



COMPETITION RULES

We hope that you will get outdoors and explore the many open space areas of Mansfield Township. Capture that original and maybe unexpected moment of joy or beauty in our Township and it could be featured!

We are looking for beautiful, truthful, creative and striking digital images to celebrate your exploration of Mansfield. Your images should highlight three categories: nature, landscapes and architecture. See [IMAGE CATEGORIES](#) for photo ideas. We look forward to highlighting winners within official publications and online publications of the Township of Mansfield! Have fun and submit your best shots exploring all the beauty of Mansfield Township! Winners will be announced April 2017!

TERM

The Explore Mansfield Photo Contest begins at 12:00 am August 14th, 2016 and closes at 11:59 PM March 1, 2017. The competition is presented by the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission in partnership with the Open Space Advisory Committee and funded by a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC).

ELIGIBILITY

Explore Mansfield Photo Contest is open to all photographers regardless of skill level. Minors 8 to 17 years of age must have a parent/guardian complete the [parent consent form](#). All photos submitted for the contest must be taken within Mansfield Township between January 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017 and not be entered into any other contests or have copyrights encumbered in any way.

WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS

A finalist will be chosen from each of the **three** category winners. From the category finalists, the grand-prize winner will be chosen. The winner will be notified via the contact information provided at the time of entry.

Grand Prize Winner, category winners, and honorable mentions will be announced April 12, 2017. The Township of Mansfield reserves the right to adjust any deadline(s).



PHOTO CATEGORIES

All photos must have been taken in Mansfield Township. Photographers must enter each photo in one of the below categories. The same photo CANNOT be entered in more than one category. Judges reserve the right to switch photo submissions to other categories.

You must declare which category your photo will be judged. Entrants must submit a separate email for each photo submission. We have provided some ideas for each category to help you get started!

1. **CATEGORY: Nature** (life photographed out in nature)

- Native plants
- Flowers (floral portraits, fields of wildflowers, close-up images of flowers)
- Seasons
- Trees
- Underwater
- Wildlife – mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and non-flying insects
- Winged life – birds or flying insects in flight, perched or in action
- Aquatic life – marine animals that spend the majority of their time in water

*****No domestic animals, pets or caged animals*****

2. **CATEGORY: Landscapes** (show outdoor beauty - wild places with a unique perspective such as expansive landscape vistas of forests and mountains and rivers)

- Forests
- Mountains
- Ponds
- Rivers
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Trails
- Farms

3. **CATEGORY: Architecture** (elements of design such as line, shape, pattern, form, texture, and perspective)

- Historic
- Buildings
- Bridges
- Barns/Farm structures

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Since our Explore Mansfield Photo Contest is a family-friendly activity, we reserve the right to reject unsuitable or pornographic images. For example, entrants must not submit images that involve human nudity, the willful harassment of wildlife, damage to the environment by the photographer, put any individual or animal in danger, or infringe on the rights of any other person. Baiting of wildlife is prohibited. Do not trespass onto private property to take photos.

For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a [model release](#) from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian and provide it to the Township of Mansfield. Submissions missing this form will not be eligible for participation in the photo contest.

Any photographer who is 18 years old or older is eligible. Entries by photographers who are 8 to 17 years of age at the time of submission are eligible with [permission](#) from his/her parent/guardian. (Click [Parental Consent Form](#))

The Township of Mansfield will determine winner eligibility in its sole discretion.

There is no entry fee and no purchase necessary to enter this competition.

IMAGE SPECIFICATIONS

For judging purposes images must be submitted as jpegs, saved at the highest quality settings.

HOW TO ENTER

- Only digital images/photographs saved in a jpeg file format will be accepted.
- All submissions must be made via email to exploremansfield@gmail.com.
- Each photo submitted should have a file name (photographer name_category_photo title.jpeg)
- One photo per category per month. If more than one photo is submitted per category per month, only the first photo submission will be accepted for the contest.
- Each photograph entered must be accompanied by the following information in the email:
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. Phone
 4. Birthdate (for minors only)
 5. Type of camera used (smartphone, SLR, mirrorless, tablet, compact, bridge, other), category entry
 - 6. Photo caption (title)**
 7. Location

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- Photographs must have been shot by the entrant since January 1, 2016.
- Photographs that have won any other contests are NOT eligible.
- You may be required to provide completed “[model release](#)” and/or “[parental consent](#)” form for your photo to be eligible in the contest

What We Do Not Take Into Account

As long as your photo fits with a category, we do not separate the contest entries based on the following criteria:

- Digitally manipulated images
- Black and white images
- Photos by professionals
- Photos by amateurs
- Photos taken with a digital camera
- Photos taken with a smartphone or other device

Smartphone or other device photography tips:

- Set your camera to the highest resolution possible.
- Avoid using zoom. If you need to get closer to a subject, step closer.
- When emailing photo DO NOT RESIZE. Quality and resolution will suffer. Photographs must be submitted as original file size.
- Send only **one** attached image per e-mail.

JUDGING

Images will be judged on:

1. Traditional standards of sharpness, in other words your photo needs to be in focus (or, if it features some blurriness, it has to be clearly intentional for artistic use)
2. Clarity and resolution (being able to enjoy the details of your image will mean a lot to those who judge your submissions)
3. Rule of thirds or another compositional principle

No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason.

The judges will be comprised of a select group of volunteers, officials or staff of Mansfield Township. The Township’s decision in respect of all matters to do with the competition will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

PUBLIC VIEWING & GRANTING OF LIMITED RIGHTS

Be aware that, if approved for participation, your photo will be displayed to the public.



COPYRIGHT

Copyright of the image remains the property of the photographer. A photo credit will be provided under your image where feasible.

Entries must be submitted by the original photographer or his/her parent/guardian. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Participants agree to hold harmless and release the Township of Mansfield and its officials, volunteers, staff, instructors and affiliated entities from loss, claim, injury, damage, or expense, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees and costs, which are in any way connected or associated with the uploading of any photo to the Township of Mansfield.

By entering the contest, entrants grant the Township of Mansfield, and those authorized by the Township of Mansfield, a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for any educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, archival, scholarly and all other standard Township of Mansfield purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Township of Mansfield will not be required to pay any consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

MODEL RELEASE

A participant who forwards a submission via email acknowledges that he/she has written permission of any recognizable person(s) appearing in the photograph to be able to grant to Township of Mansfield the right to publish his/her photographic submission, and hereby grant to Township of Mansfield such right (click for [model release form](#)).

FURTHER CONDITIONS

The contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. The Township reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions without notice in the event of a catastrophe, war, civil or military disturbance, act of God or any actual or anticipated breach of any applicable law or regulation or any other event outside of the Township's control. Any changes to the competition will be notified to entrants as soon as possible by the Township. By

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entering this competition, an entrant is indicating his/her agreement to be bound by these terms and conditions.

PRIVACY

All personal information collected by the Township of Mansfield will be used for the administration of the photo contest. Upon submission, your email address will be manually added to the Environmental Commission and Green Team Google® group used to keep all participants up to date with photo contest announcements and other related Township news through email, the online interface, or both. Entrants may subsequently [opt-out](#) or [unsubscribe](#) from the Google Group at any time.

OFFICIAL RULES

For a copy of these Official Rules or winners list, send your request in a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Attn: Photo Contest, Township Clerk, Township of Mansfield, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865

HOW TO CONTACT US

Questions and inquiries regarding Competition rules or technical matters, including problems uploading photos, can be emailed to exploremansfield@gmail.com

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

These rules, guidelines, terms and conditions may be subject to change.

The Mansfield Township Environmental Commission as well as the Open Space, Farmland Preservation, Conservation, Historical & Recreation Advisory Committee want to thank the *Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions* for awarding our township with a grant for an *Open Space Stewardship Project* in the amount of \$500 to support the Explore Mansfield Photo Contest.



MODEL RELEASE FORM (scan and email completed form to exploremansfield@gmail.com)

I hereby give permission to _____ to use my name and/or
(Photographer Name)

photographic likeness for the Explore Mansfield Photo Contest.

I authorize Mansfield Township, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and or electronically. I agree that Mansfield Township may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and web content.

Person photographed: I declare that I have read and understand this release.

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of person photographed if a minor under age of 18:

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

REQUIRED:

Photographer Name _____

Submission Email Address _____

Photo Caption / Category _____



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I am the parent/legal guardian of the minor child whose signature appears below and I hereby give my consent to the minor entering the Explore Mansfield Photo Contest sponsored by the Township of Mansfield. I have read and accept the Official Rules on my child's behalf. I understand that my child's photo(s) will not be included in the competition without this signed and fully completed form.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:		Date:	
Youth Signature:		Date:	
Parent or Legal Guardian Information			
Parent or Legal Guardian Name:			
Parent or Legal Guardian Address:			
City, State, Zip Code:			
Parent or Legal Guardian Phone Number:		Parent or Legal Guardian Email Address:	
Child's Name:	Age:	DOB ___/___/___	
Child's Address (if different from parent or legal guardian):			
City, State, Zip Code:			
<p><i>Thank you for your child's participation.</i></p> <p><i>We are excited to see your child's unique perspective of the Township of Mansfield!</i></p>			
Submit photo(s) to: exploremansfield@gmail.com		Submit completed forms by email or mail: exploremansfield@gmail.com OR Mansfield Township Environmental Commission 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865	

PLACES TO EXPLORE in Mansfield Township

The ridges and valleys of the Township of Mansfield stretch out along the scenic Musconetcong River in bucolic Warren County. Founded in 1754 and now encompassing 30.5 square miles, Mansfield is the oldest and third largest municipality in the county. Historic Beattystown, originally known as Beaty's Mill, was settled at least as early as the 1760s. Port Murray, named after a President of the Morris Canal Company, is the largest village in the township. Port Murray and Rockport, now home to the state pheasant farm, grew as stops on the canal, completed in the 1830s. Today, Mansfield is the fourth most populous municipality in the county. Residential, agricultural and commercial life coexist harmoniously in the township.

Suggested Locations and Points of Interest

Hector A. Cafferata, Jr. Memorial Park (Port Murray Road)

Enjoy hiking, walking trail with bluebird houses and exercise stations a softball field and tennis courts.

Mansfield Rec Complex (Port Murray Road)

Morris Canal Greenway (entrance on Cherry Tree Bend Road nearest to Main Street)

Musconetcong River

(access from any bridge crossings or designated parking areas accessed from Route 57)

NJ Fish and Wildlife – Pequest Wildlife Management Area - trails

Open 5 am to 9 pm daily. Open 9 pm to 5 am for lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities only.

(<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pequest.htm>)

Point Mountain Park (access to Musconetcong River from Point Mountain Road before bridge)

Port Murray Park (Hoffman Road) (<http://warrenparks.com/park/port-murray-park/>)

Willy's Wieners Restaurant (access to Musconetcong River)

1280 Route 57

Port Murray, NJ 07865

Located on Route 57 between Watters and Heiser Roads

Photographers are encouraged to visit Willy's Wieners – look for angler parking to right of restaurant for access to the River and *Hippopotamus* Rock



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HISTORIC

Beattystown District (Route 57 Scenic Byway Designation)

Port Murray District (Main Street)

Train Wreck Monument (Hazen Road nearest cross street Rockport)

Mt. Bethel Church (Mt Bethel and Snyder Road)

Karrville School House (Jackson Valley and Karrville Roads)

FARMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Be sure to check for hours of operation.

Donaldson Farms

(www.donaldsonfarm.net)

358 Allen Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Evergreen Valley Christmas Tree Farm

(www.evergreenvalleychristmastrees.com)

77 Jackson Valley Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865

Mt. Bethel Christmas Tree Farm

41 Mt. Bethel Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865

(908) 319-4527

Orchard View Lavender Farm

(www.orchardviewlavenderfarm.com)

101 Karrville Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865

Tree-licious Orchards

(www.treeliciousorchards.com)

135 Karrville Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865

Well Sweep Herb Farm

(www.wellsweep.com)

205 Mt Bethel Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865