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Spring Session
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Joshua Tree Through the Lens

Information

Date/ Time: Saturday, March 7, 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Meet at: Joshua Tree Visitor Center (click the link for a map to the meeting site)
                6554 Park Blvd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252
Instructor: Craig Fucile, Photography Instructor, University of California, Riverside
                Extension

Overview

Grab your camera and put on your hiking boots for this intensive, all-day photo shoot in Joshua Tree National Park! Craig Fucile, photography instructor at University of California Riverside Extension, will guide the class in seeing the natural beauty of the park through the camera lens. The class will begin with a special "photographers only" session at Keys Ranch, focusing on how to capture the buildings and historic remnants at this remarkable homestead. Mid-morning the focus will shift to desert landscape. Fucile will share tips on how to record unique rock formations and vast views of the park. Participants are encouraged to bring a tripod with their camera. Don't miss this opportunity to find new ways to focus on Joshua Tree National Park.

Itinerary

Saturday, March 7, 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Joshua Tree Visitor Center
- Introduction
- Field Class at Keys Ranch, petroglyph site, and Wonderland Ranch
- Hidden Valley picnic area: snack break and instructional sessions
- Lunch/snack break, **bring your own food**
- Field Class at Lost Horse Campground and Ryan Mountain trailhead

What to Bring to the Course

Required Class Materials
- At least one camera (digital or film)
- At least one lens
- Extra camera battery and memory card

Optional Class Materials
- Tripod and remote switch or cable release for camera
- Circular polarizer
- Lens shade
- 10 photos on a laptop, display device or as prints, to share with class
- Flashlight or headlamp

The 10 Essentials: *Everyday in the Desert*
- Day pack
- 4 quarts of water
- Closed toe hiking shoes
- Lunch and snacks
- Clothing layers
- Hat
- Sun glasses
- 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

Moderate

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 park. Avoid contact with wildlife. Put your hands and feet only where you can see.
- 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

Craig Fucile, B.A., Physical Geography, currently teaches photography for University of California, Riverside Extension, and the continuing education programs of Orange Coast, El Camino and Citrus Colleges. He has also taught for UC Irvine Extension, UC Santa Cruz Extension, University of La Verne. A long time instructor, Fucile has taught numerous photography workshops in western landscapes that he enjoys photographing including: Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Mojave Preserves, Owens Valley, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Anza-Borrego, Kings Canyon, Sequoia. He received a Fall 2017 Artist in Residence for Angeles National Forest / San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. He received the Fall 2010 Instructor Excellence Award from UC Riverside Extension and the 2007 Distinguished Instructor Award from UC Irvine Extension.

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