

# Otago Central Rail Trail – 25-Year Photo or Story Competition Terms & Conditions

## Introduction

These Terms and Conditions (Terms) explain how the Otago Central Rail Trail Charitable Trust (OCRT Trust) manages the award of prizes for the 25-Year Photo or Story Competition, and how personal information collected will be used.

By entering the competition, you accept these Terms in full.

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## Glossary

Term	Meaning
Competition	The Otago Central Rail Trail 25-Year Photo or Story Competition.
Participant / You	Any individual who enters the Competition.
Prize	The prize(s) described in Clause 6.
Promoter / We / OCRT Trust	Otago Central Rail Trail Charitable Trust, PO Box 112, Omakau 9352, New Zealand.
Promotion Period	The time period during which entries are accepted (see Clause 4).
Entry Content	Any photo, story, or submission provided by a Participant.
Draw	Random selection of the winning entry.
Judging Panel	The panel appointed by the OCRT Trust to assess entries, if applicable.

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## 1. Eligibility

- Open to entrants aged 18 years or older, or under 18 with parental/guardian permission.
- Open to residents of New Zealand, Australia, and international visitors.
- Employees, contractors, trustees, and immediate family members of the OCRT Trust are not eligible.

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## 2. How to Enter

- Submit a photo or story via: [hello@otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz](mailto:hello@otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz)
- Each entry must include your name, contact details, and a caption/description.
- Photos must be original work of the entrant and related to the Otago Central Rail Trail. A minimal resolution of between 1-3MB for each image in a Jpeg format is preferred.
- Stories must not be fictitious and need to be related to the Otago Central Rail Trail.
- Entries must not infringe third-party rights or include identifiable persons without consent.
- Basic photo editing is allowed; AI-generated or heavily manipulated images are not permitted.
- Multiple entries are allowed; each unique photo or story counts as one entry.
- Entries must be received by 31 January 2026 at 11:59pm NZT.

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## 3. Promotion Period

- Opens: 1 December 2025
- Closes: 31 January 2026 at 11:59pm NZT
- Late entries will not be accepted.

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## 4. Judging / Winner Selection

- Winner will be drawn at random on Monday 16 February 2026.
- The OCRT Trust may appoint a Judging Panel for any discretionary awards.
- The judges' or Trust's decision is final; no correspondence will be entered into.

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## 5. Prizes

- One winner will receive an Otago Central Rail Trail trip for two people, valued at over \$2,500, including:
  - Accommodation at specified Trail lodges (twin or double share)

- Meals at key locations (alcohol excluded unless specified by operator)
    - Bike hire, luggage transfers, shuttle transport
    - Activities and experiences as listed in the competition announcement
  - Prize components are subject to individual operator terms and conditions.
  - Prize is non-transferable, non-refundable, and not redeemable for cash.
  - Prize is valid for 12 months from the date of winning, subject to availability and excluding Easter weekend.
  - Winners are responsible for their own travel arrangements and associated expenses to/from the Trail.
    - Shuttle from Middlemarch back to Clyde is included.
  - Prize(s) may be substituted at the OCRT Trust's discretion.
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## 6. Winner Notification

- Winners will be contacted via the details provided at entry.
  - Winners have 7 days from notification to accept the prize; if unclaimed, a redraw will occur.
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## 7. Use of Entry Content

By entering, participants grant the OCRT Trust:

- A non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual licence to use, reproduce, adapt, publish, and display submitted photos or stories for promotional and marketing purposes (website, social media, print, media releases).
  - Permission for photos or stories to be stored by the OCRTTT for perpetuity and published on the OCRT Trust's website, social media channels, and in third-party media (e.g., ODT, Stuff).
  - Credit to the entrant by name where possible.
  - Copyright remains with the entrant.
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## 8. Privacy

- Personal information is collected solely for administering the competition and awarding prizes.
- OCRT Trust will comply with the Privacy Act 2020.

- Information will only be shared with third parties as required to deliver prizes.
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## 9. Conduct / Disqualification

- Entries must not contain offensive, unsafe, or inappropriate content.
  - The OCRT Trust reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed unsuitable or in breach of these Terms.
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## 10. Liability

- Participation is at the entrant's own risk.
  - The OCRT Trust is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury arising from participation or prize use.
  - Prize value does not include personal travel, insurance, or additional expenses, unless explicitly stated.
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## 11. General

- OCRT Trust reserves the right to verify entry eligibility.
  - OCRT Trust may amend, suspend, or cancel the competition if necessary.
  - These Terms are governed by New Zealand law.
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