



NATURE in Our Own Backyard: FAQs

A digital photography contest

The following are responses to the more frequently asked questions about the contest.

Must the pictures be from Montana, or can they be from anywhere in the world?

Answer : This is a contest to show off the beauty of Montana, so all submissions must be of Montana.

What does 'Non-Exclusive Basis' mean?

Answer : Our reference to the term “Non-Exclusive Basis” is that we do not ask for, nor are we seeking, the “exclusive rights” to use your images when you enter this contest. Conversely, when we use your image on a “non-exclusive basis” in MontanaPBS or Montana Office of Tourism materials you, as the owner of the image, still own the rights for any subsequent use. - w

This also means if you as the owner of an image have previously granted “exclusive rights” to someone else for an image you are submitting to our contest, you need to provide a written release from them. This would be along the same lines as a copyright release.

Do submissions have to be digital?

Answer: Yes – photographs should be in a standard digital format (see official rules for submission requirements) and submitted on a CD.

I live outside Montana; can I still enter the contest?

Answer : Certainly. Our restrictions are on the photos, not the photographer.

Do I have to fill out a separate entry form for each image I send in?

Answer : No, in fact we will only accept one entry form from each entrant...but that form may cover up to 5 submissions – each must have a title and notation from the photographer about the submission – where and why it would be a good family vacation.

Do you accept entries via e-mail?

Answer : No, CDs must be accompanied by the hard copy of the entry form. (This ensures that we have the correct permissions from you and don't have to hunt you down later!)

How will I be notified if I am a winner?

Answer : We will call you. We will have two galleries later in the year where selected photos will be displayed.

Will you use my submission as is?

Answer: We will not alter any image substantially. Since we have a variety of possible uses, we reserve the right to alter photos as to size or orientation, depending on the promotional use for which it is selected. We will use the photo in keeping with your original submission.

Is this contest open to amateur and professional photographers?

Answer : Yes, there are no restrictions as to who can enter, except you may not be an employee of MontanaPBS, Travel Montana nor the immediate family of any employee. We have three different categories – general vacation spots, National and state park locations, and picture-stories.

Who owns the copyright of the images selected in the contest?

*Answer As the creator of the image you may copyright your image as you see fit whenever you have it printed or published.
All requests made to us to reuse your images by third parties will always be deferred to you as the owner of the image.*

Do you want my submission to “tell a story”?

Answer: We certainly want the “picture-story” entries to tell the story of a place! All entries must be accompanied by a description of where the picture was taken and why it is a good spot for a family vacation.

Will my entry be returned to me?

Answer: No.

Who is the contact?

Answer: Chris Seifert, 406.994.6217, chris_seifert@montanapbs.org

Good Luck!