



Close-up and Macro Nature Photography

with
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One-Day Workshop - Sunday, 24th October 2010
Thorndon Park Visitor Centre

Daniel Bridge is running another one-day workshop, at Thorndon Park, dealing with the fascinating subject of Close-up and macro nature photography. From the structure of a flower, to the eye of a dragonfly, small things, seen big, are astounding. Learn how to use your camera to make fantastic pictures from the tiniest details - we look at equipment, techniques and how to find subjects, to ensure your new-found skill soon becomes an obsession!

Aims of the Day

To improve your macro photography! We start by looking at different types of camera and the accessories available to get you close to your subject. The best techniques to use that equipment will come next, including when, and when *not*, to use flash. Putting all this theory into practice, we will then venture out onto the reserve to see what photo-opportunities we find, and how we can best make use of them. *And it's all going to be fun - it's not a science lesson!*

What you need to know

You need a fair knowledge of how your camera works, i.e. how to control the shutter speed and aperture. The more you know, the easier it will be for you, as you'll have less to think about once the photography begins.

What you need to bring

A camera! Ideally this would be a Digital SLR, as these are the most adaptable, and allow you to see your results immediately, but any SLR will do, and most digital compacts have a good macro facility.

A Tripod if you have one.

Memory Cards/Film/Spare Batteries. We'll be trying many different techniques and it would be a shame to feel limited by the number of exposures you could take, so bring a couple of memory cards at least, or a few rolls of film. Please make sure any spare batteries are fully charged too!

Any lenses/accessories (including flashguns) you have. You never know when you might need them.

Footwear and Clothing suitable for a walk in the park. Including wet weather gear (hopefully not required), and please be aware that you should end up kneeling on the ground at some point!

Lunch. Lunch is not included in the cost of the day - please remember to bring something with you to eat.

Itinerary

The day starts at 10.00a.m. at the Visitor Centre, Thorndon Park.

The morning session consists of a classroom based slideshow and discussion about techniques, subjects and equipment.

In the afternoon we will go out into the park to explore what we have covered in the morning, allowing some one-to-one time with each participant. We will return to the Visitor Centre at around 4.00pm, completing the workshop.

Where To Go

The workshop takes place at:

Essex Wildlife Trust
Thorndon Park Visitor Centre
Thorndon Park North
The Avenue
Brentwood
Essex
CM13 3RZ

Tel: 01277 232944

Email: thorndon@essexwt.org.uk

How To Book

The cost for the day is just £35.00 and booking is essential. Cheques should be made payable to 'Essex Wildlife Trust' and be sent to the address above.

Please ring the Visitor Centre at Thorndon Park on 01277 232944 to book your place.

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We look forward to seeing you on what promises to be a fun and informative day, in the beautiful scenery of Thorndon Park.