



# ENTRY FORM

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2025 Judges' Favorite "Aurora Borealis" by Scott Dominin





## PHOTO CONTEST RULES

Photos taken between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025 are eligible.

### RULES INCLUDE:

- Open to amateur photographers who are 18 years or older.
- Photos submitted should be taken in or around the Lake Erie watershed.
- Minor adjustments to exposure, contrast, brightness, coloring, cropping, sharpening are premitted.
- A maximum of five original photos can be submitted.
- Up to two photos per photographer can be selected as finalists in the photo contest.
- Members and employees of the Commission and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

### PHOTOS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED IF:

- Photos have been previously submitted.
- Photos are submitted after the deadline of July 31, 2025.
- Digitally altered/edited, heavily manipulated (adding, removing, cloning elements), or are/include digital art.
- Infringe on the copyright, trademark, rights of privacy/publicity, or intellectual property, or rights of any other photographer/person, or determined to be controversial.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Photo entries must be submitted as digital images as attachments emailed to [lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov)
- Digital photos must be a minimum 300 dpi (600 dpi preferred) and in a jpg format.
- Image size of at least 1 MB is preferred, 5MB is ideal.
- Each photo submitted must be accompanied by an entry form, complete with a signature.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Photos will not be returned, and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission reserves the right to verify, in its sole judgment, entry eligibility.
- Your photos help support the preservation of Lake Erie's natural resources, protection of the quality of its waters and ecosystem, and the promotion of the region's economic development. You will retain all rights and ownership to any photos submitted. By submitting a photo, you grant the Ohio Lake Erie Commission a nonexclusive right in perpetuity, as it relates to The Commission's mission. Your photos may undergo computer-aided changes and may be used for education, promotion, or any other purpose or venue by the Commission and other state agencies.
- Winning photographs will be announced at the 2025 September Commission Meeting. Winning photographs will be displayed on the OLEC website [lakeerie.ohio.gov](http://lakeerie.ohio.gov), on its social channels, and displayed at state/partner venue facilities.



# ENTER TO WIN!

## HOW TO ENTER

The Life on Lake Erie Photo Contest, a signature outreach program of OLEC since 1992, encourages Ohioans and visitors to get out and explore #lifeonlakeerie.

Entries should illustrate "Life on Lake Erie and its watershed," capturing the essence of the lake, its landscapes, activities, people, wildlife, and events. Photos should evoke emotion, tell a story, and have a visual impact, showcasing the unique aspects of Lake Erie.



**GET OUT AND EXPLORE #LIFEONLAKEERIE**



**SNAP A PHOTO!**



**SUBMIT PHOTO(S) AND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO LAKEERIECOMMISSION@LAKEERIE.OHIO.GOV BY JULY 31, 2025**

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Complete a form for each photo submitted and email to: [lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov)  
All photo entries should be date stamped by July 31, 2025.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PHOTO: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION PHOTO WAS TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE TAKEN - MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY EDITS MADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL HANDLES FOR TAGGING/SOCIAL CREDIT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT/RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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