

LANDSCAPE COURSE INFORMATION – Peak District

Here is some information to help you prepare and find us on the day.

- **Meeting Point:** Briarwood, Tunstead Milton, SK23 7ER. Directions are attached. Look for advertising boards on the verge outside the house. There is lots of parking space.
- **Meeting time:** 9.30 am.
- **Train stations:** Whaley Bridge (2 miles, Manchester to Buxton line), Chinley (3 miles, Sheffield to Manchester line) and Macclesfield (10 miles, London to Manchester line).
- **Accommodation:** Cost not included. A list of local accommodation is included.
- **Introduction:** We will spend a few minutes introducing ourselves and chatting about what you would like to get out of the day. I will show you some photographs to give you a few ideas for the day and talk about composition and exposure. With no more than 4 people on the course you will receive a lot of attention through the day. Then it is off to the first location to take pictures. We do all of the driving while you relax and enjoy the scenery between locations (we drive between locations rather than walk!).
- **Camera equipment:** Bring your own gear with you (film or digital or both). Filters may be useful but are not essential; film – yellow and orange; digital - polarizing filter. Any lenses between 10mm and 100mm, even 200mm, will be useful. Don't bring too much equipment; you will enjoy the course more if you carry less.
- **Tripod:** This will let you use slow shutter speeds that you cannot use hand-held. We can lend you one to try if you don't have one, a tripod is useful for waterfalls.
- **Film:** Ilford FP4 Plus will be provided (2 rolls) to those with 35mm/120 film cameras.
- **Digital:** If you will be using a digital camera and would like help with its operation bring the manual with you – there are too many different sorts for us to be familiar with them all. We always cover exposure, histograms and clipping. **IMPORTANT:** Bring at least 1 spare battery; fully charge your batteries. Have enough storage space for up to 500 colour image files per day (RAW if your camera takes has this format).
- **Locations:** We visit at least 2 or 3 locations. You will have opportunities to take rivers, waterfalls, landscapes, trees, rocks and plants. The itinerary is weather dependent.
- **Clothing:** We will be outdoors most of the day. Walking clothing works best. Make sure you have something warm and **waterproof** (jacket and trousers). Layers of clothing work well then you can add and remove clothing as needed. A sturdy umbrella is handy to protect the camera from rain! Surplus clothing can be left in the car.
- **Footwear and fitness:** We walk up to 4 miles in a day on rough tracks and paths, using stiles, etc. Make sure your footwear is comfortable and will keep your feet warm and dry, even on muddy ground. We will try and adapt the program to your needs.
- **Health:** You must let us know of any health issues that could be a concern.
- **Lunch:** In a pub or cafe for short lunch breaks, **cost not included in the price.**
- **The day ends between 5pm and 5.30pm** with a cup of tea or coffee at Briarwood.
- **Terms and conditions:** see www.davebutcher.co.uk/terms

We are looking forward to meeting you and having a rewarding day.

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