Celebrating the NPS Centennial

Gateway Annual Photo Contest: *I found my park, it's Gateway!*

Receiving electronic submissions July 1-31.

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I found my park: It's Gateway!

Enter the Gateway Photography Contest to be held during the month of July. The photos must be recent (within the current year) and must tell the story: I found my park! It's Gateway!

The pictures must be of Gateway and demonstrate what makes Gateway special. Show us with your images why Gateway is your park; and what unique features attract you…is it nature? beach, sun and sand? landscapes and sunsets? or the diverse array of activities?

Points will be scored by pictures that tell a story and were taken at the park *demonstrating recognizable features* of the park.

The overall theme will be Gateway--nature/people/park images against the backdrop of New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. We will accept submissions during July. We will select the top ten contenders, and there will be crowd source voting via Facebook to select the top three submissions. There will be an exhibit at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in the fall that will feature the winners and the top contenders.

We want pictures that really show the context within the park and in the vicinity of the metropolitan area. While all those full frame shots of a bird on the beach or a prickly pear cactus bloom, are beautiful, they will not be accepted. This will be a juried contest, there will be modest cash prizes awarded and the winners and the top contenders will be included in the exhibit.

Contest Rules

All photos submitted will enter the public domain (the state of belonging or being available to the public as a whole, and therefore not subject to copyright). Do not submit pictures that are copyrighted or which you wish to sell. No copyright images will be considered. Each person may submit up to three (3) images for the contest. Submission will be electronic; no paper, print images may be submitted or considered. Submit images of at least 600 dpi by email to:

Gateway_photo_contest@nps.gov between July 1 and July 31. Note that pictures that do not fit the parameters of the contest guidelines or those which have insufficient digital information (low dpi) will not be accepted.

Please use this letter of transmission when you email your entry:

Subject: Gateway Photo Contest

To: Gateway National Recreation Area.

Please accept the attached photo as my entry into the Gateway Photo Contest. I understand that by entering this photo that it will enter the Public Domain, and may be used by Gateway National Recreation Area and the NPS in promoting its programs. No photos will be sold, but may be used by the park and the NPS.

Submitted by
Photo Title or Caption
Name
Address
Phone number
Verify email
Signed (please enter your full name)

The entries will be reviewed by a panel made up of NPS and artist/photography experts who will select ten photos as top contenders. Crowd-sourced voting via Facebook will determine the three winners from these photos. The winning images and top contenders will be displayed at an exhibit at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge during the fall. Prizes: First prize, $100; second prize, $50, third prize, $25.

So while you are out and about in the park, take those pictures and show us:

I found my park: It's Gateway.

The "Wise" clock at Jacob Riis Park, by Glenda Altarejos, a 2014 contest entry.