

First Hike Fairfax 2021 Photo Contest Rules

SUBMISSIONS

- Submission link will be posted at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/first-hike by December 30, 2020.
- Photos may be submitted between 5 a.m. on January 1, 2021 and 11:59 p.m. on January 3, 2021.
- Photo must be JPG or PNG format.
- Photo must be less than 16MB
- Photo must be taken on a Fairfax County Park Authority trail between January 1-3, 2021. Entrant may be asked to validate location if selected as a winner. Photos taken on non-Park Authority trails or at other county locations will not be included in the photo contest.
- Photos showing violation of park rules or local county ordinances/laws will not be included in photo contest.
- All contest and photo participants must follow all current COVID-19 safety protocols. Current protocols may be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/coronavirus.
- Photos showing violation of park rules, safety protocols or local county ordinances/laws will not be included in photo contest.
- No more than one photo per person will be accepted. Family members who wish to submit photos separately should use separate devices. If this is not possible, please email John Berlin (john.berlin@fairfaxcounty.gov) for assistance before noon on January 3 (photos will still be due by 11:59 p.m. on January 3).
- Contest open to amateur and professional photographers of all ages.
- Photos posted to social media with hashtag #FirstHikeFairfax are welcome, but will not be accepted as contest entry.
- Photos may include landscape, wildlife, persons or any other aspects of a trail/hike.
- Minor digital enhancement for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images to be judged are not to be altered in any significant manner or they will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images nor place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.
- By submitting a photo, entrant agrees to the below photo release:
I agree to give the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Foundation non-exclusive rights to my photo including but not limited to advertising, websites, social media, promotions, communications, publications, media relations and commercial resale use. Photo credit and compensation will not be granted except as stated above. Contestants retain their own usage rights. I also acknowledge that I have permission from all people in the photograph for the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Foundation to use the photo as stated above.

PRIZES

The voting link will be posted by January 8, 2021 and will remain open until 5 p.m. on January 13, 2021. Winners will be announced by January 15, 2021. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- **People's Choice** – Winner from public vote on top photos (as selected by judges): \$70 Park Authority Gift Card OR 6-Month RECenter Leisure Fitness Pass
- **Judges' Choice** – \$70 Park Authority Gift Card OR 25-visit RECenter Discount Fast Pass
- **Director's Choice** – Selected by FPCA Authority Executive Director: \$70 Park Authority Gift Card
- **Best in Show (Scenery/Landscapes)**: \$70 Park Authority Gift Card
- **Best in Show (People)**: \$70 Park Authority Gift Card
- **Best in Show (Wildlife)**: \$70 Park Authority Gift Card