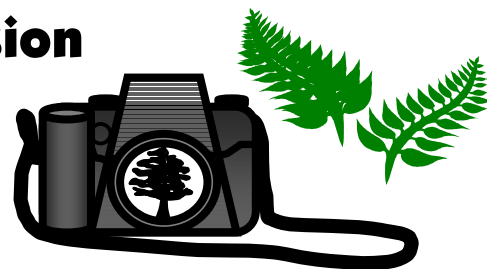




Bow Conservation Commission

Natural Resources Photography Contest 2009



10 Grandview Road
Bow, NH 03304
228-1187

<http://www.bow-nh.com/conservation.asp>

The Bow Conservation Commission (BCC) is sponsoring a photography contest to increase awareness of the town's open space and natural resources and to encourage their sustainable use.

Who: The contest is open to any amateur photographer who is a resident of Bow.

What: Photos of the natural environment and people's enjoyment of that natural environment in Bow's Town lands.

Where: Eligible lands

Maps are available online at the Conservation Commission's website: <http://www.bow-nh.com/conservation.asp>.

Categories:

Wildlife – portraits and behavior of wild animals in natural habitat. (Domestic animals and livestock are not eligible subjects.)

Connecting People and Nature – People enjoying Bow's town forest and lands in some way.

Landscapes – Of or from wild areas.

Plants – Wildflowers or other wild plants in their natural setting.

When: The deadline for submitting entries is **Thursday, December 31, 2009**. Eligible photos are those taken during 2009.

By Mail: Matted photos may be mailed to the Bow Municipal Building at 10 Grandview Rd. and must be **received by Thursday, December 31, 2009**.

By Email: Images may be emailed to bccphotos@gmail.com no later than 12/31/09. The Conservation Commission is not responsible for problems with non-delivery of emailed images.

Hand Delivery: Matted photos may be delivered to the Town Clerk's office at the Bow Municipal Building at 10 Grandview Rd. between the hours of 7:30 to 3:30 pm. Please make sure your entry is in an envelope labeled with the BCC Photo contest. Winners will be announced in January and the photos will be displayed in February-March in the Baker Free Library.

Prizes to be awarded include items from area donors. For more information, contact Sandy Crystall at 226-4903 or bccphotos@gmail.com.

Bow Conservation Commission Photo Contest Rules

1. The BCC Photo Contest is open to any Bow resident who is an amateur photographer.
2. Acceptable entries may be submitted as matted prints or emailed images, in color or black and white.

For **prints**, the smallest dimension of the photo may be no smaller than 8 inches, and the largest dimension of the photo may be no larger than 14 inches. Therefore common photo sizes such as 8" x 10" or 11" x 14" are acceptable (as would be an 8" x 8" photo)

For **digital images**, minimum resolution must be 1024 x 768 pixels (but no more than 5 MB).

Entries must be original, unpublished photographs taken on town land by the entrant in 2009.

3. Complete a contest entry form for each photo entered. Up to 5 photos may be entered. Deliver the entries to the town clerk's office in the municipal building, mail them to the Conservation Commission at the municipal building address, or email them (with a completed contest entry form for each) to: bccphotos@gmail.com.
4. You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright in all photos entered. Individual photographers retain all copyrights to their work. *The Town retains the right to display the photographs in town buildings and publish them in town publications.*
5. For all entry categories, compositional changes to digital files are not acceptable and will be disqualified; tonal or colorcast corrections are acceptable.
6. A model release form also must accompany each photo containing identifiable people.
7. Judges selected by the BCC will choose the winners, based on technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and its representation of Bow. The judges' decision on all matters relating to the competition is final.
8. Photos will be eligible for the following awards:
 - a. A First Place in each of the four categories, which will compete for Best in Show.
 - b. One Best in Show (Adult)
 - c. One Best in Show (Young Person's) Award for school age young person.
9. Winners will be notified via telephone, e-mail or U.S. mail in January 2010.
10. The deadline for entries is December 31, 2009.

Bow Conservation Commission – 2009 Entry Form – required for each photo

The information with an asterisk (*) is required.

Name*:		Phone*:	
Address*:		E-mail:	
City/Town*:	State:	Zip:	
Location in Bow*: Indicate on attached map		Date Photo Taken*:	

Category in which this photo is being entered* (circle one):

Wildlife	Plants
Connecting People and Nature	Landscapes

Description of Photo*:

I hereby affirm that the photograph provided was taken by me taken at the location specified on the entry form and I release to the Town of Bow the right to use the above information and any enclosed photographs for promotional purposes, although I understand that this does not restrict my use of the same information and photographs. I do not sell photographs or charge a fee for taking pictures.

Signature of Photographer*:	Date:
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