

The Seasonal Snaps 08/09 Photography Competition – Competition Rules

1. Entry to the competition is free and open to UK residents only.
2. The Seasonal Snaps 08/09 Photography Competition theme is open to personal interpretation but should have the New Forest National Park at its heart.
3. Entries must be taken within the New Forest National Park boundary.
4. Entrants can submit up to four photos as **prints**. 10"x8" is the preferable size of prints, but they must be no smaller than 6"x4". Photographs can be in colour or black and white.
5. The Forestry Commission and New Forest National Park Authority will mount the winning photographs along with the highly commended photographs for an exhibition.
6. The photographic image must not be subject to manipulation. The Forestry Commission, New Forest National Park Authority and the judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.
7. Please retain the original digital file/negative for reference; it may be required to prove that it is your own work and in the event that additional prints are required.
8. The competition is open to all, with the following exceptions: employees of the Forestry Commission and the New Forest National Park Authority and their immediate families.
9. The categories are as follows: Adults (16+) and Children (15 and under)
10. Each entry should be accompanied by an Entry Form and, where applicable, a Model Release Form.
11. All entries into the competition must be suitable for publication on websites and in exhibitions and therefore appropriate for a general audience. The Forestry Commission and New Forest National Park Authority reserve the right to reject any photograph on the grounds of illegality, infringement of any third party rights, the subject matter being offensive or contrary to standards of taste and decency, or on any other ground that it may from time to time consider inappropriate. The decision of the Forestry Commission and New Forest National Park Authority to accept or reject an entry is final and no correspondence will be entered in to.
12. If you are taking a photograph of anyone under 18 you must ensure that you obtain written consent of that child's parent/guardian. Written consent must also be obtained from any individuals aged 18 or over who are identifiable in the photograph. It is your responsibility to ensure that the necessary consent has been obtained. A Model Release Form is provided for this purpose and must be submitted with your competition entry and Entry Form, if applicable.
13. Entrants under 18 must obtain written permission on the Entry Form from a parent/guardian before submitting and the Forestry Commission and New Forest National Park Authority reserve the right to seek direct confirmation, oral or written, from the parent/guardian concerned.
14. Entries should be sent to: Seasonal Snaps 08/09, Forestry Commission, The Queen's House, Lyndhurst, Hampshire SO43 7NH
15. The closing date is **5pm, 5th January 2009**.
16. Winners will be notified by 31st January 2009.
17. No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organisers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
18. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges. The judges will select three winning photographs from each age category. **First prize winners from each category will win £100 worth of photography equipment vouchers. Second prize winners will receive £75 as photography equipment vouchers. Third prize winners will receive £50 as photography equipment vouchers.** There is no cash alternative to the prizes awarded. Each entrant will be restricted to one prize only.
19. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered in to.
20. All entries must be original work and must not have been previously published. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photos entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries (see Model Release Form).
21. By entering the competition, entrants grant the right for the Forestry Commission and the New Forest National Park Authority to publish and exhibit the winning photographs (plus any highly commended and commended photographs) in print, online or in any other media as they think fit, free of charge. No fee will be payable for this use. There is no guarantee that photographs will be published. Finalists agree to have their names used in any post-competition publicity.
22. Any queries with regards to buying prints as a result of the exhibition will be forwarded to the winners via the Forestry Commission or New Forest National Park Authority.
23. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.

More detail on the Forestry Commission, the New Forest National Park Authority, the New Forest, and the Seasonal Snaps 08/09 Photography Competition can be found at www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest or www.newforestnpa.gov.uk