

Non-copyright images

In brief:

- 1) Use your own – no copyright problems there!
- 2) If astronomy related try NASA or ESA
- 2) If not (1) then try wikimedia
- 3) If wikimedia doesn't work, search government websites or science museums sites relevant to their topic (suggested ones below)
- 4) If still nothing, try FlickrR

More detail for those super-keen to source the perfect image to accompany their post

Wikipedia and Wikicommons

Wikipedia: Click on any image to see copyright details and image size

URL: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

WikiCommons: Wikimedia Commons is a central repository for freely licensed photographs, diagrams, animations, music, spoken text, video clips, and media of all sorts. The license conditions of each individual media file can be found on their description pages.

URL: <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Images>

URL: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Featured_pictures - Selected favourite images](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Featured_pictures_-_Selected_favourite_images)

URL: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Quality_Images - Selected images of the highest quality](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Quality_Images_-_Selected_images_of_the_highest_quality)

EveryStockPhoto.com

Everystockphoto.com is a search engine for creative commons photos, which aims to be a community for designers, developers, photographers and other media publishers who want better, easier access to license-specific media on the web.

URL: <http://www.everystockphoto.com/index.php>

Open Clip Art Library

The Open Clip Art Library project aims to create a collection of vector clip art that are free content. The project was started in early 2004, and as of October 2007 it incorporates over 10000 images from over 500 artists, and offers the entire collection for free download.

URL: <http://www.openclipart.org/>

U.S. GOVERNMENT

Best free image sites (as listed below):

<http://www.dotgovwatch.com/?/archives/8-The-Best-Copyright-Free-Photo-Libraries.html>

Nearly all US gov sites contain public domain content. Full list of US gov sites offering free content:

<http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Graphics.shtml>

CDC - Public Health Image Library

URL: <http://phil.cdc.gov/phil/home.asp>

Health and medical science plus assorted selections such as bioterrorism and EM imagery

Large library of high resolution images. Also a great selection of historic photographs

URL: http://www.dpd.cdc.gov/DPDx/HTML/Image_Library.htm - Parasite library

Agricultural Research Service

Beautiful, high-resolution photos of plants, animals, agriculture, and agricultural research. Browse using the categories on the left. The site displays a request form when you choose to download the high-resolution photo, but you can simply bypass it by clicking "download photo".

URL: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/graphics/photos/>

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Photos of scenery, wildlife, people in the outdoors, and miscellany.

URL: <http://images.fws.gov/>

Department of Defense

Photos of soldiers, vehicles, and operations in Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines. Finding just the right photo is time-consuming, because the search tends to return thousands of results. You can also browse by category by clicking "search images by topic". New photos are added regularly. Try searching for "bomber" or "sunset".

URL: <http://www.defenselink.mil/multimedia/>

Yellowstone National Park

Photos of everything in the park including scenery, plants, animals, wildfires, geo-thermal activity, park visitors, etc. The library is organized in helpful categories, but there is no search feature

URL: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/yell/slidefile/index.htm>

Antarctic Photo Library

Photos of amazing Antarctic scenery, transport vehicles, and scientists.

URL: <http://photolibrary.usap.gov/>

FEMA - Emergency

Photos of disasters, recovery, community relations, congressional relations, and much more. There are many search options, but the search engine is picky about keywords. If you search for “fire” you won’t get a superset of the results from “wildfire” or “wild fire”. Try different search strings. No browse available.

URL: <http://www.photolibrary.fema.gov/photolibrary/index.jsp>

Grand Canyon National Park

Photos of the park and a few of wildlife. Easy to browse. The only drawback is that the collection is so small (125 pics).

URL: <http://www.nps.gov/archive/grca/photos/index.htm>

Geological Survey – National Parks

Historical and some modern photos of all U.S. National Parks. Most of the photos are black and white, and there is no way to filter them out, but some of the parks have good color, high-resolution images.

URL: <http://libraryphoto.cr.usgs.gov/parks.htm>

SPACE AGENCIES

Nasa image exchange

URL: <http://nix.nasa.gov>

Greatest images in NASA - General search engine

URL: <http://grin.hq.nasa.gov>

Mars exploration pages

URL: <http://marsprogram.jpl.nasa.gov/gallery/index.html>

URL: <http://marsrover.nasa.gov/gallery/>

JSC

Over 9000 NASA press release images and collections

URL: <http://images.jsc.nasa.gov>

Visible earth

Best satellite pics

URL: <http://visibleearth.nasa.gov>

Solar System Exploration

Great images and illos of our solar system. Choose by topic and also search missions to particular places. Each topic has a gallery tab at the top.

URL: <http://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/index.cfm>

Marshall Image Exchange

Marshall Space Flight Center's image archive

URL: <http://mix.msfc.nasa.gov/>

Spitzer Space Telescope

Artists conceptions and images from Spitzer

URL: <http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/Media/mediaimages/index.shtml>
Astronaut Photography

Gateway to astronaut photography of Earth

URL: <http://eol.jsc.nasa.gov/sseop/clickmap/>

ESA Earth Images

High res satellite pics of earth from the European Space Agency

URL: <http://earth.esa.int/earthimages/>

ESA - European Space Agency

Easier to search than NASA and pics are just as good, though not as many.

General search page for thousands of high resolution images. Space, illustrations, concepts:

URL: <http://www.esa.int/esa-mm/mmg/mmghome.pl>