

Entry Form

- Maximum of three photos per category
- Copy as needed, place on back of each photo entered

Name	
Address	
Email address	
Telephone Number	
Photo Title	
Photo Location	
Date Photo Taken	

Category (check one):

- Scenic Views of the Refuge
- Wildlife and Plants of the Refuge
- Connecting People with Nature on the Refuge*
- Young Nature Photographers (Age 16 and under)*

*Entries that include people require photo release available by email request or at the Friends of Refuge website.

Copyright Release Form:

I hereby grant permission to the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge (Service) and to Friends of the Refuge Headwaters (FORH) to reproduce my photographs in official Service and FORH publications, social media pages, and signs for educational, informational and promotional purposes. The photographs shall be credited to the photographer by the legend: © 'Photographer Name'

I do hereby release the Service and FORH from any and all claims related to the display of my photographs submitted herewith, including but not limited to, claims which may result from the loss or damage to those photographs.

Print Name	
Signature	
Date	

**FRIENDS OF THE
REFUGE HEADWATERS**



Winter on our Refuge Photo Contest 2020



Call for Entries

Deadline For Entry: March 13, 2020

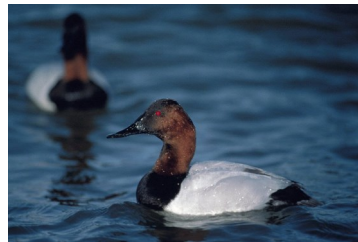
Share the beauty of the Upper Mississippi River Refuges

Photo Contest Rules:

1. All photos must be taken during winter on or of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge or Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. Photos not meeting this rule will be disqualified.
2. The photo contest entry deadline is March 13, 2020.
3. Each entry must be the original work of the person submitting and no alterations besides cropping, dodging, burning, spotting, sharpening, contrast, and slight color adjustment will be accepted on entries. Amateur photos only.
4. Entries submitted in previous refuge photo contests will not be accepted.
5. Photos shall be printed 8" x 10" and matted to 11" x 14" using either a black or a white mat.
6. No frames allowed.
7. You may enter THREE photos per person for EACH category.
8. Completed entry forms must be attached to the back of each photo (see back page). Each entry must include a title for the photo.
9. If entry is a digital photo, provide a 300 dpi digital .jpg file on a CD in addition to the entry photo or email the .jpg file (6 MB or less) to Jennifer_Froehly@fws.gov.
10. Do not include name or other identifying information on the front of photos.
11. Photos will not be automatically returned but may be picked up at 51 East 4th Street, Winona, MN after judging and exhibitions have ended. Entries need to be collected by April 17, 2020 and winning entries by December 1, 2020.

Categories:

- Scenic Views of the Refuge
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Any entry containing people must have a signed **Photo Contest Likeness Release** form for each subject in the photo. The form is posted on the Friends of the Refuge Headwaters website: friendsoftherefugeheadwaters.org

To Enter:

Labeled entries and signed release form must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. March 13, 2020. Entries may be dropped off at the Winona District Office or mailed to:

Jennifer Froehly
51 East 4th Street
Room 200
Winona, MN 55987



Judging and Exhibition:

Entries will be judged before April 1, 2020 based on three criteria:

- capturing the spirit of Refuges
- technical quality
- intrinsic beauty

Winning photos will become part of an exhibit displayed at public events throughout the year. Select entries will be posted on Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge's and Friends of the Refuge Headwaters' (FORH) social media pages.

Awards:

Awards will be given in each category as follows:

- 1st Place: \$30.00
- 2nd Place: \$20.00
- 3rd Place: \$15.00



Use of Photos:

FORH and the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge have the right to publish submitted photographs for educational, informational, and promotional purposes.

Questions and Information:

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