



OFFICIAL RULES

2026 Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve Photo Contest



PURPOSE

To support and highlight the natural spaces and historic sites of the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve. Any proceeds earned through this event will be used directly towards the maintenance and improvement of the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve.

HOW TO ENTER

Email entries to photocontest@cliftonpark.org between the dates of September 1 and December 28, 2026. A photographer may submit up to 3 photographs. There is no restriction on age or residency of photographer. Each photograph needs to be submitted separately and should include title of photograph, along with contact information and division of photographer. File format must be JPG or PNG, using *.JPG or *.PNG as the file extension and should NOT have watermarks or logos.

THEME

Each year the contest will focus on a specific theme. Keep this theme in mind when capturing your shots. The theme of this year's contest is **WINTER**. 2026 had a snowy and picturesque winter like there has not been in a while. We encourage all photos to pertain to the beautiful winter scenery of the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Photographs may be in color or black and white and must be original and taken by the entrant within the last 30 years.
2. Photographs should have a focus on nature, wildlife and/or historic sites. (Please, no selfies)
3. Submitting your photograph for the contest implies that you accept the terms and conditions.
4. Photographs will be displayed at a public event for all ages, no photographs deemed offensive will be displayed.
5. Photographs not in accordance with the above specifications will be disqualified.

DIVISIONS

Photographers will be divided into three divisions. The top two photos from each division will move forward to the second round of voting. Please indicate which division you belong to:

1. **Junior photographer:** photographers ages 15 and under. Please submit with parent/guardian information.
2. **Amateur photographer:** ages 16+. *(For ages 16-17, please submit with parent/guardian information)*
3. **Professional photographer**

VOTING

The first round of voting will take place on Facebook in the form of likes received from each picture. Photographs will be posted on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TownofCliftonParkPhotoContest) **Monday January 4th to Monday January 11th, 2027**. The voting will close at 2 p.m. on January 11th. There are no requirements on who can vote. Voters may vote for more than one photograph. The top 2 photographs per division will be determined by which photographs receive the highest number of likes on Facebook.

The top 2 photographs from each division (total of six photographs) will be printed and displayed for the second round of voting, which will be held in person at the Town of Clifton Park's WinterFest. The voting table will be located at Winterfest 2027. The total number of votes will be cumulative between Facebook likes and in-person votes at WinterFest. In the event of a tie; an additional tiebreaker vote may be held on Facebook.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The top two photographs of each division (six total) will be printed for display at Clifton Park Town Hall. The photographs will be posted to social media and will be used on the town website, www.CliftonParkNY.gov. Prints may also be displayed at the Clifton Park Senior Community Center, the Historic Grooms Tavern, Vischer Ferry General Store, the Clifton Park Center Mall, or other places deemed appropriate.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

There will be a prize awarded to each of the top 6 photographs (top 2 from each photographer division), and a grand prize awarded to the overall winner between both rounds. We thank our sponsors for generously donating these prizes!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I agree to submit my photograph(s) of the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve for posting on social media and/or the town website.
2. I grant the TOCP the royalty-free and nonexclusive right to distribute, publish and use the photograph(s) in publications to promote the Town of Clifton Park, publicize activities or to otherwise to use at it sees fit.
3. I agree that my photograph(s) may be displayed on Facebook for voting by the followers of the TOCP Facebook pages as to the voters' favorite photographs.
4. I understand and agree that, if chosen by the voters, my photograph(s) will continue to be displayed and will be recognized on the TOCP social media pages and Town website.
5. I understand and agree that the TOCP will only use and post my photograph(s) as set forth herein.
6. I agree to waive any proprietary rights that I may have as to my photograph(s).
7. I understand and acknowledge that the TOCP may request my permission to sell my photograph(s) and that all proceeds shall be used to maintain the Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve.
8. By submitting my photograph(s) for participation in the competition, I acknowledge that I agree to abide by the terms set forth hereinabove.

*Please contact the Town of Clifton Park Office of Parks and Recreation at (518)-371-6667
or parksrec@cliftonpark.org if you have any questions or concerns.*