie State Park reserves the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the photo competition.