



2017 “Nature of Dickinson County” Photo Contest Rules

For the 2018 “Nature of Dickinson County” Calendar

The main rule is that photos be taken WITHIN Dickinson County or its adjoining waters.

Categories:

NOTE: You may submit a maximum of two (2) photos in each category.

- **Waterbodies** : Photos that feature lakes, streams, rivers, ponds in or bordering Dickinson County. Sunrise/sunset photos that feature waterbodies should be entered here.
- **Wildlife** : Birds, Mammals, Fish, and Reptiles found in the wild in Dickinson County. Note insects have moved to the Close-up category this year. Domestic animals like cats, dog, cows, chickens, or horses are **NOT** considered wildlife.
- **Landscapes** : Dickinson County scenery shots that don't feature water. Sunrise/sunsets not taken over a waterbody may be submitted here. You may include barns, buildings, or man-made objects if surrounded by a naturalistic setting.
- **Close-ups** : Includes close-up photos of insects, wildflowers, frogs, ferns, fungi (mushrooms), individual trees or shrub parts (leaf/flowers/bark), rocks, spider webs, ice crystals, etc. growing or occurring in the wild. Garden flowers like geraniums, petunias, roses, or plants otherwise planted in a yard or garden by humans are NOT eligible for this category.
- **History**: Photos that showcase the historic “nature” of Dickinson County. This can include historic structures, evidence of mining and logging eras, or a natural feature of historic significance.

Entry Deadline: Feel free to submit photos all year long. Photos must be submitted by **June 30, 2017**.

Entries may be brought or mailed to the following location:

Dickinson Conservation District

420 N. Hooper Street

Kingsford, MI 49802

Contact for questions: (906) 774-1550 Ext 180 or dickinsoncd@macd.org

Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Winners:

Winning photos will be featured as calendar pages. Honorable Mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Notification of winners will take place by July 10, 2017.

Awards: Publication in the 2018 “The Nature of Dickinson County” Calendar, either as a calendar page, cover, or inside cover. Judges reserve the right to select calendar photos to balance season, topic, and reproduction quality. Each place or honorable mention winner will receive a free copy of the calendar. Additional calendars will be available for purchase by Labor Day, with proceeds going to environmental education programs in Dickinson County.

Return of Photos: All entries become the property of the Dickinson Conservation District, and the Dickinson Conservation District reserves the non-exclusive rights to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes. Entrants should keep negatives or extra prints of their photographs. Entered photos will not be returned.

Judging Standards: Photos will be judged on

- 1) Technical Merit (*Framing* of subject to exclude irrelevant or distracting items; *Exposure*; *Sharpness* of focus);
- 2) Composition (Easily recognizable subject, follow rule of thirds); (Horizontal images work best for the calendar);
- 3) Creativity and Representation of Dickinson County (We're looking for images that will be appropriate for a calendar and depict the uniqueness of Dickinson County.)

Submissions:

- All photos must be submitted as **8” x 10” Color Prints**. Photos should not be framed or matted. All photos should have a **digital format along with the hard copy**, as winning photos are sent to the calendar printer in digital format.

- The contest is open to amateur photographers (those who make less than 50 percent of their income from photography.)
- Photographers may enter a maximum of two photos per category.
- A completed entry form must accompany each photograph submitted.
- You must be the sole author and owner of all photos entered.
- If your photo contains people, you must have a signed release statement from them with permission to publish their photo in the 2018 Dickinson County Nature Calendar.
- Digitally altered photos may be submitted, but natural scenes and subjects are preferred. Digital alteration will be considered during judging.

Entries may be submitted any time before June 30, 2017.

Have fun & enjoy the nature of Dickinson County!

Please attach an entry form to the back of EACH photo submitted. Make more copies as needed.

2017-2018 Dickinson County Nature Photo Contest Entry Form

(A separate entry form should be submitted for each photo)

Photographer's Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Entry category (circle one): Waterbody Wildlife Landscape Close-up Historic

Title of Photograph:

Location of Photo:

Date of Photo: (at least year)

By signing I here by agree to the terms and conditions detailed above.

Signed _____ Date: _____

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2017-2018 Dickinson County Nature Photo Contest RELEASE FORM

Subject's Name: _____

Address: _____

I agree to allow my image to be included in a photo that will be submitted to the Nature of Dickinson County Photo Contest. I am aware that the image may appear in a calendar or be displayed at public events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____