

Hidden History Photo Contest



2015 Amateur Photography Contest

What This Program Is About:

This Hidden History Photo Contest is an exciting way to celebrate local heritage through the art of photography. Photos capture a moment in time, and the images selected for this regional exhibit will celebrate southern West Virginia's rich history.

This contest is part of Hidden History Weekend, an annual southern West Virginia event. Designed to reveal the area's hidden and not-so-hidden history, this event shows stories through free guided walks at historic sites, talks, performances that feature traditional arts, and exhibits — including the winning contest photographs.

This year's Hidden History Weekend is September 25 - 27, 2015. Event programs will be conducted at New River Gorge National River, Tamarack, the National Coal Heritage Area, and in the following West Virginia State Parks: Babcock, Carnifex Ferry Battlefield, Hawks Nest, Pipestem Resort, and Twin Falls Resort.

Who May Participate:

- **ENTRY AGE DIVISIONS:** adult, age 15 to 17, age 11 to 14, and age 6 to 10.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** amateur photographers who are West Virginia residents. An amateur photographer is defined as a person who receives less than 50% of their annual income through photography.

Photograph Subject Categories:

1. **HISTORIC OBJECT:** Photos that show a man-made object of historic significance. **EXAMPLES:** a miner's lunch pail, lantern, or an old gravestone.
2. **HISTORIC STRUCTURE:** Photos that show a building or structure of historic significance. **EXAMPLES:** a railroad depot, bridge, or farmhouse.
3. **HISTORIC LANDSCAPE:** Photos that show a scene of historic significance. **EXAMPLES:** a historic downtown streetscape, farmstead, or mining area.
4. **SITE ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:** Photos that show a site included in the National Register of Historic Places. **EXAMPLES:** Thurmond railroad depot, Kimball War Memorial, or Nuttallburg conveyor. Search for WV sites on the National Register by county at www.wvculture.org/shpo/nr/nr.html.
5. **CREATIVE INTERPRETATION:** Photos that show the artist's view of history. Advanced editing techniques can be used in this category. **EXAMPLES:** an abstract photo impression of a coal camp or a photo collage of a historic event.

6. **EVENT STAFF:** Photographers who are staff of any Hidden History Weekend event partner can only place entries in this category. This includes employees of the National Park Service, West Virginia State Parks, Tamarack, or the National Coal Heritage Area. Any photo subject matter above can be used.

Entry Rules:

- **THINK SAFETY FIRST:** Follow all laws and site regulations, respect the rights of private property owners, and practice Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.
- **LOCATION OF PHOTO SUBJECTS:** All history-based photographs must be taken at one of the following locations: National Park Service sites of New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area, or Bluestone National Scenic River; West Virginia State Parks of Babcock, Bluestone, Carnifex Ferry Battlefield, Hawks Nest, Pipestem Resort, or Twin Falls Resort; or within the National Coal Heritage Area, which includes the counties of Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Lincoln, Logan, Mercer, McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, and Wyoming, as well as the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek watersheds of Kanawha County.
- **MODEL RELEASE:** Photographs that contain recognizable people must be accompanied by a model release form (page 2 of entry form) signed by each person photographed. If any photographed individuals are under the age of 18 years, the youth's parent or legal guardian must also sign the photo release.
- **IMAGE TYPE AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Each photographer can submit only one photograph per subject category. These can be color or black & white/sepia images, but not both per category.
Employees of Hidden History Weekend event partners may only submit a photo in the "EVENT STAFF" category. This includes staff of the National Park Service, West Virginia State Parks, Tamarack, and National Coal Heritage Area.
- **IMAGE FORMAT:** Each entry can have minimal image manipulation, such as cropping and exposure adjustments. Advanced techniques, such as cutting or pasting, that creates an end product that does not reflect the scene as it appeared in reality should not be used. The one exception to this rule is in the *Creative Interpretation* category where such manipulation is encouraged.
- **SUBMISSION MEDIUM & SIZE:** All entries must be submitted in print on photographic paper, image size 8" x 10". Images should be printed on photo paper at minimum resolution of 300 dpi (dots per inch) or higher, no smaller than 1600 x 1200 pixels. Photos should not be matted or framed. Paper clip the entry form to the back of the photograph. **Photographs will not be returned**, so please retain a personal copy of your submission.
- **ENTRY REQUIREMENT:** All entries must be the original work of the photographer and taken within the 18 months of the contest entry deadline.
- **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be received at a contest entry receiving station no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015.**
- **HOW TO SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS:** Hand deliver photographs and fully completed entry forms to one of the contest entry receiving stations listed on the following page. Include model release forms if appropriate. Entries with incomplete forms, by mail, or on-line will NOT be accepted.

Contest Entry Receiving Stations in West Virginia:

New River Gorge National River - Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
ATTN: Jodi French-Burr
162 Visitor Center Rd./Fayette Mine
Rd., Lansing

New River Gorge National River - Park Headquarters

Open M - F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ATTN: Dave Bier
104 Main St., Glen Jean

New River Gorge National River - Sandstone Visitor Center

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
ATTN: Richard Altare
330 Meadow Creek Rd., Sandstone

Hatfield McCoy Convention & Visitors Bureau

Open M - F 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
ATTN: Debrina Williams
325 Stratton St., Logan

Coal Heritage Interpretive Center - Bramwell Train Depot

Open M - Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and Sun 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ATTN: Richard Bullins
Bramwell Train Depot
100 Simmon St., Bramwell

Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce

Open M - F 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
Sat 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sun
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
ATTN: Natalie Young
73 East 2nd Ave., Williamson

The first place winners in each subject category and overall *Best in Show* will be displayed at Tamarack and will be for public sale during the September exhibit period. If a photo is purchased, 58% of the purchase price goes to the photographer and 42% to Tamarack. *Best in Show* winners will each receive a digital photo frame. *Best in Show* youth winners also will receive a digital camera, while the adult *Best in Show* will receive a workshop registration and two-nights lodging for Twin Falls Resort State Park's Spring Photography Workshop.

Photographer's Rights:

- **PHOTOGRAPHER RIGHTS:** Each photographer will retain all rights to any photograph submitted including ownership if applicable, other than those rights licensed below.
- **AGENCY RIGHTS:** By entering this contest each photographer hereby grants to the National Park Service and the National Coal Heritage Area (i) a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, and publicly display the photographs submitted to this contest, (ii) the right to use the photographer's name, city, and state of residence in promotions, publications, and (iii) the right to use the photographs for promotional and educational campaigns (with photographer photo credit).

Questions: Contact Jodi at 304-465-2632 or jodi_french-burr@nps.gov.

Judging and Awards:

- **JUDGING CRITERIA:** Each entry will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness of image to convey the unique character of the region's cultural history in the contest subject categories.
- **JUDGING PROCESS:** A contest panel will judge the entries. All decisions are final. First, second, and third place winners in each subject category and age division will be selected, in both color and black & white image types. One overall *Best in Show* image will also be awarded in each age division.
- **AWARDS:** Winning photos will be put on exhibit in September at various locations in the National Coal Heritage Area and be featured on New River Gorge National River's website.

Contest winners will be notified by email or phone about their contest rating and the location where their image will be displayed by August 17, 2015. An award ceremony and reception will take place at Tamarack in September 20, 2015.



Before Submitting Photo Entry Remember to:

- Read and follow all contest rules.
- Prepare entry, following submission rules.
- Fill out (PRINT clearly) and sign the entry form completely. Participants under age 18 years must include parent or legal guardian's signature.
- Complete model release forms if appropriate.
- Paper clip the entry form and model release forms (if used) to the back of the photo entry. Do not tape the form to the photo or mat the image.
- **All entries must be received at one of the six receiving stations by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2015.**
- If you have questions please contact the program coordinator at jodi_french-burr@nps.gov or call 304-465-2632.



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