



# FRIENDS OF RIDLEY CREEK STATE PARK

2026

## PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please make sure to attach this form or a copy to the back of EACH PHOTO submitted.

Be sure to read and follow the contest rules on the reverse of this page. Deadline for contest submissions for prizes is Wednesday, June 10, 2026. If you want to submit photos for display only at the ceremony on Wednesday, June 17, you must bring them by Tuesday June 16 in the morning, but they will not be eligible for an award.

Please type in the required information, then print AND SIGN 2 copies for each photo submitted OR print 2 copies of this form for each photo, **PRINT NEATLY** the required information AND SIGN EACH FORM.

Enclose one check: \$10 each for 1<sup>st</sup> two submissions + \$5 for a 3<sup>rd</sup>, payable to “PPFF/ Friends of RCSP”

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Name

Age if under 18

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone & e-mail

Title of this photograph & file name

Fee enclosed

Signed

Date

Signature of parent or guardian (for youth under 18)

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS (use only if there are people in the photograph)

We hereby give the Friends of Ridley Creek State Park the absolute right and permission to publish, copyright and use pictures of (names) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ which may be included in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form.

Signatures and phone numbers:

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## Submission Requirements for Friends of Ridley Creek State Park Photo Contest 2026

1. Amateur photographers only. All photographs submitted must be the original work of the entrant.
2. Criteria: Judges will look for originality, composition, and photographs that depict the unique beauty found within the park.
3. Subject matter: All photographs must be taken in Ridley Creek State Park, Delaware County, PA. You can get directions from the website [www.FriendsofRCSP.org](http://www.FriendsofRCSP.org) or call park office at 610-892-3900. Any entries depicting a violation of park rules (such as tree carvings) will not be accepted.
4. Entry Limit: 3 entries per person. Make up a title for each photo.
5. Format: All entries must be 8 x10 or 8 x12 prints only. Mount on mat board that does not exceed 3 inches on each side of the print, no frames. UNMOUNTED PHOTOS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. In addition, **we request a digital version of your photos** so that we can display them on our website and/or select them for publicity or special projects. You can give us a CD containing your pictures or send a digital copy to this address: [photocontest@FriendsofRCSP.org](mailto:photocontest@FriendsofRCSP.org). The electronic file should be in .jpg format; use your first initial and last name in the file name plus title of photo for each photo submitted. If you used a film camera, you can get a digital file made from your photo or negative at a photography store.
6. Fee: \$10.00 each for first 2 entries and \$5 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> entry, submitted with 2 copies of each entry form for each photo. Write **one check for all photos (NO CASH)** payable to PPF/Friends of RCSP.
7. Releases: Signed releases from any recognizable person in your photograph are necessary and must be attached to the back of the picture; see entry form here or on website.
8. Deadline: **All entries must be received by 4 pm Wednesday, June 10, 2026** to allow time for judging. Entries must be dropped off in person at the Ridley Creek State Park office (hours M-F 8-12 & 12:30-4). Entries submitted after the deadline of June 10, but by the morning of Tuesday, June 16, will be displayed at the ceremony, but will not be eligible for prizes.
9. Awards: Cash awards will be given to both adult and youth (under 18) submissions. Honorable mention awards and/or special category awards may be given at the judge's discretion.
10. Winners will be recognized at a **ceremony at the Hunting Hill Mansion in the park on Wednesday, June 17 at 6 pm**. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The Ceremony is open to the public and free of charge. There will also be a collection box for the local Food Bank for those who wish to donate a canned food item.
11. The Friends of Ridley Creek State Park (FRCSP) is a chapter of the Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation (PPFF), a non-profit, tax exempt, 501(C)3 corporation founded to preserve, protect, and enhance Pennsylvania's state parks and forests. Proceeds benefit the FRCSP to fund projects that improve our park grounds and trails. To find out more, visit us at [www.FriendsofRCSP.org](http://www.FriendsofRCSP.org).
12. Agreement: Submission of your photographs represents consent to the FRCSP to display and use them in our newsletter, website, Facebook, calendar, press release, and/or for other publicity purposes and consent to use your name with them. Parent or guardian must sign agreement for youth under 18.

Questions? E-mail [photocontest@friendsofRCSP.org](mailto:photocontest@friendsofRCSP.org).