

2027

PHOTO CONTEST

*Bigger prizes. Five categories.
Your photo could be on the cover.*

Submissions
open from
January 4, 2027
to April 16, 2027



The 2027 Hullett User Guide Photo Contest is introducing an exciting new format! This year features bigger prizes, five competition categories, and a panel of professional and amateur judges who will select the top images in each category. The finalists will then be put to a public vote, with the winning photo in each category featured prominently throughout the 2027-28 User Guide.

Complete Contest Guidelines and Official Rules are available on our website. Please make sure you understand and follow all rules, or your photo(s) may not be considered.

New for 2027!



**Multiple
Categories**



**Public
Voting**



**More
Prizes**



**Limited
entries for
non-
members**

FIVE COMPETITION CATEGORIES



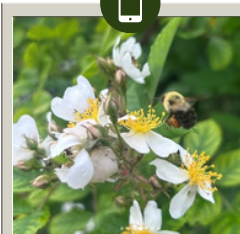
WILDLIFE



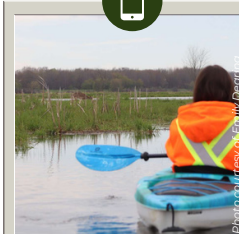
PLANTS



LANDSCAPE



SMARTPHONE



RECREATION

PRIZES

GRAND WINNER | BEST IMAGE

\$200 Gift Certificate +

- ✓ Image featured on the cover of the Hullett User Guide.
- ✓ Opportunity to write a portfolio article in the User Guide.

CATEGORY WINNERS

Branded FoH Merch +

- ✓ Image featured in the User Guide.

CATEGORY RUNNERS-UP

- ✓ Image showcased in the User Guide or FoH Newsletter.

RULES AT A GLANCE



WHO CAN ENTER

- FoH members receive unlimited entries.
- Non-members receive 5 total entries.
- You may become a member at any time to receive unlimited entries.
- Photos must have been taken within the HPWA.
- All photographers must follow ethical wildlife photography practices.



PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- No illustrations, paintings, or AI generated photos allowed.
- Digital adjustments are permitted provided they do not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of nature or the image originally captured by the camera.
- Images must NOT have a border, watermark, signature, logo or any other identifiable data.



JUDGING AND IMAGE USE

- Images can be entered in up to two categories but can only win in one category and as best image.
- Friends of Hullett will **not** retain copyright, ownership, or any other rights to your images. However, by submitting your photo(s), you give FoH permission to use your images in Hullett Marsh promotions, social media platforms, and the Hullett Marsh User Guide.

2027 OFFICIAL PHOTO CONTEST RULES

DATES AND ELIGIBILITY

- The 2027 Hullett Photo Contest opens for submissions on January 4, 2027 and closes on April 16, 2027.
- Judging will occur by April 30, 2027 and public voting will be open from May 4 - 13, 2027.
- Winners will be announced after May 17, 2027.
- Individuals who are not Friends of Hullett members may enter up to **5 total photos** in the contest. Friends of Hullett annual members receive **unlimited entries**.
- **If more than 5 photos are submitted by a non-member, only the first 5 submitted will be considered.**
- You may become a member at any time to receive unlimited entries.
- You must be the photographer who took the photo and hold all rights to the image.
- Judges and their immediate families cannot enter the contest.
- Entrants under 18 years of age require the permission of a parent or guardian. By entering the contest, entrants under 18 years of age agree that they have obtained permission to enter from a parent or guardian.
- Images that have won or placed in previous FoH contests are not allowed to be entered again.

PHOTO LOCATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All photos must be taken within the Hullett Wildlife Management Area (HPWA).
- You must indicate the approximate location where the original photo was made when submitting your entry.
- Your photo doesn't have to be new; however, we encourage you to get out and create photographs.
- Images can be entered in up to two categories but can only win in one category and as best image (grand winner).
- All photos entered will be considered for best image regardless of category.
- Images must NOT have a border, watermark, signature, logo or any other identifiable data.

ELIGIBLE IMAGES & DIGITAL EDITING

- Although paintings and other images are much appreciated, illustrations, paintings and AI generated photos are not eligible for this contest.
- Images with sky or other background replacements are not eligible for this contest.
- Digital adjustments are permitted provided they do not deceive the viewer or misrepresent the reality of nature or the image originally captured by the camera. The integrity of the original scene and subject should be maintained.
- Subject to the more detailed rules below, the following digital adjustments are permitted: tone, colour, white balance, and contrast adjustments; dodging and burning; cropping; levelling; sharpening; noise reduction; minor cleaning to remove dust spots or scratches on your camera's sensor; HDR; stitched panoramas; and photo stacking (photographs stacked and combined for the purpose of focus stacking, noise reduction, or lengthening exposure, but only if the photos are taken at the same location at approximately the same time as a continuous sequence). As set forth below, masking may be used to make some or all of these permitted digital adjustments.
- Content alteration of digital files is not acceptable. This means no cloning (except cloning to eliminate dust spots or scratches on your camera's sensor). You may NOT add, move, or remove objects, trees, plants, animals, people, or parts thereof, including dirt, backscatter, debris, plant or tree limbs, etc.
- Moderate cropping of photographs is allowed (no more than 25% of the image may be trimmed).
- Moderate levelling of horizon lines is allowed.
- Moderate adjustments to tone, colour, contrast, and saturation are permitted. Colour and saturation adjustments that are so extreme that the final colours are wildly different from the original image are not permitted.

- Masking is permitted. Masking is a technique that allows you to selectively hide or reveal parts of an image so you can edit or make permitted digital adjustments only to specific areas of the image.
- The use of AI tools is permitted for sharpening and noise reduction. However, you may not use tools to upscale or enlarge images.

WILDLIFE ETHICS & PEOPLE IN PHOTOGRAPHS

- By entering the contest, entrants agree that their images have been taken following ethical wildlife photography guidelines.
- Images must not contain identifiable persons unless the individual has given the photographer written permission to use their image. Finalists will be asked to submit written permission of an identifiable person's consent to use their image.
- Images must not contain identifiable persons under the age of 18.

VERIFICATION FOR SEMIFINALISTS & FINALISTS

- Semifinalists and finalists may be required to submit the original untouched RAW file or the original untouched JPEG file (if shot in JPEG) within 72 hours of the request of the judges to verify that the image fits within the rules of the contest.
- Semifinalists and finalists may be required to submit more information about the location and date their photos were taken within 72 hours of the request of the judges.

COPYRIGHT & USE OF IMAGES

Friends of Hullett will NOT retain copyright, ownership, or any other rights to your images, however, by submitting your photo/s to our contest, you give FoH permission to use your images, with credit, for purposes of promoting the Hullett Provincial Wildlife Management Area in current or future photo contests, our social media platforms, the Hullett User Guide and electronic email.

JUDGING, COMMUNICATION & DISQUALIFICATION

Contacting the judges directly about an image submitted to the contest is not allowed during the contest. Inquires regarding submissions should be sent to Friends of Hullett general office email address: **fohoffice@hullettmarsh.com**.

Images that do not comply with the official rules will be disqualified from the competition.

Thank you for participating in the 2027 Hullett Photo Contest! We look forward to seeing Hullett through your lens and celebrating the incredible landscapes, wildlife, plants, and experiences that make this area so special. Good luck, and happy photographing!