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One Attached – contest poster
View all past winners and contest details/entry page here: <https://www.discoverstillwater.com/photo-contest/>

**STILLWATER’s ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

*Stillwater, MN –* One of America’s Most Picturesque Towns (according to USA Today Travel) is hosting their 9th annual photo contest where anyone, amateur or professional, has a chance to win. With big prize incentives, it is a great excuse to take a road-trip to the Birthplace of Minnesota. The Stillwater/Oak Park Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau (Discover Stillwater) invites those with a love for capturing great photos to submit their best Stillwater images now through October 31, 2021 for the chance to win $100-$300 or a Stillwater Getaway Package valued at $1300. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd place cash prizes and a popular vote category who wins the grand prize of the Stillwater Getaway Package which includes the following:

* 2-night stay at [Hotel Crosby](http://www.hotelcrosby.com), Stillwater’s newest hotel offering a blend of luxury and comfort right on Main Street with a rooftop salt water hot-tub and on-site restaurant.
* [Just for Me Spa](https://www.justformespa.com/) $100 gift card
* Two tickets for a cruise on the [Stillwater River Boats](https://www.stillwaterriverboats.com/)
* Two tickets to a performance at [Zephyr Theatre](https://www.stillwaterzephyrtheatre.org/)
* Two tickets for [Stillwater Ghost Walk](https://americanghostwalks.com/minnesota/stillwater-ghost-walks/) tours
* Two tickets for the [Stillwater Trolley](https://stillwatertrolley.com/) history tour
* 2 Cruiser Bike Rentals from[Diro Outdoors](https://dirooutdoors.com/pages/bike-rentals)
* $50 at the new[Forge & Foundry Distillery](https://www.forgeandfoundrydistillery.com/)
* $50 at each of these shops: [Smith & Trade Merchantile](https://smithandtrade.com/), [Reclaiming Beautiful](https://www.reclaimingbeautiful.com/),[Valley Bookseller](https://www.valleybookseller.com/) ,  [Sota Clothing](https://www.sotaclothing.com/) , [Apricot Lane](https://apricotlaneboutique.com/store/stillwater/) , [Minnesota Made](https://www.minnesotamadeapparel.com/).
* $50 at each of these restaurants: [The Lumberjack](https://www.thelumberjackmn.com/) , [Charlie's Irish Pub](https://waterstreetinn.us/charlies-restaurant/), [The Freight House](https://www.thefreighthouse.com/)

Winners will all also receive recognition on the DiscoverStillwater.com website and social media as well as a showcase in the 2022 [Official Stillwater Visitors Guide](https://www.discoverstillwater.com/visitors-guide/). Images are encouraged from all four seasons and must be taken in Stillwater, Minnesota. Ideas include people and/or places that portray Stillwater’s history, people having fun, events, landmarks, scenery, attractions, dining, lodging, river activities, weddings, culinary travel, art scene, families, nature, adventure, boutiques, architecture, and more. Photographers are encouraged to find what inspires them about Stillwater as a travel destination. Up to five images can be submitted with a preferred minimum resolution of 300dpi.

Official contest rules and entry page link as well as a list of past winners is available at [http://www.DiscoverStillwater.com/photo-contest.](http://www.discoverstillwater.com/photo-contest)

The Grand Prize Popular Vote winner will be determined by an online voting tool the first week in November limiting the voting to the top 25 photos as selected by a panel of judges from the Discover Stillwater Board members who also traditionally select the cash prize winners.  Winners will be notified mid-November.

Located on the scenic St. Croix River bordering Minnesota and Wisconsin, Stillwater is a popular year-round Midwest travel destination located just minutes from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Since the opening of the new St. Croix Crossing bridge and completion of new bike trails, the popular downtown historic district has seen a surge of investment with new boutique Main Street hotels as well as multiple vacation home rentals, new restaurants, shops and attractions such as distilleries or electric bike rental to explore the beautiful new trails of this rivertown. For a complete list of what’s new, visit: <https://www.discoverstillwater.com/whats-new2021/>

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