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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District 2025 PHOTO CONTEST CALENDAR

In the summer of 2024, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, made their annual call for the public to submit their best photos capturing landscapes, boats and piers from around the Great Lakes.

Participants from all over the country submitted photos, and people from all over the world logged onto social media and voted on those photos. We are pleased to present this downloadable calendar featuring the 12 images that received the most votes.

Big thank you to all the participants and voters! We also thank the Soo Locks Visitors Center Association for awarding the top three photographers a plaque featuring their photo.

Follow us on social media and be the first to see our announcement for next year.



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1st Place: The M/V Paul R. Tregurtha glides under the Aerial Lift Bridge in Duluth, Minnesota on June 24, 2024. Photo by Sebastian Dunn - 204 likes.



JANUARY 2025


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The Detroit District develops civil works projects that focus on evaluating water resource-related problems and devising innovative solutions. These projects include evaluating and improving Great Lakes Navigation System components, construction of flood protection systems and designing and implementing ecosystem restoration projects, among others.



7th Place Tie: Sunrise at the Soo Locks, facing the International Bridge, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on March 23, 2024. Photo by Heidi Schmidt - 80 likes.

FEBRUARY 2025



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The Detroit District, established in 1841, encompasses 3,142 miles of shoreline in the state of Michigan and portions of the states of Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.



5th Place: The Duluth Harbor North Breakwater Light in Duluth, Minnesota on Halloween Eve. Photo by Jon Columbus - 107 likes.

MARCH 2025

A large, illuminated steel truss bridge with a prominent arch structure, lit up with blue and purple lights at night. The bridge spans a body of water, and its reflection is visible. A walkway with railings is visible in the foreground on the left.

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The Detroit District operates and maintains the Soo Locks along with 81 harbors and connecting channels on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and the portion of Lake Erie that borders the State of Michigan.

8th Place Tie: The Aerial Lift Bridge in Duluth, Minnesota lit up on May 28, 2024. Photo by Dawn Rask - 78 likes.



APRIL 2025



The Detroit District works closely with local communities to reduce flood risk. We oversee 11 levee systems and six flood risk reduction channel projects, bringing risk reduction to more than 12,000 residents and safeguarding \$1.2 billion in residential and commercial property.

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MAY 2025

The Detroit District supports the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) through on-the-ground projects that clean up contaminated sediments, restore wetlands and aquatic habitat, remove obstacles to ship passage and control the spread of invasive species.



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2nd Place: Off the ends of the piers looking down the canal towards the Aerial Lift Bridge in Duluth, Minnesota on June 23, 2024. Photo by Sebastian Dunn - 190 likes.

JUNE 2025

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The Detroit District has visitor centers in Duluth, Minnesota and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Both are among the top visited in Corps of Engineers-wide national attendance. More than 500,000 visitors on average each year at each location.



9th Place: The Michigan City Lighthouse in Michigan City, Indiana in February 2024. Photo by John Remy - 74 likes.

JULY 2025

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The Detroit District's Regulatory mission balances the need for protection of aquatic resources within the Great Lakes basin, with the need for economic development, giving consideration to the interests of a very diverse assemblage of program participants and public interests.



10th Place: A wildfire-smoke sunset at the Silver Beach County Park in St. Joseph, Michigan on May 23, 2024. Photo by Amanda Tipton-Snyder - 68 likes.

AUGUST 2025



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The Detroit District is one of seven districts within the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. Our staff offers expertise and experience across a region that serves the citizens of 17 states.



3rd Place: The M/V Honorable James L. Oberstar arrives in Marquette, Michigan in June 2024. Photo by Danielle Putnam - 139 likes.

SEPTEMBER 2025

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The Detroit District monitors and forecasts the water levels of each of the Great Lakes. Official water levels are based on monthly lake-wide means, utilizing a period of record for each lake dating back to 1918. This data is coordinated between the United States and Canada.



4th Place: The M/V Honorable James Oberstar getting ready to enter the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Photo by Ashten Izzard - 118 likes.

OCTOBER 2025

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The Corps of Engineers' mission of strengthening our nation's economic development is achieved through developing small businesses and maximizing their opportunities to participate in our procurements, thereby ensuring a broad base of capable suppliers to sustain the Corps of Engineers as a premier organization.



8th Place Tie: The M/V Mesabi Miner down bound from the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Photo by Myra Decaire - 78 likes.

NOVEMBER 2025

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The Soo Locks facility, operated and maintained by the Detroit District, is the district's largest project. The locks are located on the St. Marys River in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the international border with Canada. Over 70 million tons of commercial commodities pass through the Soo Locks annually.



7th Place Tie: The M/V Edwin H. Gott passes under the International Bridge near the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on June 29, 2024.

Photo by Heidi Schmidt - 80 likes.

DECEMBER 2025

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The Detroit District is prepared to provide assistance when natural disasters or other emergencies occur. We maintain an emergency management organization of trained specialists who assist state and local authorities when disaster strikes.

6th Place: The SS Wilfred Sykes on the St. Clair River at the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, Michigan making her way towards Cleveland, Ohio on July 18, 2024.

Photo by Douglas Dumas - 93 likes.

