

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS & PRIVACY STATEMENT
The YORK REGION “FOREST100” PHOTO CONTEST

No purchase necessary!

This contest is open to residents of York Region only (see details below).

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS
YORK REGION “FOREST100” PHOTO CONTEST (the “CONTEST”)

Please read these official rules and the Notice of Collection in their entirety before entering the Contest. You are not eligible to enter the Contest unless you agree to these official rules and regulations. 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”) is administrator of the Contest and 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 to any person entering the Contest.

CONTEST DURATION

The Contest starts on January 29, 2024, at 12:01 a.m. ET and ends on October 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”).

ELIGIBILITY

No purchase is necessary to enter.

The Contest is open to all residents of York Region who are eighteen (18) years old or older at the time of entry, except York Region employees, York Region agents and Regional Council members.

Contestants will be eligible to win a prize once per month only and may submit unlimited unique photo entries.

To be eligible to participate in this Contest, each person entering the Contest (“Contestant”) must:

- Submit at least one (1) photo during the Contest Period to be considered valid for prize consideration
- Submit the York Regional Forest tract location in which the image was taken with a description
- Not use watermarks, text or logos in any photos
- Only submit photos that are the original work of the Contestant

Contestants must provide the following details with their submission:

- First and last name
- Email address
- First three digits of your postal code
- Photo location and caption
- Acknowledge and agree to Contest Rules including Photograph Consent and Release

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HOW TO ENTER

During the Contest Period, a Contestant entering the Contest must: (i) take one or more photos at one of the York Regional Forest tracts; and (ii) submit the photo through the online form at york.ca/Forest100

Each time a Contestant submits a photo through the online form, whether or not the submittal constitutes an Entry, the Contestant is agreeing to comply with these Official Contest Rules. All submittals that comply with these Official Contest Rules, as determined by York Region, constitute Entries.

Entries generated by script, macro or other automated means and Entries by any means which subvert these Official Contest Rules are void.

All Entries, including but not limited to photos that are part of the Entries, and all intellectual property rights therein, become the sole and exclusive property of York Region and will not be returned to Contestants. York Region may use and reproduce the Entries, including but not limited to publishing photos that are part of the Entries, as York Region in its sole and absolute discretion considers appropriate in accordance with these Official Contest Rules. By submitting an Entry, Contestants irrevocably and unconditionally waive, in favour of York Region, all moral rights the Contestant has or may have in the Entry (including but not limited to photos that are part of the Entry).

Photos containing any public figures or other recognizable individuals must be accompanied by a signed model release form for each recognizable individual appearing in the photo. The model release form 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. Photos that are inappropriate in nature or do not relate to the contest will be void. Appropriateness of the photos is determined at the sole and exclusive discretion of York Region. Contestants can submit an unlimited number of photos during the Contest Period. An online form must be submitted for each photo.

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.

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ENTRIES

All entries become the property of York Region and none shall be returned. The photo submitted must not infringe on copyright or other intellectual property rights. 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 their name, mailing address, telephone number and/or e-mail address, will be shared with York Region, as required to award the prizes in this Contest.

PRIZES DESCRIPTION

There are ten (10) monthly prizes to be won.

Monthly Prizes:

- One of ten (10) Forest100 Jenga games
- Photo featured in the 2025 York Region Forest Calendar and on York Region social media channels

There is one (1) grand prize available to be won at the end of the Contest.

Grand Prize:

- One (1) grand prize of a \$100 prepaid e-gift card
- One Forest100 Jenga game
- The photo submitted being featured in the 2025 York Regional Forest Calendar and on York Region social media channels

MONTHLY PRIZE WINNER SELECTIONS AND NOTIFICATION

At the end of each month, representatives of York Region will randomly select the prize winner from the valid Submissions submitted during the Contest Period.

A Monthly Prize winner will not also be a Grand Prize winner.
Contestants are limited to one (1) prize per contest.

The winners will be announced no later than December 31, 2024.
The Contest winner must reply within seven (7) business days and answer a skill-testing question.

All prize winners must meet the eligibility rules in order to receive the prize. York Region will notify each selected winner by email.

If the Contest winner does not respond to the Region's messaging within seven (7) business days or incorrectly answers the skill-testing question posed by York Region staff, the Contest winner will be disqualified and their entitlement to receive the prize will be declared null and void. York Region reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to select another eligible Submission as the Contest winner, in which event these provisions shall apply to such other eligible Submission.

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York Region is not bound to select any Contestant as a Monthly Prize Winner or a Grand Prize Winner.

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 received by York Region during the Contest Period. The Contestant who is chosen will be notified by York Region as the Grand Prize winner.

The selection of the winner of the Grand Prize will be determined in part by York Region in its sole discretion. The Grand Prize winner will not also be a Monthly Prize 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 as a qualified prize winner, that person will be responsible for providing their mailing address to York Region in order to receive their prize. The failure to provide the mailing address within the thirty (30) day time period will render that person's prize void.

The qualified winners each hereby agree to release York Region, their respective employees, Regional Council members, agents, successors and assigns and all other Contest Entities 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.

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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 the Notice of Collection.

By participating in this Contest, all eligible Contestants and qualified winners agree to sign a Declaration and Release Form, releasing York Region its employees, Regional Council members, agents, successors and assigns, respective advertising and promotional agencies, and the independent contest administrator from any liability in connection with this Contest and/or the prizes awarded.

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 or notice.

By participating in this Contest, all Contestants grant to York Region a worldwide, non-exclusive, unrestricted, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, assignable and sublicensable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, publish, create derivative works from, translate, license and display the submitted entry/entries, 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 or moral rights that they may have in the submitted entry information, including but not limited to the submitted photo(s). 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, including but not limited to the submitted photo(s), 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 municipal bylaws, the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

York Region reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel or suspend any portion of this Contest for any reason whatsoever, without any liability to any Contestant for any costs such Contestant may have incurred in respect of the Contest.

York Region accepts no responsibility for any reason whatsoever, including computer system, hardware, software or program malfunctions of either the Contestants or York Region, or their respective service providers, if the Contestants are unable to submit their Entries before the closing date and time. The Contestants agree that York Region shall have no liability for delays caused by internet/network traffic, degraded operation or failure of any computer system element, including but not limited to: any computer system, power supply, telephone or data connection or system or software or browser of any type whatsoever that affects the Contest or the Contestant's participation in it.

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York Region is not responsible for:

- a. lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries and/or
- b. any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries.

York Region is entitled to interpret these Rules as required and its decision is final and binding.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION

The personal information submitted in this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25* and in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56.* and will be used for the sole purposes of processing your entry and administering the YORK REGION "FOREST100" PHOTO CONTEST.

IDENTIFYING PURPOSES

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

CONSENT

By entering the Contest, and submitting an Entry, you expressly consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of any information submitted by you, including personal information, with respect to this Contest.

Limiting Use: York Region uses personal information about you only for the purposes for which it was collected.

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.

SAFEGUARDS

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

If you have questions about the collection, use, and disclosure, of your personal information by York Region please contact Forestry, The Regional Municipality of York, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1, Email: greening@york.ca

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PHOTOGRAPH CONSENT AND RELEASE

I consent and authorize York Region to use such Images of me and/or my child(ren) by any means, including, but not limited to, publishing in print and online, advertising, social media, electronic and other digital means ("Publication"). I understand that this includes, but is not limited to, publishing the Images in materials distributed by the Region and displaying the Images within Region facilities. I understand that the Region has the sole discretion to use the Images, in whole or in part, for Publication, or not, and that the Region has the right to retain an electronic or other copy of the Images for an unlimited period of time. I irrevocably grant to the Region a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, exclusive and unlimited license to use the Images. I have the authority to grant this license.

I acknowledge that:

- there will be no financial compensation for the use of the Images and I agree that this Photograph/Video Consent and Release is given forever by me, and for no credit or financial recompense, at any time.
- York Region may not be able to control the distribution or use of the Images by other than Regional representatives.

I release, waive, discharge and hold harmless the Region and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, actions, debts, damages, injuries or losses including third party claims, actions, damages, that may arise or be incurred as a result of the taking, use, modification, publication or distribution of the Images, including but not limited to, claims of defamation, invasion of privacy or copyright infringement or any misuse or alterations to the Images and any derivative works created by the Region or third parties.