



# 2019 “Nature of Dickinson County” Photo Contest Rules

For the 2020 “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/sets 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.
- **People**: Photos that showcase people enjoying the “nature” of Dickinson County. For example, this can include people recreating on land or water, bird watching, observing nature, playing, wading, etc. in a natural setting.

**Entry Deadline:** Feel free to submit photos all year long. Photos must be submitted by **June 30, 2019.**

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 15, 2019.

**Awards:** Publication in the 2020 “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 2020 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, 2019.***

***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.***

**2019 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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**2019 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: \_\_\_\_\_