



The Details for Picture Hocking Hills Photo Contest

Picture Hocking Hills 2026 will be different from previous Hocking Hills photography contests. This year, photos must show the essence of Hocking Hills and should showcase things unique to the region. Photos may be edited and must be submitted in JPEG format.

Check-in will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 15th, at the Logan Theater, 85 E Main Street, Logan, OH 43138. You will receive a packet with important information about the contest at check-in.

The photo contest officially begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 15th, and runs until 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16th. Photos must be taken during this time. All photos will be submitted in person and must be done before 6 pm on Saturday, May 16th. If you need Wi-Fi or assistance, staff will be available at the Logan Theater from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. to assist. You will submit your photos to staff at the Logan Theater anytime from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The final ceremony and awards will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17th, on the 3rd floor of the Logan Theater. You do not have to be present to win.

The divisions available are amateur and professional. You and a staff member will pick the division that accurately represents your skill level.

Photo categories are **Landscape**, **Wildcard**, and **People in Nature**. You can submit up to 3 photos per category.

The judging panel represents local photographers and will make decisions based on majority rule. They have the final say in any decisions or disqualifications.

Potential reasons for disqualification:

Any identifiable people in the photo MUST sign a photo release form, which will be provided at check-in. A photo without a release form will be disqualified.

Any photo identified as being taken from an off-trail location within the Hocking Hills State Park. Photographers are prohibited from leaving the trails in the parks. Hiking on private property (that is approved by property owners) or non-state park areas is acceptable, but trail designations may not be available. Please practice Love Hocking Hills principles and safety in these instances.

For any questions, reach out to Megan Myers at mmyers@explorehockinghills.com

Schedule:

Day and Time	Event	Location
5/15 1-6 pm	Check-in	Logan Theater
5/15 2pm - 5/16 2 pm	Photos can be taken	Region
5/16 12 pm - 6 pm	Wifi and upload assistance	Logan Theater
5/16 by 6 pm	All photos must be submitted	Logan Theater
5/17 at 2 pm	Closing Ceremony and Awards	3rd floor of the Logan Theater