

Calling all Nature Photographers!



Mission Trails Regional Park's

25th Annual

Amateur Photo Contest

is now on through May 31, 2017



You are encouraged to enjoy the park, and pause to take that special picture to be entered into our contest. Take advantage of all the spectacular wildflower blooms and spring growth provided by the winter rains and warming weather.

Children 12 and under are encouraged to participate.

This year there are two ways to enter the contest.

Deliver mounted photos to the Visitor Center or submit digital photos online.

Mounted Photos Only:

Four awarded categories for age groups:

Adults (18+) and Youth (13-17)

(Plants, Animals, Landscapes and People)

One awarded category for

Children (12 and under)

Contest entry fee is \$5 per photo and will be displayed in the Visitor Center Gallery.

Contest rules, requirements for mounted photos and submitting form on back

Digitally Submitted Photos Only:

One award for each age group:

Adults (18+), Youth (13-17) and

Children (12 and under)

Enter up to three photos for \$10. Each photo will be displayed as a slideshow on a 40" monitor in the Visitor Center Gallery

Rules:

1. **Digital entries may only be submitted online at [MTRP's Secure Registration](#)**
2. Complete the online form and payment
3. Upload photos when notified
4. Digital entries must be 72 dpi and no more than 1024 maximum dimension
5. ***Additional contest rules on back***

**Reception and awards will be at the
Visitor Center Sunday, June 25, 2017.**

**The photos will be displayed
June 17 until July 14.**

The deadline for submitting all photos is May 31, 2017

***This Year's
Contest
Sponsor:***

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Twenty-Fourth Annual Mission Trails Regional Park Amateur Photography Contest



All entries will be on display at the Visitor & Interpretive Center from June 17 through July 14, 2017

Contest Deadline: May 31, 2017 / Reception and Awards: Sunday, June 25, 2017

Due to limited space, we reserve the right to jury the photos if the total exceeds allowable space. Exhibit fee is non-refundable.

<i>Prizes:</i>	Best of Show (mounted photos only)	People's Choice (mounted photos only)	1st Place (Mounted photos: each category by age group) (Digitally submitted photos: by age group)
	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00

Contest Rules for both mounted and digitally submitted photos:

Photos must be taken within Mission Trails Regional Park from any authorized trail or have Mission Trails Regional Park as their subject. Any photo deemed to have been taken off trail or inappropriate will not be considered.

1. Contest is open to amateur photographers only. All previous MTRP contest winning entries are not eligible.
2. Entry fee: \$5 per entry for "Mounted Photos" and \$10 for up to 3 digital submitted photos.
3. No Focus Stacking – Multiple images taken to extend the depth of field; (Focus stacking (also known as *focal plane merging and z-stacking or focus blending*) is a digital image processing technique which combines multiple images taken at different focus distances to give a resulting image with a greater depth of field (DOF) than any of the individual source images.) or HDR – camera takes multiple images at different exposures – will be accepted. No techniques that add, relocate, replace, or remove pictorial elements, except by cropping are permitted. Techniques that enhance the presentation of the photograph without changing the nature story or the pictorial content, or without altering the content of the original scene, are permitted. Adjustments may be made to bring the image back to what was seen through the lens. **All results must look natural in the opinion of the judges.** Photos not adhering to the rules will not be judged.
4. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at a reception to be held at the MTRP Visitor and Interpretive Center from 2 to 4PM on Sunday, June 25, 2017. The winners, except for the People's Choice Award, will be selected by a three-judge panel and all decisions are at the sole discretion of those three judges.
5. All entries will be displayed at the Visitor and Interpretive Center June 17 through July 14, 2017.

Rules For Mounted Photos (rules for digitally submitting photos on other side)

1. All photos may be taken by either film or digital cameras. The photo must be a minimum size of 4" by 6" up to a maximum size of 8" by 10". Photos must be mounted on a stiff, thin (1/4 inch thick max.), lightweight foam board or photo mount cardboard no larger than 8" by 10". Photos taken with digital cameras must be printed on photo quality paper and mounted. Using matting to frame your photo is optional, but overall size may not exceed 8.5" by 11". We reserve the right to modify any mounting or matting that exceeds the overall maximum size of 8.5" by 11".
2. Up to five entries may be submitted. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate entry form and a \$5.00 entry fee. Multiple \$5.00 entries may be combined on one check. Make checks out to MTRP Foundation. Each entry must indicate the location where the photograph was taken. Photographers should affix their name, address and phone number to the back of each photo. **DO NOT ATTACH THE FORM TO PHOTO.** Photos must be received by mail or dropped off at the Visitor Center, by May 31, 2017. If you wish to have your photo returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry or pick it up at the Visitor Center between July 16 and August 31, 2017.
3. Neither Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation nor the City of San Diego is responsible for photos that become lost or damaged. All mounted photos not reclaimed by August 31, 2017 become the property of the MTRP Foundation.

Send entries to: Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119-1008

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Mission Trails Regional Park Photography Contest Entry Form for Mounted Photos

Name _____ Check here if you are age 17 or under _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail _____

Age Group (circle one): Adults (18) Children 13-17

Categories (circle one): 1. Plants 2. Animals 3. Landscapes 4. People

Age Group (circle): Children 12 and under

Date of Photograph _____ Subject or title of photograph _____

From which trail was this photo taken? _____

INCLUDED NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO. DO NOT ATTACH THIS FORM TO PHOTO.

I hereby state that the enclosed photo was taken by me and fulfills the rules of the Mission Trails Regional Park Photography Contest. I further affirm that I have read and understood the rules of the Mission Trails Regional Park Photography Contest.

Date: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Check here to donate your photograph(s) to Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation. Donated photos become the property of Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, to be used as the Foundation deems proper.