



NATURE in Our Own Backyard

Official rules for contest and submission

1 All entries must be postmarked by midnight July 31, 2009. Images must be submitted on a CD, accompanied by a hard copy of the entry form, and have a one sentence (or more) notation for each image that explains where the picture was taken and why this is a good place for a family vacation. Entrants under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian signature.

2 You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright for all photos entered. Images must be original work of the photographer. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way beyond cropping, color balance, saturation and contrast control, plus dust spotting. If the photo contains an animal, you must declare if the animal is in captivity or in conditions that are unnatural. If cruel or unethical practices are suspected, the photo will be disqualified. If there are images of people in the photos, they must not be identifiable.

Each individual image file should be saved at 2400 pixels on the longest side; at 300 dpi, as a jpg file; at level 9 quality.

3 To be considered in the contest, all submissions must be original, unpublished photographs taken of Montana, in Montana.

4 Judging will begin on August 3, 2009. Submission of the photo constitutes entrant's grant of a non-exclusive royalty-free license to MontanaPBS and Montana Office of Tourism for use on-air, on the Web, and in print for promotional purposes.

5 You may submit up to five individual entries. Each image must be named, have a notation about the where it was taken and why that is a good family vacation spot, and be clearly marked with your name and address.

6 Submissions must be sent to
NATURE Photo Contest
MontanaPBS
VCB 183, Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717
Attn: Chris



7 There are three categories for entry

- a. General locations for a family vacation.
- b. National or state park locations for a family vacation
- c. A series of six pictures (considered one entry) that tell the story of a specific place for a family to visit or a single travel experience, event, attraction, or noteworthy site.



8 Entries will be evaluated based on appeal, content, and photographic skill. The theme is Montana in our own backyard and is designed to encourage local family vacation travel so all entries must conform to that theme. The decision of the judges is final.

9 MontanaPBS assumes no responsibility for submissions. Entrants agree that MontanaPBS and Montana Office of Tourism have the right to use, without compensation, their photographs for promotional uses – including on-air, on-line, and print.

10 Neither MontanaPBS nor any underwriters supporting this contest are responsible for entries that are lost, late, delayed, misdirected, unintelligible, illegible, incomplete, postage due, stolen, returned, separated, damaged, or undeliverable. Proof of mailing is not proof of delivery.

11. By signing the entry form, the participant consents to entry of his or her submission and agrees to these Official Rules and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding in all matters related to this contest.

