



Photography in the Park

with
Daniel Bridge

One-Day Workshop - Saturday 18th September 2010 Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre

Daniel Bridge is running another one-day workshop, at Hanningfield Reservoir, with the aim to improve your photography. If you're often disappointed with the prints you get - either because they're too dark or blurry, or if they don't capture the scene as you intended - this could be the course for you. Drawing on several years of photographic experience, Daniel will guide you through the pitfalls of composition, exposure and technique, with a slideshow and discussion in the morning and an afternoon of photography, putting theory into practice.

Aims of the Day

To improve your photography! Starting by increasing your knowledge of how your camera works and 'thinks', we will then look at film choice and accessories that can transform your picture taking. Concentrating on the Woodland/Parkland environment, we will then start to develop the way you look at the scene before you, and see how this affects your pictures, both in content and composition. 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 basic knowledge of how your camera works, i.e. how to switch it on etc. The more you know, the easier it will be for you, as you'll have less to think about once the photography begins, so if you can, read the instruction manual (especially true for digital camera users).

What you need to bring

A camera! Ideally this would be a SLR, but any kind will do, from compacts upwards, digital or film. Daniel's taken good quality woodland photographs with a pre-war Kodak folding camera, so age is certainly no barrier either. Whatever you use, bring it along.

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. Ensure any spare batteries are fully charged!

Any lenses/accessories you may 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).

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, Hanningfield Reservoir.

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

In the afternoon we will go out onto the nature reserve 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
Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre
Hawkwood Road
Downham
Billericay
Essex
CM11 1WT

Tel: 01268 711001

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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 Hanningfield Reservoir on 01268 711001 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 Hanningfield Reservoir.