



2019 ANZA-BORREGO DESERT PHOTO CONTEST RULES AND SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Our annual contest highlights **the unique and natural beauty of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park®**. All photos must reflect this theme, be in good taste and be suitable for family viewing, as determined by ABF Staff. All photos must be taken within the boundaries of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to qualify.

Contest Categories

- A. Plants of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- B. Animals of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- C. Landscapes of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- D. People Enjoying Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- E. Black & White in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
- F. Cell Phone Photographs of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park*

*Cell Phone

Photographs: Any photo taken on a mobile phone device. Photo editing must follow existing guidelines for other categories.

Contest Awards & Prizes

- Best in Show Ribbon
- First, second and third place in each category will receive ribbons
- Honorable mention ribbons awarded in each category
- Online People's Choice Award, announced at the end of the online voting period

Gallery Awards

- People's Choice Award – gallery visitors vote for their favorite photo between February 2 – February 24, 2019 (selected from all award-winning photos in all categories)

Contest Timeline

1. **Online Submission Deadline: December 1, 2018-** All photos must be digitally submitted through www.theABF.org/PhotoContest by December 1, 2018. By submitting photos, you give Anza-Borrego Foundation the right to use them in marketing and promotion, with photo credit to the photographer. *You can submit up to 10 photographs per person.*
2. **Initial Judge Review: December 10 – December 16, 2018-** Our panel of judges will each review all the submissions, and will decide which photographs will move on to the printed judge review. Those selected for Final Review will be notified on December 18-19, 2018.
3. **Print Submission Window (invite only): December 20, 2018-January 18, 2019-** We must receive your printed photograph, which must adhere to our guidelines, **and your \$5/photo submission fee**, by January 18, 2019, for it to be considered in the Final Judge Review.
4. **Final Judge Review: January 26, 2019-** Your printed photo will be used during Final Judge Review and if it is awarded a prize, it will be hung in the gallery at Borrego Art Institute from February 2 – February 24, 2019.
5. **Online People's Choice Voting: December 20, 2018 – January 26, 2019-** The public will be able to vote on their favorite submissions during this time. Winners in each category will be announced via ABF's social media.
6. **Finalist Notification: January 28-29, 2019-** Anza-Borrego Foundation will notify, via email, those photographers whose photographs received first, second, third, and honorable mention awards.



7. **Opening Reception and Gallery Display: February 2, 2019-** Join us for the Opening of the Gallery Display at Borrego Art Institute. The Gallery Display will run from February 2 – February 24, 2019.

Subject Matter Guidelines:

Subject matter should be naturally-occurring scenes or objects found within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, or people enjoying those objects or scenes. The following types of subject matter should **not** be included in your images:

- Buildings and other man-made objects, unless of historic or archaeological significance in the Park, or a part of the “People Enjoying Anza-Borrego Desert State Park” category (example: mountain bikes, highway-legal Jeeps, telescopes, binoculars, etc are allowed)
- Agricultural or non-native species of plants (e.g. oleander, rose bushes, petunias). We understand not everyone will know native vs. non-native plants, and so will make some exceptions in rare cases at the discretion of our panel of judges.
- Agricultural or pet animals (dogs, cats, horses, etc), unless they are associated with people in the “People Enjoying Anza-Borrego Desert State Park” category.
- Anything that is against ABDSP regulations.

California State Parks Regulations Compliance:

All photographs must adhere to and follow regulations set by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Applicable codes can be downloaded from the DPR website [here](#). They are abbreviated for the purpose of this contest as follows:

- **Animals:** Entrants must not injure or distress any animal in an effort to gain a photograph. This includes baiting, trapping, capturing, and/or handling.
- **Plants:** Entrants must not disturb any plant in an effort to gain a photograph. This includes picking, manipulating, digging up, and/or removal of any living or dead plant part.

Composite photographs will be excluded from judging. A composite photograph is one which combines two or more unrelated items in the same image. An example would be superimposing an animal from one location onto a rock in another location using photo-editing software or double exposure.

Photo Editing: There are no restrictions on photo editing, with the exception of the composite image exclusion mentioned above. Black and white conversions, color alterations and other enhancements will all be judged within the context of the contest’s theme.

People: If your photo contains identifiable people, you must attach a release form, signed by each person in the photo (or each minor’s parent or guardian). This form is available on our [website](#).

The following persons may not enter this contest:

- ABF staff, Trustees and Board members
- Photo contest judges and committee members
- Borrego Art Institute/Kesling’s Kitchen paid staff and board members
- Employees of the Colorado Desert District of California State Parks
- Immediate family members of any of the above persons

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