

Field Sketching for Non-Artist

Information

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

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

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

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

Easy

Guidelines

- 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

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.

* 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.