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PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS AT THE WEST COUNTRY WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CENTRE, DEVON TIMES

All workshops at the venue run from 10.00am to 4.00pm unless otherwise notified. You are welcome to arrive from 9.45am onwards.

HOW TO GET THERE

Please note the West Country Wildlife Photography Centre is not open to the public and may only be visited by arrangement. Their address is:

Upcott Grange Farm Broadwoodwidge Lifton Devon
PL16 0JS

By Car

Coming from the A30 (heading west towards Cornwall) take the slip road signed 'Roadford Lake, Dingles Heritage Centre, Stowford and Broadwoodwidge'.

Take the right at the T Junction, over the flyover.

At the right hand bend take the left towards Broadwood village. Stay on this road over a small bridge. Follow the road through Broadwood village, once at the top of the village take the left at the fork junction signed Upcott.

Follow this road down the hill, over a small ford at the bottom and take the immediate right.

Follow this road to the crossroads, take the right. We are the farmyard on the right in approximately 1/2 mile.

By Public Transport

The nearest train station with regular services is Exeter, Devon that is approximately 45 minutes by taxi from the venue. No suitable buses are available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is not included in the price of this workshop. If you require good value accommodation close to the Centre, it is recommended that you contact Linda Banbury at Frankaborough Farm Cottages as soon as you have booked your course. The cottages are just a few minutes from the Centre and Linda is happy to provide B&B for one or more nights for all of our courses. She may be contacted as follows: Telephone: 01409 211308 Email:

enquiries@devonfarmcottage.co.uk Web:

<http://www.devonfarmcottage.co.uk/>

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be available on arrival and throughout the day.

CONTACT DETAILS For all enquiries before the morning of your course, please contact Giles Fletcher on 07812 522331. 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 the course).

WHAT TO BRING

- You will need your camera. Ensure it has fresh/fullycharged 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. A macro lens or a zoom lens with a close-up capability will be useful for the smaller species. Excellent results can also be obtained using compact or bridge cameras with a zoom of 10x or more, particularly if it has a close-up/macro setting.
- You will need your fully-detailed camera, lens and accessories instruction manuals which help you and your tutor in the case of any difficulties.
- It is essential that you start each 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.

- 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 or tripod (if you have them) for shooting outside, particularly if you have heavier lenses. A tripod will also be useful when photographing the smaller species.
- An electronic flash unit or reflector (if you have them) may be useful for controlling the lighting on smaller species or fill-in flash when outside; please check with your tutor or the animal handler before using flash units with any species.
- 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 meters) but we will be on grass for much of the time so waterproof footwear is essential and, during particularly wet periods, wellington boots may be required in some areas. A garden kneeler or similar may be a good idea for getting low for some photos.