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Sharing the Scenery

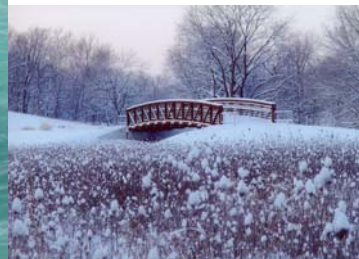
Platte County Parks Sponsors Photo Contest

Are you a photographer or have some great pictures of the outdoors? Would you like to spend some time in Platte County parks and share the scenery with other county residents? Platte County Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a photo contest through July 15th asking park patrons to submit their most scenic photos of the parks, trails and community centers. The top photos will be used by the Department to spread the word about the many great things to do in our beautiful parks, including a Platte County Parks & Recreation Calendar planned for 2009.

The Parks Department invites all levels of photographers to snap a photo of their favorite landscape, park sunset, or sporting activity to share the parks experience with other Platte County residents. Desirable subject matter includes scenic landscapes, wildlife, flowers, seasonal themes, and people enjoying the parks or any other excellent quality images that show the best of Platte County parks and recreation facilities. Individuals featured in photographs must be available to sign a photographic release.

Photos selected for publication in the 2009 Platte County Parks & Recreation calendar will receive a free one-month pass to the Platte County Community Centers/YMCA and credit for their picture in the calendar.

Eligible Platte County Parks & Recreation parks, trails and facilities include: Barry Platte Park, Green Hills of Platte Wildlife Preserve, Missouri Riverfront Trail, Platte County Community Center North, Platte County Community Center South, Platte Purchase Park, Platte Ridge Park, Prairie Creek Greenway, Shiloh Springs Golf Course, Southern Platte Pass, The Springs Aquatic Center, Tiffany Hills Sports Complex and Weston Bluffs Trail. For addresses and directions see the County Parks website at www.co.platte.mo.us/parks.



Photographers capturing images at the Platte County Community Centers and The Springs Aquatic Center are asked to contact the center executive or manager prior to their visit to the facility. The center executive for Platte County Community Center North is Angie Mutti, 858-0114, and for Platte County Community Center South is Garry Linn, 505-2622. To schedule a visit at The Springs, contact Tammy Tritico at 513-7666 or Eden Dowler at 880-0733.

Pictures may be submitted by mail on CD to Platte County Parks & Recreation, 415 Third Street, Platte City, MO 64079 or electronically to rsmith@co.platte.mo.us. All submitted photographs will be the property of Platte County Park & Recreation and may be used at the discretion of Platte County. Attach only one photograph per e-mail and in the subject line, type "Parks Photo Contest". Be sure to include the following information with each submission:

- Description of subject and location
- Photographer's name
- Email or mailing address
- Phone number

For more information about the photo contest contact Rhonda Smith at the Platte County Parks and Recreation office at 858.3419.

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