

July is National Park and Recreation Month.

National Park and Recreation Month is a time to recognize the importance of parks and recreation in establishing and maintaining quality of life and in contributing to the physical, economic, and environmental well-being of communities. The 2019 theme is “Game On!”

To celebrate El Paso County will host a “Share Your Experience” Photo Campaign.

We post our photos, but we would love to see what you, our park users and visitors have to offer. This is a special opportunity for our outdoor and nature enthusiasts to share their love of parks, beautiful views, unique finds, and hidden treasures in El Paso County. We encourage all outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers and amateur photographers to capture their favorite views, moments and adventures in our county parks, trails, open spaces and facilities. Get Your Photo On!

The campaign is hosted El Paso County Community Services Department.

PHOTO GUIDELINES:

- Photos must portray an experience somewhere within an El Paso County Park.
- There is no restriction on when the photo was taken.
- All photos must be in JPG format. (El Paso County reserves the right to edit photos.)
- 300 to 72 DPI is best.
- Send only one photo per email.
- Do not send the same photo more than once. (El Paso County will determine potential photos for posting, will retain potential postings on file and may use them at any time after submittal. All other photos will not be retained.)

In your email, please include:

TITLE: A brief but descriptive title of the image.

LOCATION/PARK: Where was the photo taken and in which El Paso County park, trail, open space, nature center or facility?

PHOTOGRAPHER: Name, city and state of the person who took the photo.

CREDIT: How would you like the credit to appear? (Unless told otherwise, we may include your first and last name, city and state.)

DATE: When was the photo taken (approximate date acceptable)?

CAMERA: (Optional) What type of camera did you use?

Due the volume of mail we receive, receipt of photos may not be individually acknowledged.

Note: This is not a photo contest and no prizes will be given for the photos selected.

Want some hints on how to get your photo selected? When you submit a photo, keep our 3 Cs in mind (color, content and clarity) and your photo will have a much better chance of being selected.

- As a general rule, COLORS should be vibrant and the hue should be natural.

- CONTENT can be anything -- a picture of a person, a landscape, an attraction, flora and fauna, just about anything, but it must be something interesting, fun or inspiring (and G-rated!)
- CLARITY is extremely important. If your picture isn't crisp and clear, we can't use it on the website, no matter how wonderful the content or bright the color.

Submit your photo to parks@elpasoco.com and it may be chosen to be the El Paso County photo of the day, week or month. We'll choose photos that we think best convey that great outdoors feeling, and display it on our website for all to see.

Send us your favorite memories and let's see what "develops!"

Legal Disclosures:

1. By submitting a photograph, submitter (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor in his/her state of residence) represents and warrants that the photograph(s) that they submit:
 - a. Are submitter's own original creation(s);
 - b. Do not infringe any other person's or entity's rights; and
 - c. Have not been submitted previously in a contest or promotion of any kind.
2. By submitting a photograph, submitter (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor in his/her state of residence) hereby grants a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual license to El Paso County to reproduce, prepare derivative works of, distribute copies of, and publicly display the photograph(s) and otherwise edit, adapt, broadcast, publish and use any or all of the photograph(s) and/or descriptions submitted, and El Paso County may use them for advertising, promotional and/or any other purpose relating to El Paso County or the promotion of parklands, in any and all media without compensation, notification, or permission to, by, or from submitter.
3. By submitting a photograph, submitter (parent/legal guardian if photographer is a minor in his/her state of residence) hereby agrees to have their submitted photograph(s) and/or descriptions used and displayed, either singularly or in combination with others and in any size, on the El Paso County website and social media platforms, posters and flyers in perpetuity without compensation, notification, or permission.
4. Use of credits, descriptions or titles, if any, used with the photograph(s) are in El Paso County's sole discretion. In the event that ownership of any photograph(s) submitted is challenged in any manner by any person, El Paso County may discontinue use of the photograph(s).
5. If a submitter has any questions regarding these Legal Disclosures please contact Dana Nordstrom at her contact information provided above.