



WildSafeBC "BC Goes Wild" Photo Contest Information 2025

Overview

WildSafeBC is a program delivered by the not-for-profit BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF). WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions. This photo contest is one of the events taking place in British Columbia during WildSafeBC's Annual BC Goes Wild Celebration throughout the month of September. WildSafeBC encourages BC residents and visitors to celebrate the wide diversity of wildlife in BC and be WildSafe when living, working, playing and growing in wildlife country.

Submissions

A submission form will appear on the 2025 Photo Contest Page of the WildSafeBC website on September 1st, 2025. <https://wildsafebc.com/get-involved/2025-photo-contest/>
The deadline to submit photos is September 30th, 2025. There is no limit on the number of photos that can be submitted. Please name your photos with a short, descriptive title stating the species and what the animal is doing (i.e. "Bear Eating Salmon) and share where in BC the photo was taken, and the story behind the photograph if there is one.

Rules

Photos must be taken in British Columbia and be of high resolution with limited alterations and not include any watermarks or other markings. Use of AI to create, alter, or enhance photos is strictly forbidden. Any photo submissions suspected of using AI will be disqualified. The Entrant must provide their first and last name, contact information, and only submit photos they have personally taken. Any photo submissions suspected of having been stolen, or otherwise submitted without the permission of the copyright owner, will be disqualified. Entrant agrees that by submitting their photos, they abided by WildSafeBC's Photographer's Code of Ethics in capturing the photos. Photos must have been taken in the calendar year of the contest (2025), or the year prior (2024).

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Eligibility

The contest is a celebration of BC wildlife, so we encourage residents of British Columbia to participate. Canadians outside of BC can still submit their photos if they were taken in BC, but the 1st place winning prize will only be mailed to a BC address. All Entrants must be 19 years of age or have the permission of their legal guardian.

Prize

One 1st place winning photo will be selected from the submissions. The winner will be selected by a panel of judges based on composition, overall impact, and technical quality. The prize consists of a \$150 cheque and a WildSafeBC Ball Cap. Winners will be announced in October and prize will be mailed to the winner by December 31st. Odds of winning will depend on the number of eligible photos received. The 1st place winner, as well as 2nd and 3rd place will have their photos shared on WildSafe's Instagram and Facebook pages, and if these Entrants have photography-based accounts, these will be tagged and promoted. If not, their first and last names will be stated instead.

Photography Ethics

WildSafeBC recognizes that taking photos of wildlife can sometimes put people and wildlife at risk. As such, WildSafeBC has developed Photography Ethics that should be followed to prevent negative impacts on wildlife or put people at risk:

Nature comes first.

- Do not contribute to human habituation or interfere with an animal's natural behaviour.

Research your subject so as not to interfere with an animal's routine needs such as feeding and raising young. An animal that is stressed will expend unnecessary energy that can impact its survival and potentially that of its offspring.

- Do not use calls to draw in wildlife.
- Avoid crowding the subject and use a long lens to maintain your distance. If the animal moves away, you are too close.

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- Be respectful of private property. Tread lightly and avoid damaging fragile ecosystems. Stay on trails if unsure.
- Do not stop on highways or roads where speeds exceed 60km/hr unless there is an approved pullout. This can be unsafe for fellow motorists or for wildlife if they cross traffic.
- Bear viewing is best done from a safely parked vehicle or a regulated viewing platform. Never approach potentially dangerous wildlife.
- Never feed or bait wildlife to obtain a photo (in many cases this is illegal). This includes the use of salt which may have the unintentional consequence of spreading disease.

Copyright

The Entrant retains the copyright of the photo. By submitting this photo, the Entrant understands and hereby grants to the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF) the right to reproduce, use, exhibit, display, broadcast, distribute and create derivative works of the photographed images taken, for use in connection with the activities of the BCCF or for promoting, publicizing or explaining the BCCF or its activities. This grant includes, without limitation, the right to publish such images in BCCF publications and PR/promotional materials, including the website, and our social media pages. These images may appear in any of the wide variety of formats and media now available to the BCCF and that may be available in the future, including but not limited to print, broadcast, videotape, CD-ROM, website and electronic/online media.

Personal Information

Personal Information collected from Entrants will be used to administer the Contest and in connection with the publication of winning photographs. The Entrant's information will not be shared with any third parties, except as necessary for the administration of the Contest or as may be required by law. WildSafeBC will not attempt to contact the Entrant for any other purpose than to administer the Contest.



Disputes

By entering this contest, the Entrant accepts and abides by the Contest Rules. In the event of any disagreement as to whether a person is an Entrant, a potential winner or a winner, or as to the qualification of any Entrant or the adequacy of any prize or any substitute prize, the decision of BCCF will be final.