TCT Calendar Photo Submission FAQs

1. What resolution / format do my photos need to be?

For printing, a higher resolution is better, and photos taken on a camera are generally higher resolution than those taken on a phone. Ideal resolution and format are 300DPI, saved as PNGs.

That being said, we know actual cameras can be heavy and often fall into the "one more thing to carry" category and get put in the "I don't really need this" pile during the packing process. If you have a great photo you took with your phone, please submit it, and we'll do our best to get it to print quality. We'd appreciate it if you submitted your photos in the highest resolution possible to make the process a bit easier.

If you're able to send us photos that are already 300DPI and PNGs, we'd greatly appreciate it!

2. Can I submit anonymously?

Yes, if that's what you prefer, although we'd love to give you credit for your work.

3. Can I submit more than one photo?

Of course! But please submit each photo in a separate form so that we have the correct attribution and contextual information for each photo. Bonus points for submitting photos in multiple categories!

4. I already tagged the TCT in my Instagram post, so you already have access to some of my photos. Should I still submit photos from that post?

Not only yes, but please do! Images get compressed a lot on Instagram, so the ones you send us directly will be much better quality. Plus, we want to have express permission from you to use your photos. Hiker photos provide unique views of and stories from the trail, and we would love to include those higher resolution photos in the calendar.

5. I hiked the TCT in 2019 (or any other year). Can I submit a photo from way back then?

Yes! Your photo does not have to be from the current season. We welcome all photographs from along the TCT at any stage in its development. Send us those throwbacks!

6. I submitted a photo last year. Can I submit the same one?

If your photo wasn't included in last year's calendar, feel free to submit it again for consideration. However, if your photo *was* published in the 2025 TCT Calendar, we ask that you give other images a chance to shine this year.

7. Can my photograph have people in it, or does it have to be a landscape? We'd love to see photos of anything and everything along the TCT - hikers, flowers, tents, lobiani, cows, locals, you name it.

8. How much detail should I include in the description?

Every photo tells a story, and we'd love to hear the story behind your photos. Although short captions are often sufficient to learn the subject of the photo, they often don't convey the feelings and history of the photographer at the moment the flash went off. If you submit a photo of a delicious guesthouse meal, tell us where the guesthouse was, who your hosts were, how good that homemade khachapuri or dolma tasted after several days of camp food. Take us with you to the moment that image was captured!

9. Will my photo definitely appear in the calendar?

Great question! We'd love to use all the photos we receive, but if we receive more submissions than we can feasibly use, we'd love to use your photo for our future projects, on our website, and on our social media. Also, we know some great photos might not meet the quality standards for printing but would look amazing on our website or other online platforms. Submit them anyway - we'd love to see them:)

10. When is the submission deadline?

Please submit your photos by October 31, 2025.

11. How do I submit a photo?

Fill out this Google Form, which includes space to upload your photo.