



Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges 2018 Photography Contest



Have you taken a great photograph in any of the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges? We would love it if you would share it by participating in our annual Photography Contest, part of the annual Outdoor Fest.



Deadline for submissions: March 1st, 2018

Cost to enter=FREE

Four Submission Categories:

Landscape, General Wildlife and Nature, Key deer, and Birds

Two Age Categories:

Adult, and Kids 18 and under.

General Rules:

- Amateur photographers only (must not hold a professional license)
- Three photo submissions total can be entered across all categories
- Photos must be taken within the boundaries of the 4 Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges (National Key Deer Refuge, Great White Heron NWR, Key West NWR and Crocodile Lake NWR)
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos may be cropped or touched up, but cannot include any other additions that were not in the original photo (e.g. no “photoshopping” in additional features) and should not include unnatural artistic filters such as watercolor or neon.
- Photos will be accepted in 8x10 format only, with no frames, mounts, or borders
- No watermarks, signatures, or copyright may be added to images.
- Photos **must** also be submitted via email for use on our websites, promotional materials, and display of winners.
- The photographer grants unlimited use of submitted photos to Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges for publications (including USFWS publications), web pages, Facebook and other promotional products. Credit will be given to the photographer. **The photographer retains copyright to all their photos.**

Submission:

Photos must be submitted in person at the National Key Deer Refuge Visitor Center on Big Pine Key, or by mail to:

2018 Refuge Photo Contest
National Key Deer Refuge Visitor Center
179 Key Deer Boulevard
Big Pine Key, FL 33043

- Received by March 1st with the included entry form.
- All submissions should include the entry form with full name, age (if under 18), photograph title and any extra information.
- ONLY printed photos will be judged – digital copies will be used for web posting
- Digital copies should be sent to kristie.killam@fws.gov Submissions that are not also sent by email will not be judged.
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Prizes:

Judging will be completed in the two weeks leading up to the Photography Contest Open House event on Wed. March 15th. This event is part of the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges “Outdoor Fest”.

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and Honorable Mention for each of the 8 categories (adult landscape, kids landscape.....)

Exhibit:

All photos will be exhibited at the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Photo Contest Open House on Wed. March 14th, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Light food and refreshments will be served. The venue will most likely be the New Refuge Nature Center on US 1. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please come and bring your friends and family. After the Outdoor Fest, photos will remain on display at the Refuge Visitor Center through June, 2018 .

Photo Club Contest Entry Form:

Entrant Information (please print or type)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age (If under 18) _____

Photo Information

Photo 1:

Photo Title (Include Location) _____

Category: _____ Nature/Wildlife _____ Birds _____ Landscape _____ Key deer

Photo 2:

(Optional)

Photo Title (Include Location) _____

Category: _____ Nature/Wildlife _____ Birds _____ Landscape _____ Key deer

Photo 3:

(Optional)

Photo Title (Include Location) _____

Category: _____ Nature/Wildlife _____ Birds _____ Landscape _____ Key deer

I have read and agree to the above contest rules. I give permission to the refuge to use the entries for display, publicity, and internal documents. If the USFWS or the Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Complex uses my photograph, it agrees to credit me as the photographer.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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If you have questions or would like a copy of the Photography Contest entry forms, please email

Kristie_Killam@fws.gov