

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Connecticut Land Conservation Council
2nd Annual
Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program
Amateur Photo Contest

The Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is sponsoring its 2nd annual amateur digital photo contest featuring properties protected under DEEP's Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA).

The contest is intended to provide a venue for amateur photographers of all ages to display their work and celebrate the success of the OSWA program. DEEP and CLCC will share the OSWA property photos in their respective publications and communications. You are invited to submit up to **three digital, high resolution photos** for consideration (1280 x 960 pixels minimum).

Find [DEEP and CLCC Authorization and Release Forms here](#) or download at the bottom of the page at www.ctconservation.org/2018-photo-contest. **Signed and dated forms must be included with your submission.**

Photo Requirements

- **Photos must feature a property from the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grant Program.** See the [full list of OSWA properties by towns](#).
- All images must be 1280 x 960 pixels minimum (typically more than 2 MB), in a .tiff, .jpg, or .png format accompanied by the photographer's name and address, date (approximate) the photo was taken, how the photographer would like to be credited if photos are shown publicly, and description of the photograph (location and any story about the photo).
- All photographs submitted in this contest must be the original work of the photographer.
- All photographers must be amateurs.

Prize

The winners for each categories will be displayed in *Connecticut Wildlife* (the official bimonthly publication of the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources), DEEP's Open Space Annual Report and website, and CLCC's website and e-communications. Framed prints of the winning photos will also be displayed at CLCC's annual conference.

Categories

1. Connecticut Landscapes/Waterscapes/Wildlands – Photos without man-made structures, special places off the beaten path, Connecticut flora & fauna, trails, views from the trail, notable features on the trails, etc;
2. People – Photos of people of all ages enjoying OSWA properties;
3. Wildlife – Photos of wildlife on OSWA properties;
4. Youth Photographer – Open to those under the age of 15.

Deadline for Submission

- **All entries must be received by Monday, February 5, 2018 at 11:59pm.**
- Winners will be notified by Friday, March 2, 2018.
- Winners will be announced at the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference on March 17, 2018.

How to Enter

- Upload all submissions to dropbox folder (Check back soon for dropbox link). Each photographer must submit:
 - Image files (1280 x 960 pixels minimum) in a .tiff, .jpg, or .png format.
 - Name your image files with your first and last name and the OSWA location for each photo, i.e. John Smith Taine Mountain Preserve
 - DEEP release form AND CLCC release form
 - Word doc or pdf with a short description of the photograph (location and any story about the photo)

Eligibility

Amateur photographers are eligible. Professional photographers, DEEP staff and families, CLCC staff and families, and CLCC Steering Committee members and families are ineligible. The contest is open to everyone and the Youth Photographer section is open to children under the age of 15.

Publication

Entrants grant permission to CLCC and DEEP to publish their work, in whole or in part, for any CLCC and/or DEEP purpose, including, but not limited to, CLCC website, publications and promotions, DEEP *Connecticut Wildlife* magazine publication, and DEEP Annual Report with credit to the photographer but no further compensation.

Photograph Authorization and Release

CLCC and DEEP encourage photographs that show people using open space protected by an OSWA grant. If submitted photographs include identifiable faces of people, entrants must include a signed Photograph Authorization and Release from such subjects or their parent/legal guardian. The form is available for download at www.ctconservation.org/2018-photo-contest.

Rules for the 2018 OSWA Photo Contest

Sponsored by CLCC and DEEP

1. The Contest is open only to amateur photographers (less than 50% of principal income is from the sale of photographs or providing photographic services).
2. **Photographs must be taken on OSWA properties.**
3. **Entries are limited to a total of three photographs per photographer.**
4. Photographs must be submitted by 11:59pm February 5, 2018
5. Wildlife cannot be captured or restrained for photographic purposes for this contest. During judging, the identity of the photographer remains anonymous.
6. **All submitted photographs must be 2 MB minimum (1280 x 960 pixels minimum), in a .giff, .jpg, or .png format accompanied by the photographer's name and address, date the photo was taken, and description of the photograph (location and any story about the photo).** All submitted photos will be displayed during the 2017 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference.
7. Although **you retain complete copyright over the image**, for winning photographs you grant CLCC and DEEP a royalty-free right of use, display and reproduction of the images for purposes of publication in all media including, but not limited to, *Connecticut Wildlife* (the official bimonthly publication of the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources), DEEP's Annual Report and website, and CLCC's website, publications and promotions.
8. By submitting a photograph, you warrant and represent that each photograph you submit is your own original work to which you alone own the copyright. It is the legal responsibility of the entrant, and not CLCC or DEEP, to ensure that they comply with these ownership and copyright requirements and that they own the rights to reproduction of their images without violating the rights of any third party. Entrants who do not fulfill these criteria will be deemed ineligible and disqualified.