



# 2020 “Nature of Dickinson County” Photo Contest Rules

## For the 2021 “Nature of Dickinson County” Display at the Dickinson County Libraries

Note: All photos must be taken WITHIN Dickinson County or adjoining bodies of water and two (2) photos may be submitted per category

### Categories:

- \* **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.
- \* **Landscape:** 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-Up:** 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.
- \* **Conservation in Action:** People enjoying different aspects of nature. Hiking, Skiing, Biking, tree planting, flower planting, etc. would be entered in this category. Photos must be surrounded by a naturalistic setting.

**Entry Deadline:** Photos can be submitted any time before **December 1, 2020.**

\* **Entry's can be brought or mailed to:**

Dickinson Conservation District  
420 N. Hooper St.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

**Contact for questions:** (906) 774-1550 x180 or dickinsoncd@macd.org

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

**Winners:** Winning photos will consist of a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and a “People’s Choice” and will be awarded at the Dickinson Conservation District Annual Meeting. The winning photos will be featured at the three (3) Dickinson County Library locations for the remainder of the year. One (1) Honorable Mention from each category will be chosen and will also be displayed at the Annual Meeting. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be judged and chosen by the staff at the DCD. The “People’s Choice” will be posted to our Facebook page and website to be judged and chosen by the community of Dickinson County. The notification of winners will be announced by January 4, 2021.

**Awards:** 1st place winner will receive an 16x20 canvas print of their photo; 2nd place winner will receive an 11x17 canvas print of their photo; 3rd place will receive a 8x10 canvas print of their photo

**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 the following:

- 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 **8x10” Color Prints**. Photos should not be framed or matted. All photos should have a **digital format along with the hard copy**, as all entered photos will be uploaded to our website for the “People’s Choice” judging.

- 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 2021 Dickinson County Nature Calendar.
- Digitally altered photos may be submitted, but natural scenes and subjects are preferred. Digital alteration will be considered during judging.

**2020 Dickinson County Nature Photo Contest Entry Form**  
(A separate entry from should be submitted for each photo)

Photographer's Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Entry category (circle one): Waterbody Wildlife Landscape Close-up Conservation in Action

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.

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**2020 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: \_\_\_\_\_