

Celebrate American Wetlands Month With A Photography Contest!



Wetlands clean our water, protect us from floods, provide critical habitat and give us endless opportunities for recreation, creativity and inspiration. Wetlands are everywhere in our state: from the coastal wetlands (beaches, salt marshes, dunes, coastal banks, rocky intertidal shores, and barrier beaches) to inland wetlands (vernal pools, marshes, wet meadows, bogs, and swamps).

May is a great time to grab your binoculars, your camera, your friends and kids, and head to the great outdoors. You can kayak the salt marshes, rivers, ponds and lakes, or hike a trail in the Berkshires, a state park, or your local conservation land. Grab your camera and go exploring!

Here are the details:

- Submit photos in digital JPG format. Photos must be less than 4 MB in size.
- Submit up to five (5) photos per person during the month of May.
- All photos must represent a Massachusetts location.
- Submit photos via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MACCWEB.ORG/> or if you are having trouble submitting through Facebook, or if you do not have a Facebook account, email your submission to suzanne.sullivan@maccweb.org
- You must include your name, and contact information with every entry so we can notify you if your photo is chosen as the winner.
- Submittal period: **May 1 – 31, 2018.**
- Include the following information with each photo submittal: Your full name, email address, location of the photograph. Multiple entries should be named with your full name followed by consecutive numbers. Contact our office at (617) 489-3930 with questions.
- If people are included in the photo, please be sure to obtain the necessary releases from the individuals depicted and be able to provide copies of those releases to MACC upon request.
- Photographs can be pictures of animals, birds, insects, flowers, plants, streams, lakes, rivers, marshes or beaches with, or without people enjoying the outdoors.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, obscene, violent or other inappropriate content are ineligible.

- Photographs remain the property of the photographer, but by entering photographs into this contest, contestants grant reprint permission to MACC and allow use of the photographs in MACC publications, websites, social media, and for educational purposes. MACC will endeavor to credit all photographs with the photographer's name.
- Each entry must be submitted on an individual basis (no teams or corporate entries) and all entries must be the original creation of the submitting photographer. Only non-commercial work may be submitted.
- MACC employees, interns, members of the MACC Board of Directors, and their families are prohibited from participating in this contest.



Judging & Prizes:

- A panel of MACC judges will select the winning entries based upon the skill, composition, artistic merit, and subject matter relevance to MACC's mission of protecting Massachusetts natural resources.
- Winners will be announced on MACC's website by **June 13, 2018**. Winners will be notified by email.
- **First Place winner** will receive \$400 cash prize.
- **Second Place winner** will receive \$200 cash prize.
- **Third Place winner** will receive \$100 cash prize.

Good Luck!!