

Goose Lake Prairie Partners

Volunteers at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area
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Take only Memories.
Leave only Footprints.
Thank You Very Kindly.



The Winners of the 10th Annual Nature Photo Contest held August 7 - 14, 2016 have been posted below.
This contest/exhibit is sponsored by The Goose Lake Prairie Partners & The Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.
It is a contest for Amateur Photographers visiting Illinois State Parks and especially Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.

Adult and Youth Divisions are available.

Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area Was the Site of the Prairie Partner's Tenth Annual Nature Photography Contest/Exhibit. Winners are announced.

Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area Was the Site of the Prairie Partner's Tenth Annual Nature Photography Contest/Exhibit. Ron Hodgen's "Wagon Sunset" won Best in Show at the Nature photo Show. Prairie Partners volunteer group sponsored the show at Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area.

Photo entries depict the flora, fauna, and natural environment in the Illinois state parks. 74 prints were submitted on Sunday August 7th at the GLPSNA Visitors Center. Two prints were from the Youth Division.

Judging was held August 10th. The judges were John Zappia, Betty Zappia and Bob Engle of Morris Camera Club. Visitors to the Center during the weekend chose the People's Choice winning photo. Goose Lake Prairie Partners chose the Prairie Partner winning photo.

We thank the FreePress for supporting this activity with ads in their paper.

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The Goose Lake Prairie Partners thank the Morris Camera Club members who have faithfully lent assistance to our photography project.

Downloads:

- [2016 10th Nature Photo Contest - Press Release](#)
- [2016 10th Nature Photo Contest - Full list of Winners.](#)
- [2015 9th Nature Photo Contest -Press Release.](#)
- [2015 9th Nature Photo Contest - Full List of Winners & Judges -Press Release.](#)

A special thank you to the Morris Camera Club for judging, and the Corn Festival Committee for the use of the display boards.
From Park Staff, we thank Superintendent Duane Snow and Eric Miller.
We also would like to thank all our contestants and hope they will return next year with more exciting photographs.

The Nature Photo Contest Judges for 2016

**John Zappia,
Betty Zappia
Bob Engle**

from the Morris Camera Club

We thank them for giving us their time and talents by judging this competition.

Best of Show
was awarded to

Ron Hodgen
Morris, IL

"Wagon Sunset"

Best of Color Prints
Same Entry as Above.



Best of Black and White
was awarded to

Janet Schleeter
Channahon, Illinois

"Song Sparrow"



Best of Youth Division
was awarded to

Griffyn Cowell,
Morris, Illinois

"Windy Hill"



Prairie Partner Pick

was awarded to

**Erica Cowell
Morris, IL****"The Boys"****Viewers' Choice**

was awarded to

**Rex Termain
Braidwood, IL****"Lazy Squirrel"****NOTICE:**

While collecting photos for State Park Photo Contests, do not pick or handle plants and do not handle animals on State Park Property. Thank you for staying on designated trails.

We feel privileged to present to you the winners of our contest. We request that you please remember that the copyright for these photographs remains with the photographers. If you wish to use a photo for any reason, please contact us and we will put you in contact with the photographer.

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