

*at Joshua Tree National Park*

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## Photographing Joshua Tree by Moonlight

### Information

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Date/ Time: Saturday, November 5, 5:30 pm – 9:30 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

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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 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

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*Joshua Tree Visitor Center*

- 5:30 pm Orientation, introductions
- 6:00 pm Car caravan to *Keys Ranch*
- 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm field class at *Keys Ranch*
- 8:30 pm – Car caravan to *Hemingway* climbing area
- 8:45 pm – 9:30 pm field class at *Hemingway* climbing area

## **What to Bring to the Course**

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### ***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**

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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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Moderate

### **Instructor Biography**

**Craig Fucile**, B.A., Physical Geography, has taught photography for the University of California Extension programs of Irvine, Riverside and Santa Cruz. He has also taught for University of La Verne, the Sierra Club and Friends of Photography. He is a long time workshop instructor, leading workshops in western the landscapes he enjoys photographing: Joshua Tree, Death Valley, Mojave Preserve, Owens Valley, Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Anza-Borrego, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia. During 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.

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\* 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.