

## Contest Rules:



- 1) Photographs should feature Orange County wildlife, natural resources, landscapes, or people enjoying the parks and other outdoor environments.
- 2) All photos must be taken in a natural setting (no staged photos).
- 3) Limited to photos taken in Orange County, NC.
- 4) Orange County employees are eligible with the exception of DEAPR staff. Contest judges are ineligible.
- 5) Entries per person: Maximum of five (5) total photos.
- 6) Complete and submit a Contest Entry Form for each photo entered found under Breaking News at: <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/deapr/>
- 7) Photo(s) must be mounted and suitable for display. The photos (excluding mounting) must be at least 8"x10".
- 8) Each photo must be accompanied by an electronic version of the photograph, either emailed, CD or DVD. Limit file formats to .gif and .jpg files (identifiable by their extensions), with a width of 500 pixels.
- 9) DEADLINE TO ENTER: May 18, 2012. Submit to: Orange County DEAPR, 306-A Revere Road, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

### The Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks & Recreation

(DEAPR) works to conserve and manage the natural and cultural resources of Orange County. Included within this "green infrastructure" are natural areas and nature preserves, open spaces, parks and recreation facilities, water resources, and agricultural and cultural resource lands. Consistent with the strong environmental ethic of the community, DEAPR also strives to bring environmental education, recreation, athletics and other programs to residents of the County - with a goal of promoting cultural, physical and natural stewardship and well being.



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## "The Nature of Orange" Photography Contest

**Entry Deadline: May 18, 2012**



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## "The Nature of Orange" Photography Contest

The Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation (DEAPR) is proud to present its inaugural Nature Photography Contest. The goal is to inspire exploration, celebration and appreciation of Orange County's diverse landscapes and outdoor experiences. Through photography we want you to document the beauty of our wildlife, waterways, natural resources, and people connecting with their environment.

**Deadline: All entries must be received by May 18, 2012**

### Age Divisions:

- Youth (age 18 and younger)
- Adult



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Orange County wildlife, natural resources, landscapes, or people enjoying the parks and outdoor environments.

### How to Submit Your Photo:

See the Contest Rules on the reverse page.

**Prizes:** \$100 First, \$75 Second, and \$50 Third Place cash prizes will be awarded for photos in both divisions; divisions will be judged separately. In addition, participants will receive a certificate and winning photographs will be displayed in prominent, public locations.

**For more information** about parks and natural settings in Orange County visit: [http://www.co.orange.nc.us/deapr/related\\_links.asp](http://www.co.orange.nc.us/deapr/related_links.asp)



### Owner/Use Rights:

Contestants retain the copyright to their photographs, and all rights thereto, except as follows. Orange County and DEAPR shall have the right to use the likeness, name, and/or images photographed by contestants in any and all publications, including web site entries without compensation in perpetuity. Photos will be credited to the contestant named in the entry form. Descriptions or titles, if any, used with the photos are in DEAPR's sole discretion (see Photo Release and Agreement on the required Entry Form under Breaking News at; <http://www.co.orange.nc.us/deapr/>

### Judging Criteria:

*Relevancy to Featured Topics* - Is the photo an obvious illustration of the focus of the contest?

*Composition / Arrangement* - Are the objects in the photo arranged in a meaningful, pleasing manner or are they "haphazard"? Did the photographer use the best angle or otherwise interesting perspective?

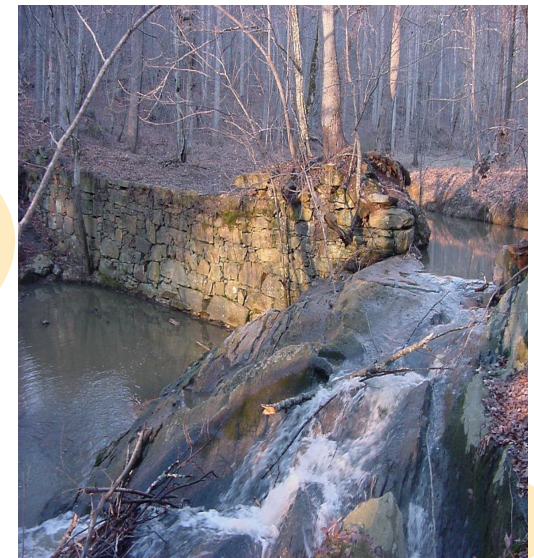
*Focus / Sharpness* - Is the object of the photo in focus? If not in sharp focus, does it appear to be an intentional effect to enhance the image in some "artistic" way?

*Lighting* - Did the photographer use proper lighting of the subject matter? Do any extremes of darkness or brightness lend to or detract from the image content?

*Creativity* - Does the photographer show some creative thought or original idea in the making of this image?

## Sponsors

- Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation
- Orange County Commission for the Environment
- Orange County Cooperative Extension / 4-H
- Orange County Parks and Recreation Council



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