

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society

Photo Road Trip: Spring time in Hocking Hills

with Ian Adams

April 18-21, 2013

We are delighted that you will be joining Ian Adams and other members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society for a Photo Road Trip and workshop to the Hocking Hills, one of Ohio's most beautiful and rugged areas!

The information below is meant to help in your preparation for the workshop. We are happy to answer any additional questions you may have – just contact us!

Lodging

The workshop will be based at:

[Holiday Inn Express - Hocking Hills](#)
12916 Grey St.
Logan, Ohio 43138
740-385-7700

A block of rooms for CVPS workshop participants has been reserved at a special reduced rate of \$109 + tax, but you **must make your own room reservation by March 17** to obtain this rate. Please tell them you are with the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society.

Workshop Schedule

Thursday, April 18

Meet in Holiday Inn Express lobby **at 8:30pm** for welcome and orientation session.

Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20

All-day photography field trip to Hocking Hills State Parks: Ash Cave, Cedar Falls and Old Man's Cave areas; Conkels Hollow, Rock House, and Cantwell Cliffs. Field sessions will be followed by an evening session after dinner.

Sunday, April 21

Half-day photography field trip to Lake Hope State Park and Zaleski State Forest. We will conclude the workshop by approximately 2pm.

Please note that our goal is to maximize shooting opportunities, so our schedule is somewhat flexible and these shooting locations may change due to weather, location conditions or other circumstances.

Transportation & Meals

Transportation and meals are the responsibility of each participant and not covered in the workshop fee. Due to parking and other logistical and environmental concerns, we will carpool from the hotel as much as possible to reduce fuel consumption and ease the need for parking spaces in the parks.

We will be eating at local restaurants that will afford the most expeditious dining so we can spend maximum time behind the camera. The Holiday Inn serves complimentary breakfast to guests 6:30-9:30am and we will take advantage of that.

The Hocking Hills State Resort Lodge Restaurant, located in the center of the Hocking Hills, will be a convenient location to eat lunch on Friday and Saturday, depending on our shooting locations. Of course, you are welcome to bring your own lunch provisions if you prefer.

We also suggest participants bring their own snacks (granola bars, trailmix, etc.) and water bottle to carry in the field.

What to Bring

See the Suggested Workshop Gear List attached to the email for a complete list of items we suggest that you pack for the weekend. You will need your camera body, lenses, tripod, and associated gear. To download and browse your images, you are welcome to bring a laptop or other downloading equipment.

Since the primary photo subjects will be rock and forest scenics, ferns, wildflowers, trees and shrubs, streams and waterfalls you'll want to bring wide-angle and medium telephoto lenses, plus a macro lens if you have one, and a polarizing filter. Be sure to bring plenty of extra flash cards and spare batteries for your cameras, and don't forget to bring your camera user manual.

You are welcome to shoot both film and digital cameras, but film processing will not be available during the workshop.

Please note that this is not a workshop for beginners in photography, but a trip for experienced photographers who have at least a basic understanding of digital photography. You should be comfortable operating your own equipment and know how to operate your tripod and the basic controls on your camera, adjust f/stops and shutter speeds, and use the camera's exposure meter.

Field Sessions

We will be photographing in several of the Hocking Hills State Parks, which include the most spectacular sandstone cliffs and rock formations in Ohio, as well as the largest concentration of waterfalls. The hiking trails are generally short, but can be steep, with many steps and the occasional ladder required to ascend steep cliffs. You will need to be in reasonable physical shape to enjoy hiking these trails while carrying camera gear and a tripod.

Springtime is a season of variable temperatures and weather conditions. Please make sure to bring appropriate clothing for the weather

(dressing in layers is recommended) and sturdy, comfortable footwear.

The following website has some excellent information on the Hocking Hills area, as well as photographs of many of the area's major locations: <http://www.hockinghills.com>

Useful information and maps of Zaleski State Forest, which we also hope to visit, is included on their [website](#).

Evening Sessions

The field photography sessions will be supplemented by classroom sessions held on Friday and Saturday evenings after dinner. Ian will share his insight on topics such as improving landscape composition, digital workflow, iPhone and iPad photography, and self-publishing a photographic book.

Waiver & Release

Please review the form titled "Waiver and Release" attached to the email. By signing the Waiver and Release, you agree that you are solely responsible for what happens to you during the workshop. *In order to participate, please bring the signed form to the first session on Thursday evening.*

Additional Information

If you have any questions about the trip, contact:

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