



2021 Photo Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility** – The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer except employees or Board Members of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. and members of their immediate families.
2. **Locale** – All photographs must be taken within the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. which includes Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood, Hyattsville, Cottage City, Colmar Manor, Bladensburg, Edmonston, Riverdale Park, University Park, College Park, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Laurel, Bowie, Glenn Dale, or Cheverly – but includes many unincorporated areas. A map of the heritage area and a list of area communities can be found at www.marylandmilestones.org.
3. **Deadline** – All entries must be postmarked no later than **September 27, 2020. (Deadline may be extended based on entries or weather.)**
4. **Address & Contact** – Send entries to: info@anacostiatralis.org OR
Photo Contest
Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc.
P.O. Box 367
Hyattsville, MD 20781

Contact for Questions:
Executive Director, 301-887-0777 or info@marylandmilestones.org

5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (attached or available at www.marylandmilestones.org).
6. **Multiple Entries** – A maximum of three (3) entries per photographer is allowed. All entries must be listed on a single Entry Form.
7. **Categories** – Entrants must place their photos in one of the four categories listed below. The judges reserve the right to recategorize any entry.

CATEGORY	WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH...
Rivers to Rockets	Distinctive architecture, unique constructed landscapes, historic downtowns, sites that showcase unique history.
For the Fun of It	People having fun at community related events and activities, e.g., cycling the Tributary Trail, fishing, festivals, concerts, etc.
Expressions of Art	Performing and visual arts, residents experiencing arts and culture, arts festivals, cultural programs
Nature of the Area	Landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife, plants, the natural rivers, the beauty of the seasons

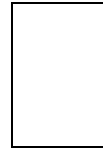
8. **Format** – must be in DIGITAL. **Submit digital images via link (dropbox, google drive, etc) or in a ZIP file.** Images must be a minimum resolution of 600 DPI (dots per inch) and no smaller than 4000 x 3200 pixels. (Generally 2Mb or larger.) Images should be in RGB color range and be submitted in JPG (at high quality) or TIFF format. Do not resample small files to fit requirements. Digital images can have minimal manipulation such as cropping and exposure adjustments, but no cutting and pasting or other advanced techniques that create end products that do not reflect the scene as it appeared in reality.

9. Images *must be* in landscape (horizontal) orientation to fit the format of our calendar.

This way:



Not this way:



10. **Entry Identification** – Each photograph must be adequately identified. The photographer's name and must be included on the file name. The file name of each image on the disk must match its entry number (i.e. "Entry1.jpg" or "Entry2.tif", etc.).
11. **Model Photo Release** – Photos containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model photo release form (attached or available at www.marylandmilestones.org) signed by the subject or a parent or legal guardian, if subject is under 18 years of age.
12. **Judging** – Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the canalway in one of the contest categories. A panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. First, second, and third place winners will be selected in each of the four categories identified above. Honorable mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Winners will be announced approximately **October 31, 2019**.
13. **Winning Photos** – The winning photographs with appropriate credit will appear in the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. 2020 Calendar and on the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. website. Winners will also receive a copy of the calendar and other prizes to be determined.
14. **Photographer's Rights** – Each photographer will retain all rights to any photograph submitted – including ownership if applicable – other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, each photographer hereby grants to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display the photographs submitted to ATHA Inc., and (ii) the right to use the photographer's name, city and state of residence in promotions and other publications.
15. **Other** – Photographs, regardless of medium, will not be returned. Do not send your only copy of a photograph. The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Inc. is not responsible for any material lost, damaged, or misdirected in the mail.