

CVPS Central Florida Photo Tour

Feb 25 – Mar 2, 2018

Join Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society (CVPS) Steering Committee members **Jim Roetzel** and **Steve Ash** for a Photo Tour to some of Florida's best bird photography locations. Our work will capture the rich diversity of Florida, including numerous avian subjects (waders, raptors, ducks, songbirds, shorebirds) - scouting the tour in 2017, Jim and Steve photographed more than 50 species! During the tour, we'll also photograph alligators; close-ups; habitats and scenics.

Shooting Locations

We'll take advantage of the best light to explore a variety of locations starting near the city of Titusville. From there, we'll visit Merritt Island, Vierra and Orlando Wetlands, and two small parks. We will leave Titusville and travel to Lakeland where Circle B Bar Reserve will be our main focus. Circle B provides a great variety of birds and habitats, so we will spend two full days there before departing for Orlando and our last two locations: Lake Apopka and Gatorland.



Instructional Sessions

The tour will have two pre-trip sessions. The first will be for participants to meet each other, cover trip logistics, and share tips on traveling with photo gear. The second pre-trip session will build your bird photography skills, so you can arrive in Florida ready to make the most of your time. Jim will share techniques from his many years as an accomplished bird photographer (he's published over 4000 images, including two books by Twin Lights Publishers). He will teach skills for photographing birds in flight, best camera and lens settings, perfecting exposure of white birds, and you'll practice flight shots at a local area where he'll answer any questions you may have. On the tour, we'll maximize time in the field. Depending on conditions, there may be time for a couple of formal classroom sessions to cover tips on digital workflow and critique trip images, but our focus will be maximizing photo opportunities. After the tour, the group will reconvene to share favorite images.

Tour Details

Our tour will begin Sunday, February 25 at 6pm at our motel near Titusville, FL and conclude after dinner on Friday, March 2. We will be staying at three motels during the tour. A block of rooms has been reserved at a discounted price. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, food, and transportation costs (we encourage car-sharing). To enjoy group camaraderie, we plan to share meals together at local restaurants. We'd be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information; please email us at: workshops@cvps.org or contact Jim Roetzel at jimroetzel@gmail.com or Steve Ash ash@uakron.edu.



Participants should be experienced photographers who are comfortable with their gear and managing their images. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to download and process photos. Maximum participants: 8 Visit www.jimroetzel.com and click on "Florida Tour 2018" to see images from the area and updates.

Registration and Tour Fee

\$495 for CVPS members (non-members can join at www.conservancyforcvnp.org)
Deposit of \$225; balance due January 30.

**Participants should not make non-cancellable reservations (including airline tickets) until the trip is confirmed by CVPS. Confirmation will be made by January 15, based on the number of registrations. **



To register: call the Conservancy for CVNP at (330) 657-2909 ext. 100