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WORKSHOPS AT THE CAT SURVIVAL TRUST IN HERTFORDSHIRE

TIMES

All workshops at the venue run from 10.00am to 4.00pm. You will be met in the Car Park and directed where to park your car and the location of the meeting room. You are welcome to arrive from 9.45am onwards.

HOW TO GET THERE

Please note the Cat Survival Trust is not open to the public and may only be visited by arrangement. Their address is:

The Cat Survival Trust
The Centre
Codicote Road
Welwyn
Hertfordshire
AL6 9TU





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By Road:

The Centre is less than one mile from the small town of Welwyn which may be reached from Junction 6 of the A1(M). From the motorway follow signs to Welwyn and drive down the narrow High Street until you reach a roundabout. Drive across this roundabout (second exit) and proceed on Codicote Road (B656) for around half a mile and, when you see a low wooden fence on your left (see picture below) with a white building set back from the road ("Farm Shop"), then turn left into a short drive bordered by horse paddocks where your tutor will meet you and direct you to the parking area.

If you use SatNav, the postcode is accurate but when departing Welwyn please DO NOT leave the B656 (Codicote Road) and DO NOT drive down Fulling Mill Lane if instructed.



By Train:

The nearest train station is either Welwyn North or Welwyn Garden City which are approximately 15-20 minutes by taxi from the venue.

Map:

https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Cat+Survival+Trust/@51.8357103,-0.21973,16.25z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x48763a905237bb5f:0x848b708ef3bf8bde?hl=en



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REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be available throughout the day. Lunch is not included so please bring a packed lunch as there are no opportunities to purchase food on or near the site.

CONTACT DETAILS

For all enquiries before the morning of your course, please call 07748 127542 or email southmidlands@goingdigital.co.uk. If there are any problems on the morning of your course, please contact your Tutor's mobile provided with your reminder a few days before.

WHAT TO BRING

- You will need your camera. Ensure it has fresh/fully charged batteries and a spare battery is recommended. Facilities are available for charging batteries during the day but please remember to bring your charger and power lead.
- If you have a DSLR camera then you are welcome to bring your whole range of lenses as there may be opportunities to use them. A zoom lens of up to 300mm will be most useful throughout the day, while larger aperture lenses (e.g. 70-200mm F2.8) can be useful for blurring backgrounds. There will also be opportunities to use shorter prime or zoom lenses (50-100mm) and macro lenses. Excellent results can also be obtained using compact or bridge cameras with a zoom of 10x or more.
- It will be useful for you to bring your fully-detailed camera, lens and accessories instruction manuals (either printed or downloaded to your phone or tablet from the manufacturer's website) which help you and your tutor in the case of any difficulties.
- You should start the day with empty, preferably newly formatted, memory cards. Please remember that when photographing wildlife you will often take many more images than you might for other subjects so ensure you have sufficient with you.
- We will be outside for most of the day so a camera bag is useful for protecting your camera and equipment, and either a dedicated rainproof cover or a transparent plastic bag and some sticky tape to make a good, temporary waterproof cover for your camera.
- Bring a monopod (if you have one), particularly if you have heavier lenses. You are
 welcome to bring a tripod (again, if you have one) but as you will be shooting through
 the fencing for much of the day and these tend to work less well at this venue than
 monopods.
- You will be outside for most of the day so be prepared to dress for wet and/or cold conditions at any time of year and, during the summer, have protective headgear and clothing.
- You will not be walking large distances (no more than a few hundred metres) but we
 will be on grass for much of the time so waterproof footwear will be useful. A garden
 kneeler or similar may be a good idea to get low for some photos.