

at Joshua Tree National Park

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Photographing Joshua Tree by Moonlight

Information

Date/ Time: Friday, November 19, 2021 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Meet at: [Joshua Tree Visitor Center](#) (click the link for a map to the meeting site)
6554 Park Blvd., Joshua tree, CA 92252Instructor: Craig Fucile, Photography Instructor, University of California, Riverside
Extension

Overview

Seeing the desert illuminated by moonlight is an experience not to be missed. It's a chance to encounter a quiet world of deep shadows and pale highlights, perceived by the eye as a soft-edged, nearly black and white landscape, where a familiar scene in daytime can start to look mysterious. The sky, absent all but the brightest stars and planets, attains a steely darkness. Yet as our eyes adapt to the dim light, we can notice the subtle beauty of the desert under moonlight.

In this evening field class, you'll learn useful photographic techniques such as camera placement, focusing, exposure, lens settings, and composing the photograph. Craig Fucile, photography instructor at University of California Riverside Extension, will guide and assist participants in making moonlight photographs at two locations in the Park, away from city lights. Participants should to bring a tripod and remote (or wireless) switch for their camera. Don't miss this opportunity to find new ways to focus on Joshua Tree National Park.

Itinerary

Saturday, November 19, 6:00 pm –10:00 pm

Joshua Tree Visitor Center

- 6:00 pm Orientation, introductions
- 6:30 pm Car caravan to Hemingway climbing area
- 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm Field Class at Hemingway
- 8:30 pm – Car caravan to Keys Ranch
- 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm Field Class at Keys Ranch

What to Bring to the Course

Required Class Materials

- At least one camera (digital or film)
- At least one lens with a large aperture such as f1.8 or 2.8
- Tripod and remote switch or wireless release for the camera
- Extra camera battery and memory card
- Regular LED flashlight
- Small **red light** flashlight

Optional Class Materials

- A wide angle lens (18-35mm) with a large aperture such as f2.8
- Lens shade

The 10 Essentials: Everyday in the Desert

- Day pack
- Drinking water
- Closed toe hiking shoes
- 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

Instructor Biography

Craig Fucile, B.A., Physical Geography, currently teaches photography for University of California, Riverside Extension, El Camino College CE, and Orange Coast College CE.. He has also taught for UC Irvine Extension, UC Santa Cruz Extension, University of La Verne, the Sierra Club and Friends of Photography. A long time instructor, Fucile has taught numerous photography workshops in western landscapes that he enjoys photographing including: Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Mojave Preserve, Owens Valley, Grand Canyon,

Bryce Canyon, Anza-Borrego, Kings Canyon, Sequoia. In Fall 2017 he was an 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.