



Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest 2017



Official Rules

CONTEST SPONSOR

Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association is the official sponsor of the annual "Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Photo Contest. For more information on this cooperating association please visit www.trnha.org

TERM

The 2017 Photography Contest begins April 16, 2017 at 12:00 a.m. US Mountain Time and **ends August 31, 2017, 11:59 PM US Mountain Time**. Information on entering the contest and prizes that will be awarded can be found below. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. This is a skill based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of winners.

WHO MAY ENTER

Contest is open to any person regardless of age. If entering as a minor, please fill out the photo release form and submit with your application package. Employees of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association or members of TRNHA Board of Directors are not eligible for entry.

HOW TO ENTER (Limit one entry per person)

Each Entry consists of an entry form and up to two images. Failure to submit an entry form will result in disqualification. Any person submitting more than one application will be disqualified from the contest.

To enter, visit <http://www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html>; complete an entry form with the required information, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, photo caption, and release form; and submit along with your photographs in accordance with the photo submission guidelines.

All photos must be taken between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017. This year's photo contest will feature four (4) different categories. Winners from each category will receive an award, and one photo will receive the Overall Winner title. Photos must be recognizable as having been taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and may contain any natural, cultural, or historical subject within the three units of the park.



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Photographs must be in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted for entry into this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of images are acceptable. All digital files must be in JPEG or JPG format. All photos should be named using the following filename format: mm-dd-yy_firstname.jpg.

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph.

The photograph must not, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Sponsor, contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

RELEASES

All photos submitted will be added to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association public domain archive files and may be used in printing of free handouts, displays, and merchandise. Photo contest participant will receive no compensation for images used in future products developed by Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association, and/or their development partners. However an effort will be made to insure photo credit is given when possible.

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of 18 the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

Upon Sponsor's request, each entrant must be prepared to provide (within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of Sponsor's request) a signed release from all persons who appear in the photograph submitted, and/or from the owner of any material that appears in the photograph entry, authorizing Sponsor and its licensees ("Authorized Parties") to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in connection with the Contest and promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter



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known. All releases must be in the form provided by Sponsor. Failure to provide such releases upon request may result in disqualification at any time during the Contest and selection of an alternate winner. Photo release forms can be downloaded at www.trnha.org/pictureyourselfintrnp.html.

JUDGING

Contest consists of two rounds of evaluation.

Judging Round 1: A panel of judges will select the top photo in each category using the following criteria.

1. Category Relevance – does it meet the category definition
2. Representation of Theodore Roosevelt National Park
3. Technical Quality
4. Originality or Creativity.

Judging Round 2: The winner in each of the four categories will move on to round two where the panel of judges will pick an Overall Winner for the 2018 Park Pass and the cover of the 2018 TRNP Calendar. They will also be choosing the other eight photos, which will join the category winners in the 2018 Calendar.

The winners will be announced in early December. Decisions of the judges are final and binding.

CATEGORIES

The 2017 photo contest is going to feature four (4) different category winners and then an Overall Winner which will be featured on the 2018 THRO Pass. The top four (4) photos will be featured in a 2018 calendar alongside 8 other submissions. Submitted photos will be featured on postcards, puzzles, stickers, magnets, etc..., which will be sold in the park stores to assist TRNHA in funding the educational, scientific, and historical activities of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Photo Contest Categories

1. **Landscape** – From the rugged wilderness to the rolling buttes, the Badlands are filled with a treasure trove of gorgeous scenic views. The winner of this category will be a photo that truly captures the beauty of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.



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2. **Animals** - A wide diversity of animals make their home in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. What you see depends on the season, your patience and luck. The winner of this category will be a photo that captures animals in their natural setting. *(Please remember that all of the animals in TRNP are wild and therefore use caution when photographing them. Keep a safe distance, never approaching an animal)*
3. **Your Adventure** – Everyone experiences Theodore Roosevelt National Park differently and we want to know how you are enjoying the park. The winner of this category will be a photo showing you enjoying the adventure.
4. **Macro (larger than life)** – Theodore Roosevelt National Park is full of bugs, plants, and more tiny things. The winner of this category will feature a photograph of a small items larger than life size.

CONTEST PRIZES

All prizes will be awarded in December 2017.

1. Twelve Photo will be featured in a 2018 Calendar. The calendar will go on sale the day the winners are announced and will be sold at Theodore Roosevelt National Park while supplies last.
2. Top 12 photographs will be temporarily on display in the park visitor centers and may be featured in or on park publications, merchandise, the park website, and TRNHA's website.
3. The top 12 photographers will receive a certificate of participation.
4. The contest sponsor will award various prizes to the winner of each category.
5. The Grand Prize winner's photograph will be the featured photograph on the 2018 Theodore Roosevelt National Park annual pass. Additionally, this photograph will be featured on the cover of the 2018 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar and will receive prizes valuing \$75.