No purchase necessary!
This contest is open to residents of York Region only (see details below).

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS
THE YORK REGIONAL FOREST PHOTO CONTEST (the “CONTEST”)

Please read these official rules and the associated Privacy Statement in their entirety before entering the Contest. You are not eligible to enter the Contest unless you agree to these official rules and the Privacy Statement. Participation in the Contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these official rules, which are final on all matters relating to the Contest.

The Regional Municipality of York (“York Region”), its employees, Regional Council members, agents successors and assigns shall not be held responsible for any costs, losses, damages or expenses arising by reason of accident, negligence, printing, administrative or other errors that may arise or occur in connection with the Contest. York Region reserves the right to modify, amend, suspend or terminate this Contest, without prior notice, with no obligation or liability.

CONTEST DURATION
The Contest starts on Friday January 1, 2017 at 12:01 a.m. ET and ends on Monday, October 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”).

ELIGIBILITY
No purchase is necessary to enter.
Contest is open to all residents of York Region, who are 18 years of age or older at the time of entry, except Regional employees or agents, or Regional Council members.
To be eligible to participate in this Contest, each person entering the Contest (“Contestant”) must:

• Submit at least one (1) photograph taken in a York Regional Forest Tract or any forest within York Region; and
• Provide a description and the location of the photo
• Photos must not contain watermarks or logos
• Photo must be the original work of the Contestant.

Contestants meeting these criteria will be included in online voting for a chance to be featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar.
How to Enter
During the Contest Period, valid Contest entries ("Entries") will be accepted via the Instagram or Twitter application, or through Woobox (which is accessed via a link from York Region's Facebook page) (the “Application”). The Contestant must (i) take one or more photos of the York Region forest tract or any forest within York Region; and (ii) hashtag the photo(s) “#YRForest” Or “#YRForestContest” (a “Hashtag”). Each time a Contestant uses a hashtag and submits an Application or submits a photo through the Website, the Contestant is agreeing to comply with these Official Contest Rules and all such submittals that comply with these Official Contest Rules constitute Entries. Photos with a Hashtag may be submitted by Contestants via any of the following:
- Instagram
- Woobox (accessed through York Region’s Facebook page and uploaded via the contest tab)
- Twitter (uploaded with a Hashtag)

Entries generated by script, macro or other automated means and Entries by any means which subvert these Official Contest Rules are void. The Entries, will not be returned. Photos containing any public figures or other recognizable individuals must be accompanied by a signed model release form which will be made available on York Region’s website. Submissions without the appropriate paperwork will not be considered in the Contest.

Photos will be screened for appropriateness before being considered for voting. Photos that are inappropriate in nature or do not include the York Region forest tract or any forest within York Region in the image will be void. Appropriateness of the photos is determined at the sole and exclusive discretion of York Region. Contestants can submit as many photos during the Contest Period that they want.

This Contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or Woobox. You understand and agree that you are providing your information to York Region and not to Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or Woobox.

York Region is not responsible for technical problems with digital photos or uploading photos. If photos submitted cannot be viewed or any submitted photos do not satisfy the Contest requirements, such entries will be disqualified.

No responsibility is assumed by York Region, its respective Council members, employees, agents, successors and assigns, for any disruption to postal service or to telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software or failure of any entry to be received because of technical problems on the internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, as well as lost, misdirected, or late entries which for any reason are not received or which are illegible, incomplete or irregular in any way.
ENTRIES

No entries shall be returned. By entering this Contest, Contestants indicate their consent to their personal information being stored, used and processed for purposes concerning this Contest by York Region. The declared prize winners’ information, including his/her name, mailing address, telephone number and/or e-mail address, will be shared with York Region and the independent contest administrator, as required to award the prizes in this Contest. The Contestant by entering this contest, does not require the consent of any other party or rights holder to submit the image or has obtained said consent.

PRIZES DESCRIPTION

Seasonal Period Prizes:
There are four Seasonal Period Prizes available to be won
• Photo featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar
• A gift card to Henry’s worth $50

Seasonal Editor’s Choice Prizes:
There are four Seasonal Editor’s Choice Prizes available to be won
• Photo featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar
• A gift card to Henry’s worth $50

Grand Prize:
There is one grand prize available to be won at the end of the Contest
• Photo featured on the cover of the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar
• A gift card to Henry’s worth $100

For the Seasonal Period Prizes, Seasonal Editor’s Choice and the Grand Prize, entries by Contestants will have the chance to be selected as the winners of these prizes. The selection process is described below.

SEASONAL AND EDITOR’S CHOICE PRIZE WINNER SELECTIONS AND NOTIFICATION
York Region will review all images for appropriateness before posting them at http://www.facebook.com/YorkRegionGovt for public voting during the Contest Period. Registered Facebook account holders will be invited to vote for their favourite photo. Voting is limited to one vote per day per person and Facebook account and email address. Multiple votes received from any Facebook account, person or email address in excess of the voting limit will be void.

Seasonal Prize Winner:
For each Seasonal Contest Period, one Contestant who submitted at least one (1) eligible photo during that Seasonal Contest Period will be selected from all eligible Entries to be awarded a Seasonal Period Prize and the Contestant’s selected photo will be guaranteed to be featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar.

Selection of the winning Seasonal Period Prize Winner will be determined by representatives of York Region partly based on the quality and creativity of the Entry, partly based on the number of votes it receives, as well as other criteria established in York Region’s sole discretion. Contestants are limited to one Seasonal Period Prize per contest period. Any votes received on future submissions will not be considered. Contestants who have previously won a Seasonal Period Prize from past contests will not be eligible for future Seasonal Prizes, however, they are still eligible for the Editor’s Choice and the Grand Prize.
Seasonal Editor’s Choice Prize Winner:
For each Seasonal Contest Period, one Contestant who submitted at least one (1) eligible photo during that Seasonal Contest Period will be selected from all eligible Entries to be awarded a Seasonal Editor’s Choice Period Prize and the Contestant’s selected photo will be guaranteed to be featured in the Forests of York Region 2018 Calendar.

Selection of the winning Seasonal Editor’s Choice Period Prize Winner will be determined by representatives of York Region partly based on the quality and creativity of the Entry, as well as other criteria established in York Region’s sole discretion. Contestants are limited to one Seasonal Editor’s Choice Period Prize per contest period.

Breakdown of Seasonal Contest Periods:
Winter: January 1, 2017 12:00 a.m. to March 31, 2017 11:59 p.m.
Spring: April 1, 2017 12:00 a.m. to June 30, 2017 11:59 p.m.
Summer: July 1, 2017 12:00 a.m. to August 31, 2017 11:59 p.m.
Autumn: September 1, 2017 12:00 a.m. to October 31, 2017 11:59 p.m.

All Seasonal Period Prize winners must meet the eligibility rules in order to receive the prize. York Region will notify each selected winner by mail, phone, and/or e-mail In order to be declared a winner, The Contestant must correctly answer a time-limited mathematical skill testing question by phone or mail.

CONTEST GRAND PRIZE WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION
At the end of the Contest Period, the representatives of York Region will select the winner of the Grand Prize from the valid Entries made during the Contest Period. The Contestant who entered the winning photo will be notified by York Region of his or her selection as the Grand Prize winner. The winner will be announced no later than December 31, 2017.

The selection of the winner of the Grand Prize will be determined in part by the quality and creativity of the photo and other criteria as established by York Region in its sole discretion. The Grand Prize winner will not necessarily be a Seasonal Period Prize or Editor’s Choice winner. The Contestant selected as the winner of the Grand Prize must meet the eligibility rules before being awarded the Grand Prize. The winning Contestant will be notified by mail, phone, and/or e-mail.

CLAIMING ANY PRIZE
Within thirty (30) days of being confirmed a qualified prize winner, that person will be responsible for providing a mailing address to York Region staff involved with the Contest in order to receive his/her prize.

The qualified winners each agree to release York Region, its employees, Regional Council members, agents, successors and assigns and all other Contest Parties from any and all liability, loss, damage or claims caused by, resulting from or otherwise associated with the awarding, receipt, installation, possession, and/or use or misuse of any prize, including any travel or transportation related thereto.
GENERAL RULES
By participating in this Contest, Contestants agree to comply with these official contest rules and regulations and with the decisions of York Region, judges and/or the independent contest administrator, which are irrevocable and shall be legally binding in all instances.

By entering this Contest and submitting your information, you agree that you have read and understand the Contest rules and that the information you provide will be governed by our Privacy Statement.

By participating in this Contest, all eligible Contestants and qualified winners also agree to the use of their submitted Entry information including name, address (municipality only), and photos for publicity purposes relating exclusively to this Contest without additional compensation.

By participating in this Contest, all Contestants grant to York Region a worldwide, non-exclusive, unrestricted, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, assignable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, publish, create derivative works from, translate, license and display the submitted entry information, images (in whole or in part) and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media or technology now known or later developed, without the Contestant’s prior approval and all Contestants further waive any copyright that they may have in the submitted entry information. In addition, by submitting an Entry in this Contest, each Contestant represents and warrants that they own and control all rights in and to the submitted entry information and that each Contestant has the right to grant the foregoing rights to York Region.

This Contest and the terms and conditions contained in these official contest rules and regulations, shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be adjudicated solely in the applicable court in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

This Contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.

RIGHTS RESERVED
York Region reserves the right, in its sole discretion to cancel or suspend this promotion should fraud, virus, bugs or other causes beyond the control of York Region corrupt the administration, security or proper play of the contest. With respect to computer entries, York Region is not responsible for computer system, phone line, hardware, software or program malfunctions or other errors, failures or delays in computer transmissions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Should multiple users of the same email account enter the contest and a dispute thereafter arise regarding the identity of the Contestant, the authorized subscriber of said email account at the time of entry will be considered the Contestant. “Authorized account subscriber” is defined as the natural person who is assigned an email address by an Internet access provider, online service provider or other organization which is responsible for assigning email addresses or the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. Automated entries are prohibited, and any use of such automated entries shall result in disqualification. York Region reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual (and all of his or her contest entries) who tampers with the entry process.
Privacy Statement as it applies to
THE YORK REGIONAL FOREST PHOTO CONTEST

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) recognizes our responsibility to protect the personal information provided to us. In brief, "personal information" is information that can be uniquely identified with you, such as your full name, address, email address and phone number for the purposes of your entry into THE YORK REGIONAL FOREST PHOTO CONTEST (the Contest).

This Privacy Statement applies to individuals who deal with us in relation to the Contest in Canada and to all personal information that we collect about you for the purposes of the Contest. York Region does not control the content or the privacy policies of third party online resources to which our websites may provide links and this Privacy Statement does not, therefore, apply to any such resources.

By entering the Contest, you agree with the terms of this Privacy Statement. When you submit information to the Contest, you consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of that information in accordance with this Privacy Statement.

1. ACCOUNTABILITY
At York Region, accountability for compliance with the privacy principles rests with our Chief Privacy Officer, even though other individuals within York Region or our agents may be responsible for the day-to-day collection and processing of personal information about you for the purposes of conducting the Contest. Information collected for the purposes of the Contest will be handled in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56.

2. IDENTIFYING PURPOSES
York Region is collecting personal information in this instance solely for your entry into the Contest.

3. CONSENT
Your knowledge and consent are required for the collection, use or disclosure of personal information about you.

4. LIMITING COLLECTION
York Region will limit the collection and use of both the amount and the type of personal information to that which is necessary for the identified purposes, for the management and oversight of the data collection, to ensure compliance with this privacy policy as it applies to the Contest and to preserve the integrity of the Contest database, or to comply with applicable laws and/or regulations, and any such information will be obtained only by lawful and fair means.
5. LIMITING USE, DISCLOSURE, AND RETENTION
Limiting Use: York Region uses personal information about you only for the purposes for which it was collected.

Limiting Disclosure: York Region does not disclose your personal information other than as described in this Privacy Statement or otherwise with your consent, unless permitted or required by law.

Limiting Retention: Personal information will be retained only as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it was collected or in accordance with applicable laws and York Region’s retention policies.

6. SAFEGUARDS
York Region will take appropriate steps to ensure that personal information about you is protected from unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use or modification.

Although we have enacted security measures, we cannot guarantee the security of any information that you submit via email, to Twitter, Instagram, Woobox, Facebook or otherwise over the Internet. Please be aware that there are technology implications concerning the collection of information when you are visiting websites, including York Region websites.

Submission of personal information using such networks is done at your own risk, since no Internet transmission is ever 100 per cent secure or error-free. Our websites may contain links or references to other websites to which this Privacy Statement does not apply. York Region is not responsible for the data collection and use practices of companies or organizations to which the York Region websites may provide links. We encourage you to read the privacy statement/policy of every application or website you visit.