



Lens on Nature: Photographing Stark Parks **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Massillon Museum invites photographers of all ages and all levels to submit their photographs to the new *Lens on Nature: Photographing Stark Parks* exhibition in the Fred F. Silk Community Room Gallery! This exhibition will be on display from July 26 through October 12, 2025, in Massillon Museum's Fred F. Silk Community Room Gallery.

Open to all: Submissions are open to all, including student, amateur, and professional photographers who capture nature during any season in Stark Parks. Participants do not need to be residents of Stark County.

Subject: Photographs must be taken at a Stark Parks park or trail location. The name of the park must be listed when dropping off the photograph. For a list and map of Stark Parks locations, visit StarkParks.com and click the "parks and trails" tab for a selection of park and trail locations.

Artwork Dropoff Dates: Matted photographs or matted and framed photographs must be dropped off at the Massillon Museum front desk between **June 27 and July 6, 2025**.

Submission limit: Submissions are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of two per person, and up to a total of thirty submissions for the whole exhibition.

Photograph Requirements:

- **Submissions must be printed no smaller than 8" per side. All submissions must be matted to 11" x 14", using a white mat with a backing.** Acceptable sizes for prints include 8" x 8", 8" x 10", or 8" x 12". Affordable 8" x 10" pre-cut mats are common, and other window sizes can be custom-cut. Photographs may also be framed to 11" x 14". Frames must include appropriate installation hardware (D-rings or wire). Clip and alligator hangers are not acceptable.

Photograph Requirements, continued

- Only minor editing is acceptable, (such as brightness, contrast, saturation, cropping, grayscale, etc.). The picture should best represent the natural beauty of nature without major computer manipulation; photographs created using AI are NOT eligible. Drone photography will not be accepted.
- The Museum retains the right to reject inappropriate photo entries (including breaking Stark Parks rules/regulations to obtain a photo, excessive editing, print size that is too small, etc.).
- Participants may choose to sell their artwork. Prices should include a 30% commission retained by Massillon Museum.
- Photo submissions must be accompanied by a signed loan agreement, including model waiver(s) if the photograph(s) include people, available at the time of artwork drop-off.

On Display: The exhibition will take place July 26 through October 12, 2025. It will be open to the public during the Massillon Museum's regular admission hours and free of charge. The Massillon Museum is located at 121 Lincoln Way E, Massillon, OH 44646, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Identification: Labels will be available at the Massillon Museum front desk when dropping off artwork. The labels will include Photographer Name, Title, Year, Name of park or trail location, and Price/insurance value if not for sale. Student photographers have the option to list Grade level and School. Attach a label to the back of each artwork so it can be identified by the public. Artists must sign a loan agreement when dropping off artwork.

Reception: A free reception will take place on **September 20, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Pickup Dates: October 31 through November 7, 2025. Artwork not retrieved by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, will become the property of the Massillon Museum and used or disposed of at its discretion, unless special arrangements have been requested and approved.

Contact: Emily Vigil, Studio M and Fred F. Silk Community Room Gallery Coordinator, evigil@massillonmuseum.org or 330-833-4061 ext. 106.