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## WORKSHOPS AT MARSTON VALE FOREST CENTRE, MARSTON MORETAINE, BEDFORDSHIRE

### TIMES

All workshops run from 10am to 4pm unless otherwise stated. Please do not arrive before 9.45am when doors to Forest Centre should be opened to conference users.

### PARKING

The Forest Centre has a large public car park which is **FREE** to students attending our courses. Charges will be introduced for public visitors during 2018. If signs in the car park indicate that charges would apply then **please do not purchase a ticket** but you must inform staff at the reception desk upon arrival that you are a conference user and they will ask you to **provide the registration number of your vehicle**.

### HOW TO GET THERE

The Forest Centre & Millennium Country Park  
Marston Moretaine  
Bedfordshire  
MK43 0PR

#### **By Road (SatNav use MK43 0PS)**

##### **From Junction 13, M1**

Leave the M1 at junction 13 and take the A421 (the main road) towards Bedford.

The Forest Centre is signposted (large brown tourist sign) after approximately 5 miles.

Follow directions into Marston Moretaine and at the end of the road, turn left then right (passing shops on left) and follow the road for ½ mile until you see the entrance for the Forest Centre on the left.

Follow the road to the large car park (free, but donation requested) and enter Forest Centre.

##### **From Bedford (A1 or A6, joining the A421)**

Follow the A421 west from Bedford towards Milton Keynes and the M1.

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**By Train:**

Nearest station: Millbrook (on London Midland line between Bedford and Bletchley)  
The station is approximately 30 minutes walk from the Forest Centre on paths in the Millennium Country Park.

**Map:**

<http://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/The+Forest+Centre+%26+Millennium+Country+Park/@52.0627626,-0.503145,13z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x4877b256778d7dd5:0xe5546d61d0d276f3?hl=en>

**REFRESHMENTS**

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available on arrival. Lunch and further refreshments can be purchased from the restaurant in the Forest Centre. Please feel free to bring a packed lunch if you would prefer.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

For all enquiries before the morning of your course, please call 07748 127542 or email [southmidlands@goingdigital.co.uk](mailto: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 WEAR**

- Dress in warm, comfortable clothing for outdoor sessions. A waterproof/ windproof top will be useful. Comfortable but strong footwear is advised for photographing outdoors, plus a garden kneeler or similar for getting low for some photos.
- In addition, it can be quite muddy while out taking photographs, so for the sake of the venue's staff, please bring a pair of trainers or indoor boots or shoes.

**WHAT TO BRING**

- You will need your camera. Ensure it has fresh/fully charged batteries and a spare battery is recommended.
- You will need your fully-detailed camera instruction manual (it's worth checking your manual – sometimes the printed one you receive only contains basic facts and there's a fully detailed manual on the CD that came with the camera, in which case bring the CD too). If you bring SLR lenses, a hot-shoe mounted flash or other accessories, please bring the instruction manual too.
- Memory card - it is essential that you start the day with an empty, preferably newly formatted, memory card. We will use card readers to transfer your images to our computers, but in the event that we are not able to do this successfully, please bring



your camera to computer data cable too.

- For SLR users, please don't set your camera to shoot RAW images, as they will make downloading too slow.
- A camera bag is useful for protecting your camera and equipment when outdoors, and a transparent plastic bag and some sticky tape make a good, temporary waterproof cover for your camera and an umbrella will protect your equipment and you in wet weather.
- Bring a tripod (full height) if you have one (essential for landscape, Low-Light & Fill-In Flash and Water & Movement workshops).