

LUSS LOCH LOMOND PHOTO COMPETITION

Terms and Conditions

1. The subject for the Luss Estates Photographic Competition 2015/16 is *'Wild and Wonderful'*. The theme is open to individual interpretation but entries must have the natural world at their heart. You might choose to photograph British wildlife (which includes animals and plants), landscapes or even the weather. Pictures of domestic animals (e.g. pets and livestock) and cultivated plants are not eligible. Images of British wildlife in captivity must be declared as such.
2. Entries must be taken in and around Luss Estate on Loch Lomond, Scotland.
3. Entrants can submit up to four photos as high resolution digital files of 300dpi in colour or black and white.
4. Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content. Luss Estates and the judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.
5. The competition is open to UK residents only (*including residents of the Channel Islands and Isle of Man*). Entrants under the age of 12 years need to have parent or guardian consent to enter.
6. Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.
7. Each entry should be marked with name, email address, address, contact telephone number (both daytime and evening) and where the photo was taken.
8. Entries should be sent to: Luss Estates Photographic Competition 2015/16, The Luss Estate Company, Arnburn, Arden, Argyll G83 8RH.
9. The competition closes at midnight on Sunday 15 May 2016.
10. No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organisers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
11. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges. One panel of judges will first select a long list of photographs from which another panel of judges will select a shortlist of 12 (the 'Finalists') which, in their opinion, best illustrate the theme of the competition. They will consider a range of factors including composition, technical ability, originality, interpretation of the brief and the commercial appeal of the photographs. The judges will select their favourite entry and that winner will receive a prize of £100 worth of vouchers for Amazon Online. A further 11 runners-up will win a prize of £25 worth of Amazon vouchers. The winning photograph and 11 runners-up will appear in the Luss Estates Calendar 2017, and the Finalists may also be published in Luss Estates publications or used online by Luss Estates and associated companies. The prize is as stated. There is no cash alternative and it cannot be sold or transferred.
12. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
13. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.
14. Prior to submission, entrants must not have offered any of their entries for sale, been paid for any publication of any of their entries or won or been a runner up in any other photographic competition with any of their entries.
15. Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to Luss Estates. By entering the competition all entrants grant to Luss Estates the right to publish and exhibit their photographs on Luss Estates' websites. Entrants whose photographs are one of the Finalists or selected to appear in the Luss Estates Calendar 2017 pursuant to paragraph 11 above grant to Luss Estates the further rights to publish and exhibit their photographs in print, on their respective websites or in any other media. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose photographs are one of the Finalists also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names.
16. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and Luss Estates reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if Luss Estates has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.
17. Luss Estates reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.
18. If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made; Luss Estates reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner up, or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.
19. These rules are governed by the laws of Scotland. This competition is administered by Luss Estates.