

Photo Contest Details and Rules - Best of #OhioFall14 on Instagram

Find the Best of #OhioFall14!

Post your Ohio Fall Foliage photos to Instagram using the hashtag #ohiofall14 by November 3rd, and be sure to follow @OHstateparks and @ohiogram. You could be selected to win one of many great prizes from Ohio State Parks, TourismOhio, and their partners. The top prize is a 4-person tent courtesy of REI[™] and two nights of free camping at an Ohio State Park!

These Terms and Conditions govern the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' "Best of #OhioFall14" photo contest. Their acceptance is a prerequisite for entering the contest, and entrants must observe them at all times. The decision of the judges is final and cannot be appealed. Submission of an entry will be taken to mean acceptance of the Terms and Conditions and of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Privacy Policy. Any images submitted must be the work of the individual submitting them and may not have won a prize in any other photo contest. Entrants warrant that the photos they submit are their own work and that they own the copyrights to them. Entrants may only submit photos that were taken with the permission of the depicted subjects and that do not infringe any third-party copyrights or any laws. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources disclaims any liability in connection with the submitted photos, and entrants agree to indemnify The Ohio Department of Natural Resources against any claims related to the photos. Copyrights to the submitted images will remain with the entrants. However, by entering the contest entrants grant the Ohio Department of Natural Resources a worldwide, irrevocable, and perpetual right to feature their images in any of its publications, websites, social media platforms and promotional materials.

To enter, follow instructions published on the Ohio Department of Natural Resource Fall Color Photos page. Each entry has an equal chance to win. On-line entries must be received between Friday, September 26, 2014, 12:01 a.m. (EST) and Monday, November 3, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. (EST). Entries received from persons residing in geographic areas in which entry is not permissible will be disqualified. The State of Ohio and its affiliates, agents, and employees, and the sponsor and its affiliates, agents, and employees are not responsible for any technical hardware or software failures of any kind, lost or unavailable network connection or failed, incomplete, garbled or delayed computer transmission or any human error which may occur in the receipt or processing of entries. The State of Ohio and its affiliates, agents, and employees, and the sponsor and its affiliates, agents, and employees are not responsible for any damage to computer systems from downloading any information necessary to participate in the Contest. Late, illegible, incomplete, or defective entries will not be accepted.

Entries will be collected via Instagram.com from September 26, 2014 through November 3, 2014. Staff of the Office of TourismOhio and Ohio Department of Natural Resource will select ten entries as the finalists. These finalists will be reposted to the Ohio State Parks' Instagram account by November 7, 2014. The photos will be ranked by the number of likes each receives by November 17, 2014. Approximate numerical odds of winning are based on the number of contest entries received. Ten photos will be selected to win a prize, ranked in order of likes on their images. There are no cash alternatives for prizes.

Contest prizes are as follows:

1st: Tent for 4 from REI[™]

2nd: Hueston Woods

Two nights lodging in a double room

3rd: Mohican

Bed & Breakfast Package, which includes one night lodging for two and breakfast for two

4th: Shawnee

Two night stay in a lodge guest room

5th: Deer Creek

One night stay in a standard guest room and breakfast for two adults

6th: Salt Fork

One night stay in lodge and breakfast for two

7th: Burr Oak

One Night Lodging in a King Standard Room

8th: Punderson Manor

One night stay in lodge

9th: Hocking Hills Canopy Tours

Super Zip package for 4 people

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Winners will be notified by Instagram direct photo send within 5 days of the last day of the contest. The winners will be requested to provide their complete shipping details within FIVE (5) days of prize notification. If no mailing address is provided, the prize may be awarded to an alternate winner. This contest is governed by any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited. Any prize/prize notification returned as undeliverable may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner. The State of Ohio and its affiliates, agents, and employees, and the contest organizer and its affiliates, agents, and employees, are not liable for accidents, injuries, loss of property or other acts beyond their reasonable control which result from awarding of contest prizes.

Employees of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, or members of their immediate families, are not eligible. Any dispute regarding submission of on-line entry will be deemed submitted by the authorized Instagram account holder. The State of Ohio and/or the contest organizer reserves the right to terminate or modify the Contest at any time if The State of Ohio on-line service is no longer available or is compromised by any virus, bugs, or other intervention beyond its control. In any of these events, prizes may be awarded based on electronic entries received prior to date of termination. All taxes are the responsibility of the winner. The contest organizer reserves the right to substitute similar merchandise of equal or greater value in the event a particular merchandise prize is no longer available. Any prize won by a person under the age of 18 will be awarded to the winner's parent or legal guardian.