



Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve 2025 Photo Contest

Love nature and the outdoors? Enjoy taking photos of nature? Share your observations with others and submit your photos in the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Photo Contest.

Photo Contest Rules and Regulations

- All entries must be taken at the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve and received by July 31st 2025.
- One entry allowed per category: **Wildlife, Landscape, Plants**



- Black and white or color are acceptable. Photos may not display name of photographer on front of photo. Details may not be added to the photo or combined with another photo.
- All photographs must be submitted in printed 8"x10" format and sent to:
 - Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve
Attn: Photo Contest
225 West Main Street
Gaylord, MI 49735
- All Photographs must also be submitted in electronic form to:
kpierzchalski@otesgocountymi.gov, the subject line should read "Photo Contest Entry".
- All entries will be retained by the preserve and may be used for but not limited to webpages, presentations, and publications.
- If a minor is pictured in the photo, an "Agreement for the Use of Likeness in Audio/Visual Products" (Form 3-2260) must accompany the entry. Forms can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>.
- Photos will be displayed in the Educational Center from August 1st – 31st 2025 for voting or you can visit or website and cast your vote.
- A winner in each category will be selected September 5th.
 - 1st Place in each category will receive a Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve sweatshirt.
 - 2nd Place in each category will receive a Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve hat.
 - 3rd Place in each category will receive a Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve mug.
- The winning photographs will be displayed at the Welcome Center.

- Please attach the signed permission form with your contact information on the back of the 8" x 10" photograph.

Photographer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Title of Photograph: _____

Circle category: **Wildlife, Plants, or Landscape**

I hereby grant the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve permission to freely publish, reproduce, and distribute the photograph in any media, without my permission or approval, with no monetary compensation to me or my heirs or assigns, and without temporal or geographic restriction. The Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve will credit me as the photographer if possible.

I agree to the above copyright release – Signature: _____ Date: _____