



County of Orleans
Department of Tourism
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2026 Orleans County Tourism - Photo Submission

Orleans County Tourism has opened its annual call for photo submissions, encouraging the community and visitors to share their favorite images of the county. Submitted photographs must be taken within Orleans County and highlight a tourism-focused subject, such as the Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, museums and historic sites, outdoor recreation, natural scenery, annual events or other attractions. Images should capture the destinations, experiences and landscapes that showcase what makes Orleans County a fun and memorable place to visit.

Selected images will appear in the 2027 Orleans County Calendar, Travel Guide, and Fishing Calendar, and may also be featured in our social media and promotional campaigns.

Guidelines are as follows:

1. **Eligibility:** the project is open to the public. The photographer must give permission to submit their photo and sign the release form. Images with the photographer's signature or watermark across the image are not eligible.
2. **Locale & Subject:** all photographs **must be taken within Orleans County** with a "tourism-draw" subject matter such as recreation, heritage, nature, annual event or tourist attractions. **Please note:** Sunrise and sunset images will be more favorable if it includes either an Orleans County icon, activity or wildlife specific to our region.
3. **Deadline:** All entries must be submitted by midnight, **November 1, 2026**, via email or postmarked no later than October 31, 2026.
4. **Submit:** Email digital photos and entry form to info@orleanscountytourism.com or mail prints and entry forms to:

Orleans County Tourism Photo Contest
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Multiple images may be uploaded to your personal photo gallery, with the link sent for downloading.

Forms: All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed Entry Form (attached). A Release Form must be completed and submitted by any recognizable person in the photograph and the photographer (also attached). A digital photo of each of the completed forms is acceptable.

5. **Multiple Entries:** A maximum of 10 entries is allowed.

6. **Digital Enhancement & Manipulation:** Cropping and minor digital enhancements are allowed but we will reject over-saturated color renditions or artistic filters. Color and black & white images are accepted. Images with watermarks or signatures are not accepted.
 7. **Format:** Photo entries must be high resolution in JPG, PDF or PNG formats to be used in printed material and greater than 1 MB but not to exceed 10 MB. Forms must be provided in PDF or JPG format if sent electronically.
 11. **Photographer's Rights:** Each photographer will retain all rights to any photograph submitted, including ownership. By submitting an image, each photographer hereby grants to Orleans County a nonexclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to reproduce, distribute, and publicly display the photographs submitted for this project, as well as the right to use the photographer's name in promotions and other publications. Photographs, regardless of medium, will not be returned.
 12. **Selected Photos:** Photos will be selected to represent each of the 12 months for the calendar. The selected photos, with appropriate credit, will be featured on Orleans County promotional materials, such as websites, calendars, travel guides, social media, videos and press releases.
 13. **Rewards:** Swag bags with Orleans County merchandise will be given to submissions that are selected to represent a month in the 2027 calendar and travel guide cover. Photographers who submitted images that are featured on a particular month in the 2027 calendar will receive 5 copies of the calendar.
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Orleans County Tourism Photo Submission Form – 2026

Name_____

Street Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Telephone_____Email_____

I have read the proposal and agree to abide by them for the purpose of the project. ☐ I am the photographer of the accompanying photograph(s) and hold all rights therein. ☐ I will provide a release form from the photographer.

Signature_____Date_____

Entry #1: Image Title_____

Location_____Date Taken_____

Digital filename:_____Photographed by_____

Release Form required? ☐ Yes for recognizable people in photo ☐ Yes for photographer ☐ No

If Yes, Email Address to send release form to:_____

Entry #2: Image Title_____

Location_____Date Taken_____

Digital filename:_____Photographed by_____

Release Form required? ☐ Yes for recognizable people in photo ☐ Yes for photographer ☐ No

If Yes, Email Address to send release form to:_____

Entry #3: Image Title_____

Image Title_____

Location_____Date Taken_____

Digital filename:_____Photographed by_____

Release Form required? ☐ Yes for recognizable people in photo ☐ Yes for photographer ☐ No

If Yes, Email Address to send release form to:_____

Entry #4: Image Title_____

Location_____Date Taken_____

Digital filename:_____Photographed by_____

Release Form required? ☐ Yes for recognizable people in photo ☐ Yes for photographer ☐ No

If Yes, Email Address to send release form to:_____

Entry #5: Image Title_____

Location_____Date Taken_____

Digital filename:_____Photographed by_____

Release Form required? ☐ Yes for recognizable people in photo ☐ Yes for photographer ☐ No

If Yes, Email Address to send release form to:_____



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Orleans County Release Form

(Must be completed by any person recognizable within the photograph)

I hereby grant Orleans County permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all publications for government and non-government purposes, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Orleans County and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Orleans County to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing Orleans County's programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears.

Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge Orleans County from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. I agree to indemnify and hold Orleans County harmless for any and all losses, claims, expenses, suits, costs, demands and damages or liabilities on account of personal injury, death, or property damages of any nature whatsoever and by whomsoever made, arising out of the photographed activities in which I am taking part.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Date

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone

Email Address

If the person signing is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Printed Name

Date

Privacy Act Statement: This information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act (PL 93-579). 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 CFR 260 authorizing acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data you furnish will be used only to provide Orleans County with contact information pertaining to this release form.