

## Field Sketching for Non-Artist

### Information

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Date/ Time: Saturday, September 28, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Meet at: [Black Rock Nature Center](#)  
9800 Black Rock Canyon Drive, Yucca Valley

Instructor: Fran Calvert, Artist, Instructor

### Overview

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Would you like to enjoy the beauty of Joshua Tree National Park more fully? Are you a person who “could never draw?” This class will teach you the basics of field sketching, focusing on using the simplest most light-weight tools, methods and materials to streamline the process for non-artists. You will learn how to focus your natural powers of observation to complete a finished sketch that is accurate in detail, scale, and proportion using easy-to-learn skills that you can practice anytime and anywhere. All materials are provided. **Class size is limited to 8, so sign up early!**

### Itinerary

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- Introduction, Instruction and Drawing Exercises
- Lunch break, bring your own food
- Continue working on drawing

### What to Bring to the Course

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#### **Optional Class Materials**

- Bring a comfortable camp chair  
All art materials are provided

#### **The 10 Essentials:** *Every day in the Desert*

- Day pack
- 4 quarts of water
- Closed toe hiking shoes - No sandals or equivalent
- Lunch and snacks
- Clothing layers
- Hat

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Notebook and pencil/pen
- Whistle

### **Fitness Requirements**

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Participants must be in good physical condition for courses/activities in a desert that may be hot, dry, windy, and sometimes surprisingly cold.

### **Hike Level**

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Easy

### **Guidelines**

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- You are responsible for your safety.
- Park your car in designated areas only. Parking along the side of the road is dangerous to you and the environment.
- Rattlesnakes are present in the desert. Avoid contact with wildlife. Put your hands and feet only where you can see them.
- Only you know your limits, please let the instructor or Desert Institute Representative know if you do not want to continue. This is a long hike; only go if you are confident in your balance and scrambling skills.
- Stay with the group. If you get lost, stay put.
- Drink plenty of water. If you run out, notify the instructor or the Desert Institute Representative.
- Before leaving the class, check out with the Desert Institute Representative.

### **Instructor Biography**

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FRAN CALVERT has lived near Joshua Tree National Park for nine years. She enjoys sketching, riding horses, hiking, and backpacking year-round in the park. She is a retired technical writer with a B.A. in fine arts and art history from Columbia University. She has been a Desert Institute volunteer since 2014.

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\* The Desert Institute staff/instructors will attempt to accommodate participants needs, however we reserve the right to deny a student participation in the course due to concerns regarding health and safety issues.