



Puget Sound Regional Council

I ♥ Open Spaces Photo Challenge Rules

For participants over 18 years of age

Sponsored by the Puget Sound Regional Council, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101 ("Sponsor").

1. Who is eligible:

This Photo Challenge is open to legal residents of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their submission. Eligibility requirements and conditions of participation are set forth in these Official Rules. All federal, state and local laws apply.

Employees of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and their immediate family members (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) or other household members may participate in the Photo Challenge but are not eligible for prizes.

2. Entry period:

The Photo Challenge begins at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on June 29, 2026, and ends at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on October 9, 2026.

3. How to enter:

Participants may enter the Photo Challenge by visiting [PSRC.org](https://psrc.org) and completing the entry form once per day.

4. Submission requirements:

Participants will be asked to share their name and contact information so that PSRC may provide photo attribution and conduct prize notifications.

- The subject must include open spaces, such as parks, trails, farms, forests, prairies, or aquatic systems, such as lakes or rivers, in King, Kitsap, Pierce or Snohomish County. Photos may include people and animals.
- Photo must be the participant's original work. By submitting a photo, Participants warrant that they own all rights to the work and the photograph does not infringe any property, copyright, trademark, privacy, or other third-party rights, and that all required permissions and releases have been obtained. Third-party imagery, stock photography, commercial photography, or AI-generated imagery will be disqualified.
- AI-generated images are prohibited. Routine photo editing is permitted. PSRC reserves the right to determine whether AI-assisted modification materially altered the authenticity of the image.
- Participants are responsible for obtaining consent from recognizable individuals appearing in submitted photographs.
- Photos depicting minors require parental or guardian consent. Please include our [Photo Release for Minors Form](#) with your submission.
- Photos should be no more than five (5) years old.
- Submissions that are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or are otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, or sexually explicit will be disqualified.

5. Submission specifications:

Digital files are required. Prints are not accepted as part of the Photo Challenge.

- File format: JPG, JPEG, PNG, HEIC
- Minimum dimension: 3,000 px on the longest side
- File size: No larger than 15 MB
- Color space: sRGB
- Restrictions: No borders, signatures, or watermarks
- File naming: When naming your file, please include your last name. Do not use special characters or spaces in the file name.

6. PSRC use of images:

Participants retain ownership of their photographs. Participants grant PSRC a perpetual license to reproduce, publish, adapt, and otherwise use the submitted image for governmental, educational, planning, outreach, and informational purposes, with attribution when practical.

7. Prizes:

One winner (“Best Photo”) will receive:

- One annual Washington State Discover Pass good for one year from date of purchase (\$50 value)
- Submission featured in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan, on PSRC’s social media accounts, and displayed in PSRC’s office.
- Digital certificate of achievement.

Two runners-up will receive:

- Submission featured in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan, on PSRC’s social media accounts, and displayed in PSRC’s office.
- Digital certificate of achievement.

8. Selection of prize winners:

A panel of PSRC staff will select no more than six (6) images from eligible entries to proceed to a round of community voting. In selecting photos, staff will consider relevance to open space conservation, creativity, composition and visual impact, and representation of the Puget Sound region.

Community voting will take place on Facebook and Instagram. Once the voting period has closed, a panel of PSRC staff will consider total likes across both platforms and select the top three (3) images to receive one of the prize packages listed in the previous section. Winners will be notified at the email address provided with their submission three (3) business days following the close of the voting period.

All other images submitted to the Photo Challenge will be considered for use in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan and other materials produced by or on behalf of PSRC.

9. Release and indemnification:

By participating in the Photo Challenge, participants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless PSRC and its affiliates, and other individuals engaged in the promotion of the Photo Challenge, from any liability, claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation.

10. PSRC reservation of rights:

PSRC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to modify or terminate the Photo Challenge, or disqualify Participants in the event of any act, occurrence, or reason that it believes would corrupt the integrity, administration, or fairness of the Photo Challenge.

All remaining images that meet submission requirements will be considered for use in the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan and other materials produced by or on behalf of the PSRC.

11. Limitation of liability:

PSRC is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, corrupted, misdirected, inaccessible, or technically defective submissions.

12. Non-affiliation disclaimer:

This Photo Challenge is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, any social media site.

13. Publicity release:

Except where prohibited, the participants grant permission for PSRC to use their name, photo submission, and/or likeness for advertising, promotion, and/or publicity purposes in any and all publications or media, now known or hereinafter invented without territorial or time limitations and without additional compensation.

14. Privacy policy:

Information submitted in connection with the Photo Challenge will be treated in accordance with the Official Rules, PSRC's [Privacy Policy](#) (as may be amended from time to time). Entries, photographs, and related materials submitted to Sponsor may constitute public records subject to disclosure under [Washington's Public Records Act \(RCW 42.56\)](#).

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