

MISSION CONSERVATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

Earth day was created in 1970 as a way to bring awareness and spark action to conserve the environment. Every year on April 22nd, people across the globe come together to celebrate the earth and protecting it for current and future generations. One of the most effective ways to inspire people to take part in preserving the earth is to show them the majestic and beautiful landscapes that need protection. April's Mission Conservation theme is all about celebrating Earth Day through Nature Photography. We are also partnering with Nature's Best Photography to help us showcase nature at its best! You can visit their website at naturesbestphotography.com or their social media on Facebook [@naturesbestphotography.org](https://www.facebook.com/naturesbestphotography) or on Instagram [@naturesbestphotomagazine](https://www.instagram.com/naturesbestphotomagazine). So get outside and capture nature's beauty with your camera and help us share the beauty of this wonderful world we call home!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

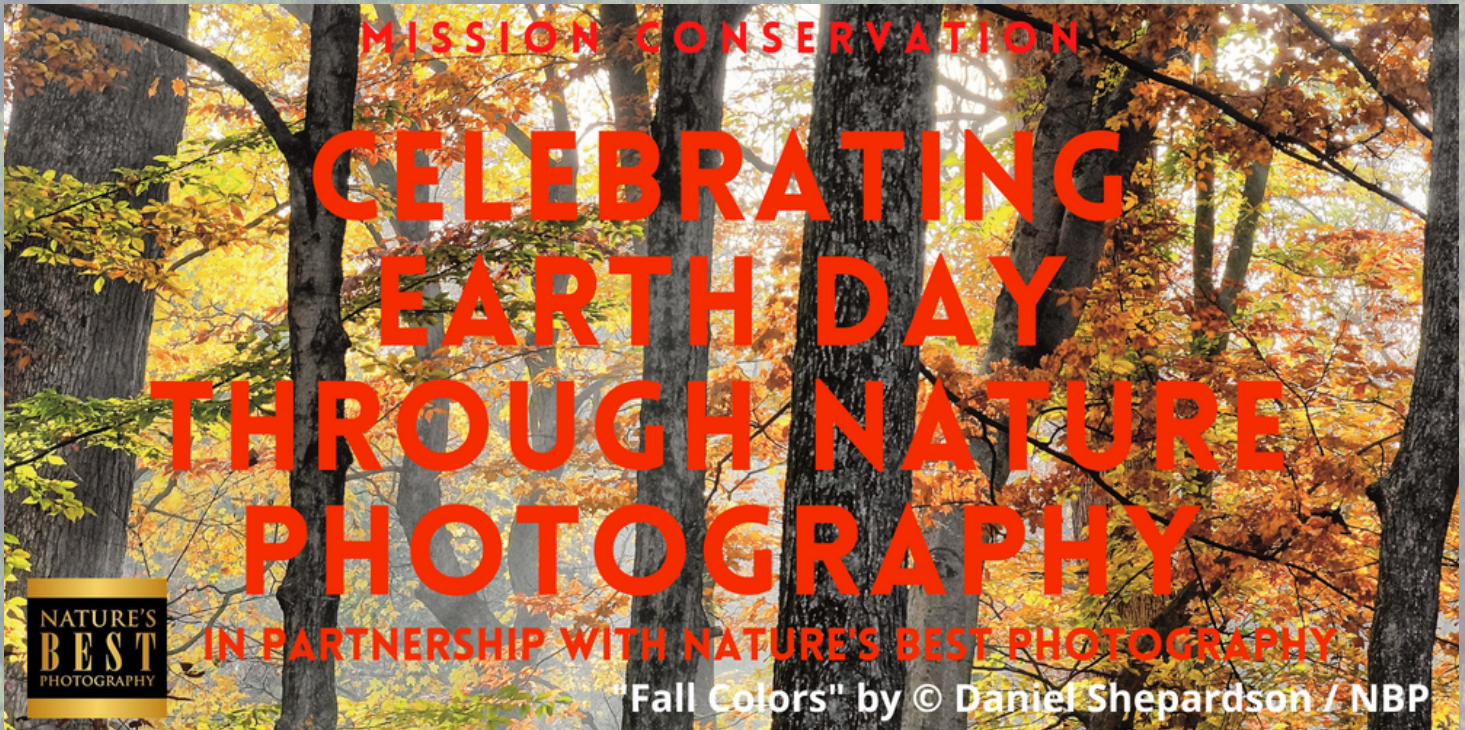
For this activity you will need a camera; either a cell phone or a digital camera, a tripod or other way to keep your camera still, and finally, have fun and be creative! Continuing with the theme of nature photography, go outside and take photos of nature in your backyard, a local park, or other places you explore.

- Cell Phone Camera Section- For this section you will be using your cell phone's camera to take your photos. Cell phones today have some great cameras on them and can do some really cool things. Go through your camera's settings and see what filters you can use. Also, play around with the different settings to capture just the right shot!
- Digital Camera Section- For this section we will be using a digital camera to take nature photos. Digital cameras take some of the most versatile and clearest photos out there. They can range from around \$50 to many thousands of dollars and then, add in all the lenses and other equipment, and it can get pricey very quickly. We will keep it simple here. Just use what you have. Play around with the settings and become familiar with how they change the image. You can watch videos online or talk to others who have experience with photography. Once you are comfortable with adjusting your settings get out there and have fun, and be safe!

INDOOR ACTIVITY

For the indoor activity this month take some of the photos you took while outside and compile them together into a nature collage!

- You can use a number of free programs online to create a really cool photo collage to share with your friends. Some of these programs include: Canva, Google Docs, Pic Collage, as well as Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint.
- Here is an example of a collage you can make. This collage features some of Nature's Best Photography that showcases some amazing nature photos!



"Nigella Love in a Mist" by © Donald Bolak / NBP



"Lady's Mantle" by © Donald Bolak / NBP



"Snail and Poppies" by © Minghui Yuan / NBP

What Can You Do?

Look for Earth Day Events in your community so you can get involved. Events may include: Earth Day Festivals, Stream cleanups, Runs/Walks.