



21st Annual MARSHALL COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD PHOTO CONTEST

Calling all amateur
photographers to capture the beauty of
Marshall County's natural resources!

Entries due January 31, 2022 at midnight

See details below:

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

The Marshall County Conservation Board will be sponsoring its 21st annual natural resource/conservation photo contest. There are five categories for adults: *Scenic (Natural Resources)*, *Native Plants*, *Native Wildlife*, *Outdoor Recreation (NEW)*, and *Open Nature*. There is a special open class for youth age 17 & younger. Contest rules are as follows:

Changes to the Annual Photo Contest

Due to COVID, we have decided to change our photo contest this year. This option has many perks!! 1. This is less work for you, the participant. 2. The contest will have no admission fee. 3. It will allow everyone to participate no matter their comfort level with COVID19.

How the contest will work:

- **All entries must be emailed** to mccb@marshallcountytia.gov titled Photo Contest by Sunday, January 31 at midnight. In the body of your email state the category for the photograph(s), your name, address, brief description of the photo (if you have multiples) and phone number. No photos will be accepted in person.
- Photographs will be judged the week of February 7, for the categories listed below.
- Categories: Scenic (Natural Resources), Native Wildlife, Native Plants, Open Nature, and Outdoor Recreation. Winners of each category will receive a \$20 gift certificate. For more information on the

categories: <http://www.co.marshall.ia.us/departments/conservation/photo-contest-2>

- The week of February 7 through February 14, all photographs received will be posted on Facebook. The photograph that gets the most likes for Peoples' Choice will win a \$20 gift certificate.
- There will be no chili supper, therefore all certificates will be mailed to winners.

1. Winning photos become property of the MCCB to be displayed by the MCCB.
2. MCCB employees and their families are not eligible to enter the contest.
3. (a) Each adult photo entered must 1) depict an aspect of Marshall County's natural resources/conservation except for the open category (for the open category it still has to be nature related but does not have to be taken in Marshall County) and 2) fit into one of the theme categories.
4. Each youth photo entered must 1) depict an aspect of Marshall County's natural
5. resources/conservation and 2) fit into any of the adult theme categories.
6. A \$20 gift certificate will be awarded to the winning photo for each category.
7. Photos that are graphic, inappropriate or not fitting into a category will be disqualified at the discretion of the MCCB staff.

Definition of categories:

Scenic: providing or relating to views of impressive or beautiful natural scenery. Must be taken in Marshall County.

Native plants: a photo of a plant that is native to Iowa. Must be taken in Marshall County. Please avoid invasive species such as Queen's Anne lace, parsnip, etc.

Helpful resources:

https://www.iowadot.gov/pdf_files/plant_profiler.pdf

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Forest-Health/Invasive-Plants>

Native wildlife: a photo of an animal that is native to Iowa. Must be taken in Marshall County. Please avoid domestic livestock, pets, house sparrows, mute swans, and other invasive species.

Helpful resources:

<http://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases/ArticleID/63/Helpful-Identification-Guides-for-Iowa-Plants-Wildlife>

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/ia.shtml>

Outdoor Recreation: must depict outdoor recreation such as biking, fishing, running, kayaking, etc. Must be taken in Marshall County.

Open Nature: must be nature related but does not have to be taken in Marshall County.