



## The Cache NHA 2023 Photo Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility** – The contest is open to any amateur or professional photographer except employees, Board Directors of the Cache la Poudre River Heritage Area and members of their immediate families, photo contest judges and members of their immediate families. Photographers must be at least 16 years or older to participate.
2. **Local** – All images must be taken within the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area which includes Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor and surrounding communities. A map of the heritage corridor and a list of corridor communities can be found [HERE](#)
3. **Deadline** – All entries must be submitted by **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.
4. **How to Submit**– through the submittable platform
5. **Entry Forms** – Entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (available [HERE](#) All images must be listed on a single-Entry Form.
6. **Number of Images Allowed**– Photographers can submit a maximum of three (3) photos per category.
7. **Categories** – Entrants must place their images in one of the three categories listed below. The judges reserve the right to recategorize any entry.

River Reflections	River Reflections are meant to capture the natural splendor and surreal beauty of the Cache la Poudre River. Feel free to include your pets or any wildlife into any of the three Categories.
Culture & History	The Poudre River has a very rich history. This category can include photos of historic areas along the trail such as distinctive landmarks within the heritage area such as: the Great Western Sugar Beet Flume Bridge, Kaplan Hoover Bison Bonebed, or Centennial Village. What does the culture of this community mean to you? Show us! The category can also include cultural elements such as art, music, food, and activities.
Lifestyle & Recreation	Show us your best photos involving recreation on/ near the river, such as: floating down stream, playing in the water, biking or walking the Poudre River trail.

8. **Enhancing your images**- While you may crop or perform color correction on your images, the judging team discourages over-amplifying the color. We are looking for images that reflect the

scene as it appeared in reality. You may use HDR camera settings, but again, please avoid over enhancing the image or photoshopping.

9. **Entry Identification**– Each image must be adequately identified. Image File Names: PLEASE label your photographs starting with your LAST NAME, then FIRST NAME and ENTRY NUMBER (e.g SMITH\_BETH\_Entry1, SMITH\_BETH\_Entry2, SMITH\_BETH\_Entry3)
10. **Image Resolution/Orientation** images can be in color or black and white. Images must be a minimum resolution of 300 DPI (dots per inch) and no smaller than 3072 x 2304 pixels (or 10.24 x 7.68 inches). Images should be in RGB color format and be submitted as JPG (at high quality) or PNG. Do not resample small files to fit requirements, as it will compromise the quality of the image. Images can be horizontal or vertical.
11. **Submission** – Submissions that do not follow these requirements may be rejected.
12. **Model Release** – Images containing recognizable people must be accompanied by a model release form ([HERE](#)) signed by the subject or a parent or legal guardian, if the subject is under 18 years of age.
13. **Judging** – Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or unique character of the heritage area in one of the contest categories. The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area team will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. First, second, and third place winners will be selected in each of the three categories identified above and there will be one grand prize winner. Honorable mentions will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Winners will be announced no later than **May 12, 2023**.
14. **Winning Photos** – The winning images with appropriate credit will appear on the brand-new Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area website, social media channels and upcoming printed materials. Winners will also receive a complimentary cache pass.
15. **Photographer's Rights** – Each photographer will retain all rights to any image submitted – including ownership if applicable – other than those rights licensed in the next sentence. By entering the contest, each photographer hereby grants to the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (i) a nonexclusive, worldwide, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, publicly display the images submitted to the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area and (ii) the right to use the photographer's name, city and state of residence in promotions and other publications.