

*at Joshua Tree National Park*

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## Field Sketching for Non-Artists

### Information

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Date/ Time: Saturday, May 2, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Meet at: [Joshua Tree Visitor Center](#)

6554 Park Blvd., Joshua Tree, CA

Instructor: Fran Calvert, Artist, Instructor

### Itinerary

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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.

This class will take place at the beautiful and reserved Lost Horse Campground in the park.

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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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All materials are provided

### ***The 10 Essentials: Everyday in the Desert***

- Day pack
- 4 quarts of water
- Hiking boots with traction soles
- Lunch and snacks
- Clothing layers
- Hat
- Sun glasses
- 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.
- 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 Desert Institute Representative.

### **Instructor Biography**

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FRAN CALVERT has lived near Joshua Tree National Park for ten 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.