



Spirit of the Mountains PHOTO CONTEST 2009



*Share the wonder of
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area
with others. Enter the
spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest. Let your
photographic imagination
capture the essence of
this hidden jewel.*

Photo Contest & Exhibit for Amateur Photographers

For an entry form and instructions, visit:
www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo/
or the **National Park Service Visitor Center**
in Thousand Oaks at 401 West Hillcrest Drive.

Submit your entries between **October 1 and
October 31, 2009.**

All entries will be on exhibit at the National Park Service
Visitor Center **November 14, 2009 through January 31, 2010.**

For more information: 805-370-2301



Entry Requirements

Open to **amateur** photographers only.

Digital or film prints are acceptable.

Entries accepted **October 1 – October 31, 2009.**

Submit only photos of the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone***

Categories

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| 1. Plants | 5. People in Parklands |
| 2. Animals | 6. Memories of the Mountains
(Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area by sharing special memories of the mountains in family or historic photos, or a creative depiction of a favorite memory of the mountains.) |
| 3. Scenic Shots | |
| 4. Young Photographers
(age 12 and younger) | |

Winning Entries

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. Winners will be announced at **3pm, November 14, 2009** at the opening of the 2009 Photo Exhibit. First Place winners will be published in the *OUTDOORS*, our quarterly calendar of events and programs, with an average circulation of 20,000 issues. *OUTDOORS* is also available at <http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/events.htm>. Second and Third place winners may be published in *OUTDOORS* as space permits.

Note: All entries will be on exhibit **November 14, 2009 until January 31, 2010** at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks.

**For a map of the Zone: www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo*

Entry Form (Attach one form per entry. Print clearly. Submit between October 1 through October 31, 2009)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City, State, Zip _____

Category (check one)

- Plants
- Animals
- Scenic Shots
- Young Photographers
- People in Parklands
- Memories of the Mountains

Site where photo was taken _____

Photo equipment used _____

Title of Entry (optional) _____

Signature _____

My signature on this form verifies that I have read and will comply with the Rules and Regulations and that I give permission to have my photos published in OUTDOORS and posted on the National Park Service websites.

National Park Service, 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks CA 91360, 805-370-2301

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital and film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone** which includes the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and associated watersheds and canyons. A map and description is available online at: www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be cropped to fit or shown as a detail. Winners will be asked to submit their original digital file or slide for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. *Photo release forms available at: www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo*
Note: If a private house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints in our secure headquarters building, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.

Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the National Park Service Visitor Center from February 1, 2010 until February 28, 2010. *Note: Any entry not picked up by February 28, 2010 becomes the property of the National Park Service.*

Submission Format

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) cannot be larger than 11" x 17" or smaller than 7" x 8".
- A matted print means that your photo should have a surrounding paper border, a window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish. *Please do not use frames, glass, or plastic covers.*
- BE AWARE that we will attach Velcro to the back of your entry so it adheres to our fabric-covered panels for the exhibit. (We will supply the Velcro.)
- Names should not be visible on the front side.
- One entry form PER PRINT. We will assign an identification number to each print and separate prints and forms for the judging.
- Photographers can submit up to two entries per each category with a LIMIT OF 8 ENTRIES total for the entire contest. Young photographers, age 12 and under, can submit up to four entries in their category (entries can be of any subject).
- Submit entries in person or by mail between October 1 through October 31, 2009 at the National Park Service Visitor Center, 401 West Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, Attention: Photo Contest. *Mailed entries must be received by October 31, 2009.*

Announcement of Winners

Winners announced and awards given at the exhibit opening on **Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 3pm.**

Exhibit Dates

Entries will be exhibited for 10 weeks at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks, CA. The exhibit opens on **November 14, 2009** and closes **January 31, 2010.**

For More Entry Forms

Photocopy this form, obtain additional forms at the National Park Service Visitor Center, or visit: www.researchlearningcenter.org/samo/photo/

Questions:

National Park Service
Visitor Center
(open 9am to 5pm daily)
805-370-2301

