

## Find Your Park and Tell Us

July 2015

### *Gateway Photo Contest Edition: I found my park!*

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Enter the Gateway Photography Contest to be held during the month of July. The pictures must be recent (with in the current year) and must tell the story: **I found my park!** The park need not be in the NPS system, but can be any park which you use, enjoy and consider yours.

Points will be scored by pictures that tell a story and are readily apparent to be taken at the park *demonstrating recognizable features* of the park and its setting. The overall theme will be nature/people/park images against the backdrop of New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. We will receive submissions during July; we will select the ten top contenders, and there will be crowd source voting via Facebook to select the top three places. We will have an exhibit at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in the fall which will feature the winners and the top contenders.

So while all those full frame shots of flora and fauna, can be beautiful, they will not be accepted. We want pictures that really show the context within the park and in the vicinity of the metropolitan area. 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 to email to [Gateway\\_photo\\_contest@nps.gov](mailto:Gateway_photo_contest@nps.gov) during the month of July. 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.



***I Found my Park!** Top: Don Riepe tells the story of nature against the backdrop of NYC with this shot of terns and cormorants taking flight in Jamaica Bay. Below, Jonathan Kruk, Master Storyteller, finds Floyd Bennett Field in this picture taken by Steve Kelman.*

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

*Subject: Gateway Photo Contest*

*To [Gateway\\_photo\\_contest@nps.gov](mailto:Gateway_photo_contest@nps.gov)*

*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 National Park Service.*

*Submitted by*

*Photo Title or Caption*

*Name, Address, Phone number*

*Verify email*

*Signed (please enter your full name)*

**Contest Rules** *continued*

We are looking for pictures that tell a story and are readily apparent to have been taken at nearby parks that demonstrate people, nature, park images against the backdrop of NY/NJ metropolitan area.

We do not want full frame shots depicting wildlife or botany that do not show the park context; any such pictures will not be accepted.

This is a competition, all entries will be judged by a panel made up of NPS and artist and photography experts who will select the top contenders.

The contest will be open from July 1, through July 31, 2015 and entries will be accepted during that month only. Adjudication by crowd source voting will occur during August and the winners will be announced at the end of the month. The winning images and top contenders will be displayed at an exhibit at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge during September. Prizes: First prize, \$100; second prize, \$50, third prize, \$25. We want you to find your park and to tell us about it by taking pictures, and then visiting FindYourPark.com to share pictures, stories, and then spread the word via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #FindYourPark, #<Park Name>, and #NationalParks.

*These pictures were entered in last year's contest. We like them because they show the context of park and its setting:*

*Top right, Jared Kofsky, Battery Weed, Skyline.*

*Middle: Linda Jepsen, Freedom Tower, Skyline from Jamaica Bay.*

*Bottom: Gary Sprengel captures two parks in this picture of Sandy Hook taken from the Navesink Twin Lights.*

