

*Through the Lens of Defiance County*

# Photography CONTEST

**We are looking for photos to depict all of what Defiance County, OH has to offer!**

## Who Can Enter:

The 2024 Defiance County Photography Contest is open to ALL photographers. Amateurs, hobbyists, and professionals alike are encouraged to show their creative talent through this contest celebrating all Defiance County has to offer.

## Photo Subject Restrictions:

Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public website or within publications. Obscene, provocative, or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. The DDVB retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. For inspiration, please check out the inspo board on the “Photography Contest” page at [visitdefianceohio.com](http://visitdefianceohio.com).

## How To Enter:

An individual may submit up to 10 photographs. All photos must be entered by Friday, April 19, 2024. Each photo entered must be submitted by separate emails.

Email photos to [marketing@visitdefianceohio.com](mailto:marketing@visitdefianceohio.com) in the following format:

Last name, first name, image number (example: SmithJohn01.jpg)

Along with the following information in the body of the email:

- First Name, Last Name
- Mailing Address
- Email Address and Phone Number
- Information about your photograph
  - Title
  - Date taken
  - Location of the photograph taken
  - Description of photo

## Winners:

Judges and the contest committee will choose 10 photographs that will be displayed at the 2024 Lilac Festival. Each photograph will then be voted on by the community online as well as at the Lilac Festival. The Grand Prize Winner will be the photograph that receives the most votes at the conclusion of the Lilac Festival (4pm on May 11th, 2024).

- The Grand Prize Winner will receive a one-year \$500 contract with the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau. This contract would consist of agreed-upon dates to capture promotional images that could be used for the DDVB as well as the ‘photographers’ portfolio.
- Second place will receive a \$75 Downtown Gift Certificate, and their photo will be used as a postcard of Defiance.
- Third place will receive a \$50 Downtown Gift Certificate, and their photo will be used as a postcard of Defiance.

### Judging:

Judges will be the contest committee. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, photographic quality, and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and/or character of Defiance County. Decisions made by the judges are final.

### Ownership/Use Rights:

Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on the DDVB website without any fee or other form of compensation and agree that the DDVB may display winning photos on their website, and may retain copies of the photograph for archival purposes. Photos may be credited to the photographer named in the entry process. Entries (including non-winning entries) may be selected for display or use in other DDVB web pages and promotional materials. Entries will never be used by the DDVB in matters of sale. Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs.

### Image File Requirements:

Photographs must be submitted in digital format. All digital files may not exceed four megabytes (4 MB), in jpg format and 300 dpi or higher. Images must be an accurate reflection of the subject matter and scene as it appeared, without alteration (other than standard optimization, including removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color, and contrast).

NOTE: Hard copy print, slide, or negative submissions will not be accepted and will not be returned. The DDVB cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, late, or faulty uploading connections, garbled transmissions, unauthorized intervention, or technical malfunctions.

### Photo Eligibility/Copyright:

All photos must be taken within the last two years in Defiance County and submitted by the original photographer. You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

### Legal Conditions:

By submitting your entry by email, you agree you have read and fully understand the contest rules and you declare you are the author and sole owner of the photograph submitted. Entry of photographs into this contest implies acceptance of these conditions, regardless of whether entrants sign a statement confirming acceptance.

For questions regarding the 2024 Contest, please contact the DDVB Office by calling 419-782-0739. Email questions can be sent to Lori at [Marketing@VisitDefianceOhio.com](mailto:Marketing@VisitDefianceOhio.com).