

FIELD TRIPS

At the EXPO, you will be given information on where to meet for each field trip. If you have questions about any of the field trips or EXPO please contact Ed Zawacki at ed_zawacki@yahoo.com.

Disclaimer: All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and other conditions and also based upon the leader's discretion.

FTFR01 – Cumberland Island National Seashore

Friday 4/13, 7:00 AM –5:00 PM

Leader: Jamie Anderson and Horace Hamilton

Limit: 28

Fee: \$36.00 (nonrefundable) per person and National park entrance fee at dock.

Join Jamie Anderson and Horace Hamilton as you explore this national treasure and all it has to offer. Along your walk, a host of the island's residents may be spotted including wild horses, heron, pelican, osprey, wood storks, piping plovers, least terns, gopher tortoises, manatees and sea turtles. The physical strenuousness of this field trip is as easy to moderate depending upon conditions.

Gear to bring: Bottled water and snacks. Some snacks can be purchased on the ferry. There is some potable water around the Dungeness Village area near the bathrooms and near each of the docks for water refills but you don't want to be caught without! Pack gear in a daypack/backpack that you can keep dry and hike a good distance with comfortably. Bring a variety of lens/camera gear depending on what you like to shoot.

For the Dungeness ruins and landscapes, you may want a wide angle lens or a lens in the 50-150 mm range. For wildlife, including the feral horses (if we see them), you may want to bring a longer lens in the 200-500 mm for greater range. Wear comfortable hiking shoes or boots. Walking in the sand along the beach is not easy. Bring a poncho or raincoat in case of inclement weather. Bring sunscreen and/or insect repellent if you need them.

The \$36.00 fee includes the ferry ride and some miscellaneous expenses. You will also need to pay the National Park Pass (\$7 in cash) upon arrival. There is a \$2.00 discount for seniors. You may also use the America the Beautiful National Park Pass if you have it. The \$36.00 fee is nonrefundable.

FTFR02 – Okefenokee Swamp

Friday 4/13, 5:00 AM –12:01 PM

Leader: Eric Bowles

Limit: 20

Fee: \$55.00 (nonrefundable) per person

You will arrive at Okefenokee Swamp along with your guide, Eric Bowles, at roughly 6:30 AM and be the first people in the swamp that morning. You will enjoy a 3-hour guided trip when the water will be perfectly still and a light mist will be rising over the swamp. Your trip will take you into Chesser Prairie and on several trails providing the opportunity for landscape and wildlife photography. You never know what you'll see, but typical subjects are owls, hawks, alligators, songbirds, wading birds, and lots of plant life.

Your guided tour will finish around 10:00 AM providing time to visit other areas of the swamp including macro photography of blooming pitcher plants. Following the morning session, you can either break for lunch and visit the Folkston Funnel Train Museum, or return to the hotel for other activities.

Gear to bring: For Okefenokee, a landscape lens (a wider lens in the 16-35 mm range), a macro lens, and a long (up to 200-500 mm) lens for wildlife, water, snacks, bug spray, and rain gear. A tripod is not needed on the boat but is preferred for macro and other photography on land after the cruise.

The \$55.00 nonrefundable fee covers costs of boat & tip, etc. Travel time is one hour and 22 minutes between Villas by the Sea and Okefenokee Adventures.

FTFR03 – Sunrise and Landscape Photography at Driftwood Beach

Friday 4/13, 6:00 AM –9:30 AM

Leader: Mark Buckler

Limit: 20

Fee: This field trip is only open to attendees of Mark Buckler's Making Great Landscape Images workshop WS06 on Thursday 4/12

Join Mark Buckler on this photo adventure to the spectacular scenery of Driftwood Beach and learn in-the-field techniques that will get you amazing images. Driftwood Beach is a tree graveyard that is littered with driftwood and trees that provides superb

photo opportunities. Mark will help you with difficult exposure situations found at sunrise and also cover some of the artistic elements that go into making great photos.

FTFR04 – Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge

Friday 4/13, 5:30 AM –11:00 AM

Leader: David Akoubian

Limit: 20

Fee: No Fee

Join David Akoubian on this birding expedition to Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge which is part of the Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex. David is a Tamron Image Master and is very well known for his outstanding bird photography. His photographs and articles have appeared in publications such as Nature Photographer, Audubon Magazine, Blue Ridge Country, Birder's World, Outdoor Photographer, and many others.

The history of Harris Neck is as rich and diverse as the wildlife protected there today. Its formation dates back some 12,000 years. Today, as a National Wildlife Refuge, it provides premier nesting, foraging, and wintering habitat for a diversity of wildlife, including over 300 species of birds. The refuge encompasses six man-made fresh water ponds, extensive salt marsh, open fields, forested wetlands, and mixed forests.

Bring your longer lenses, as well as water and, snacks. Tamron will have loaner lenses available on Thursday if you want to try some of their longer lenses.

FTFR05 – Milky Way, Stars, and Water

Friday 4/13, 2:00 AM –5:00 AM

Leader: Ed Zawacki

Limit: 15

Fee: No Fee

We will go out in the middle of the night and shoot the stars on beautiful Driftwood Beach. The Galactic Core of the Milky Way should be above the horizon while we are there and the tide will be low (low tide is at 1:51 AM and high tide is at 7:48 AM).

Camera equipment to bring:

- Camera with good high ISO range
- Lens: wide angle preferably 24 mm or less and fast f 2.8 or faster (we can make others work)
- Steady/sturdy tripod
- Cable or remote shutter release
- Spare batteries
- Spare memory cards

For those who have never photographed the stars, we will hold a brief session on settings and techniques just after the Thursday evening main tent session.

FTFR20 – Photographing Water in Nature

Friday 4/13, 4:30 PM –8:00 PM

Leader: Larry Winslett

Limit: 20

Fee: This field trip is only for those registered for Larry Winslett's workshop WS02, Photographing Water in Nature.

Participants must bring a camera, lenses, polarizing and neutral density filters if you have them, and a tripod. Bring extra memory cards and batteries. Dress accordingly for the weather. You might even want to bring waders if you plan to get in the water.

FTFR21 – Okefenokee Sunset Cruise and Wildlife Walk

Friday 4/13, 12:00 PM –10:00 PM

Leader: Eric Bowles

Limit: 20

Fee: \$55.00 (nonrefundable) per person

We'll meet to start the afternoon at the Okefenokee Adventurers Visitor Center. We'll visit the Chesser Homestead - a farm and home of a swamp family from nearly 80 years ago. You'll then walk about 3/4 miles (one way) on a boardwalk to a raised viewing area with a wonderful view of the swamp. Along the boardwalk you will likely see alligators, snakes, turtles, frogs, and a wide range of swamp plants.

The group will return to the visitor's center and pick up a box dinner (cost not included), then head out on a sunset cruise in the swamp. We'll be on the water with great reflections and hopefully a special sunset. We won't get off the water until late-probably around 9:00 PM, so we can expect to return to the hotel after 10:00.

For those participating in both Okefenokee trips with Eric, you will break for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the Folkston Funnel Train Museum.

Gear to bring: For Okefenokee, a landscape lens (a wider lens in the 16-35 mm range), a macro lens, and a long lens (up to 200-500 mm) for wildlife - plus water, snacks, bug spray and rain gear. A tripod is optional for photos on land, but not needed for the boat.

The \$55.00 fee covers boat and tip costs, etc. Travel time is one hour and 22 minutes between Villas by the Sea and Okefenokee Adventures. We will provide a map for registrants who are driving to the afternoon session only. They will be meeting us at Okefenokee Adventures and need to leave by Jekyll Island by 12:30 to meet at 2:00 PM.

FTFR22 – Darien at Dusk with Olympus

Friday 4/13, 3:30 PM –9:00 PM

Leader: Jeff and Ledra Woodlee

Limit: 20

Fee: No Fee

Join Olympus Workshop Partners, Jeff and Ledra Woodlee of Natural Connections Photo Workshops while they lead you on a hands-on Olympus experience in Darien, Georgia. Just 45 minutes north of Jekyll lies one of the state's most iconic views. Every Georgia photographer should want this amazing collection of shrimp boats on the river in their portfolio.

Shoot with Ledra and Jeff as they demonstrate the Olympus OMD camera system and assist you while you use actual Olympus gear. If you already shoot with Olympus cameras, you will receive personal attention to help you understand your system even more. If you don't currently use an Olympus camera but want to know more about them, this is the perfect opportunity to photograph an iconic location with these little cameras and see just how good they really are! Jeff and Ledra are on site to help you with all of it.

Also, learn about the amazing in-camera HDR feature built into every OMD Series camera. The class is limited to 15 participants and there will be 10 camera systems available to share for the shoot. Be sure to bring your own equipment as well.

FTFR23 – Historic District, Marsh, and Sunset

Friday 4/13, 4:30 PM –8:00 PM

Leader: Rob Knight

Limit: 15

Fee: No Fee

Join Panasonic LUMIX Ambassador, travel and nature photographer, Rob Knight, as he leads you on a hands-on Lumix experience on Jekyll Island. Rob will take you to the Horton House Ruins, and the walk way along Fancy Bottom Creek, to photograph old buildings, beautiful scenery, marsh birds, and a sunset facing back over the marshes and channel to the west. Rob will modify the itinerary based upon shooting conditions for the field trip.

Rob will have a number of Lumix kits available to share for those of you who want to try their latest mirrorless cameras. Be sure to bring your own equipment as well, because of the limited number of loaners to share. If you don't currently use a Lumix camera, but want to know more about them, this is the perfect opportunity to photograph at a great location and try them out. If you do have a Lumix camera it is a perfect opportunity to work with a Lumix expert.

FTFR24 – Georgia Coastal Bird

Friday 4/13, 3:30 PM –8:00 PM

Leader: Mark Buckler

Limit: 15

Fee: No Fee

This is a great opportunity to join professional photographer (and former wildlife biologist), Mark Buckler, on an exciting adventure to photograph birds in the Jekyll Island area. Mark will spend the days leading up to this field trip scouting the area for the most interesting and abundant birds in the vicinity. We will likely seek out various wading birds and shorebirds, but other types of birds are possible. Bring your long telephoto lenses and also wide angle, if you wish to shoot some of the scenery

FTSA01 – Jekyll Point Sunrise and Shorebird

Saturday 4/14, 5:30 AM –9:00 AM

Leader: Eric Bowles

Limit: 15

Fee: No Fee

Join Eric Bowles at Jekyll Point to photograph sunrise and various shorebirds. Jekyll point is on the southernmost end of Jekyll Island providing great sunrise reflections and a protected environment for birds. After you park, Eric will guide you on an almost one mile walk to the point.

Normally you can see a wide range of shorebirds, including Wilson's plovers, black skimmers, terns, gulls, pelicans, cormorants, willets, sanderlings, oystercatchers and many others.

This is a great opportunity to use both wide angle for sunrise then switch to a telephoto lens for bird photography.

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