

## Cuivre River State Park Photo Contest Rules

All entries for the photo contest will be displayed in our interpretive area at the Visitor's Center from August 10, 2018 to September 17, 2018. During that time, visitors are encouraged to come to the Visitor's Center to vote for their favorite photo. The winners in each category will be featured on the park's Facebook page and website. Winning photos will be considered for a possible park calendar to be developed in the future. The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers of all ages. Photos must have been taken at Cuivre River State Park within the past two years. Winners in each category will be announced on September 20, 2018. **Photo submission deadline is August 6, 2018.**

### Categories:

- **Landscapes**-Landscapes of Cuivre River State Park
- **Nature and Wildlife**-Wildlife, flowers, or insects found in Cuivre River State Park
- **Windows to the Past**- Photos of historic structures in Cuivre River State Park
- **Family Fun**-Your favorite scene of your family enjoying Cuivre River State Park. **PHOTOS CANNOT CONTAIN PEOPLE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN FAMILY.**

### Rules:

1. Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks employees are exempt from this contest.
2. Photographers must obey park rules and regulations when they are in state parks and historic sites.
3. The contestants must declare that he/she is the sole owner of the photo and that no copyright infringement exists on the photograph(s) submitted, nor will their submission of the photo in this contest violate any copyright laws.
4. Placements of watermarks, dates or electronic signatures are not permitted. State park system technical staff may make some minor digital enhancement for cropping, red-eye removal, spacing and corrective functions to adjust for light level, angle or blurriness. Images that appear to state park system technical staff to be altered in any significant manner will be immediately disqualified. Technical staff may find it necessary to alter a submitted photograph to correct or resize photographs for display and for other needs as required.
5. If, for any reason, a photograph submitted for consideration becomes contested or disputed in any manner, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks reserves the right to discontinue use of said photograph and disqualify the photograph from the contest immediately. However, all other uncontested entries from the photographer will be unaffected.
6. Any photographer determined by a preponderance of the evidence who attempts to defraud, misrepresent and/or mislead the photo contest staff or judges in any manner will be subject to

immediate removal from the contest and cancellation of any prizes. They shall also be prohibited from making any further submission of photographs to the photo contest.

7. Photos entered into the contest will be reviewed for qualification before judging using the same criteria.

8. Any and all of the judges' decisions will be final. No correspondence will be answered regarding said decisions.

9. Rules are subject to change.

### **Eligibility**

- The contest is open to the general public: to both amateur and professional photographers.
- All photos must have been taken within the last two years in Cuivre River State Park. Location of the photo must be indicated on the entry form.
- All photos must be original and taken by the submitting entrant.
- Any entry deemed inappropriate by Cuivre River State Park staff will be disqualified.
- All entrants will sign a photo release at submission.
- Releases and entry forms that cannot be verified for authenticity, including missing, incomplete or incorrect contact information on the form, may result in disqualification.

### **Submitting photos**

- Entries must be submitted in person in print and digital format. Prints must be matted; no larger than 11"x14" with the matting. Mailed prints will not be accepted.
- To enter, bring your print to the Visitor's Center during business hours: Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm, Saturday, 10am-4pm or Sunday, 11am-4pm. Weekend hours start April 14. After you fill out your submission form, you will be given an email address to submit your digital file.
- Digital files must be in JPEG format, saved at the highest resolution.
- Only the print photos will be judged.
- You will be given a sticker upon submission for the back of your matting that will include your contact information. There should be no markings, watermarks, or other information on the front of the print.
- All entrants must have a complete form for each photo entered.
- Entrants may enter one photo in each category.
- Damaged photographs will not be accepted. Cuivre River State Park is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, illegible, stolen, returned, separated, or damaged entries.

### **Use of Photos**

All photo entries (digital and print) become the property of Cuivre River State Park and Missouri State Parks. Contestants grant Cuivre River State Park and Missouri State Parks unlimited usage and unrestricted rights of any photograph submitted for the contest regardless of whether or not it is a winning entry. Cuivre River State Park and Missouri State Parks reserve the right to use the photos in

printed or online materials and for educational informational purposes without paying compensation to the photographers or the subjects.

### **Judging**

Photos will be on display for judging by park visitors from August 10 - September 17, 2018. Any visitor who has entered the contest will not be eligible to vote. Winners will be announced September 20, 2018, and the winning entries will be displayed the weekend of September 22-23. Prior to public judging, state park technical staff will review submissions for copyright infringement, watermarks, editing violations, or other violations to contest rules. Any photograph that violates contest rules will be disqualified.

If for any reason the contest is not capable of being conducted as planned, including any causes beyond the control of the administrators of the contest, Cuiivre River State Park reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, suspend, or terminate the contest.

### **Prizes**

One photo in each category selected for First Place will be featured on the park's Facebook page as the cover photo for a period of one month. Winning photos will also be featured on the park's website. Ribbons will be awarded for first and second place.