

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP 2011



About the Workshop

Photographing wildlife is why I own a camera and if you share that passion, then this is the workshop for you. At this workshop you'll have un-equalled opportunities to photograph a variety of North American wildlife in natural settings. We are talking up close and personal with cougars, wolves, bears and much more. On this workshop you'll get these shots and you won't have to spend weeks, months or even years seeking out all of these animals. How? We'll be photographing at the Triple D Ranch and they've been training animals for photographers and filmmakers since 1975. Undoubtedly, you've seen images of their wildlife, but you probably never knew it because we will always be photographing in locations that you would naturally expect to see the wildlife. There are no bars and nothing in the way but your own excitement!

I've been photographing here for years and have photographed every species in the menagerie in every season and location. I know how to photograph at the Triple D and after this workshop you'll be stunned by the quality and quantity of images that you'll have. A quick word of warning! Photographing these animals is addicting and I can promise that you'll be coming back over and over.

Included in the Workshop

The fee includes 3 days of photography instruction with classroom session critiquing your images and "how to" help on photographing wildlife. We will also allocate a few hours to help you with your digital workflow. OH! There will be a fabulous pizza party the evening of the 18th during our orientation.

We'll be photographing 8 species during our 3 days. During this workshop we can expect to photograph multiple species in a variety of different but ecologically accurate situations. While the specific species cannot be confirmed until our arrival we almost always see mountain lion, bobcat, coyote, fox, raccoon, wolf and bear.

Transportation to the workshop and during the workshop are not included. Your local accommodations and meals are also not included.

At a Glance

Location: Kalispell, MT
Arrive by:..... 6 PM Oct 18, 2011
Depart After: Oct 23, 2011
Cost: \$1395
Participants: 12 max
Contact..... jeffwendorff@gmail.com

Itinerary

Day 1 (October 18, 2011)

6:00PM ~ Holiday Inn Express

Arrive in time for an informal get together at the hotel. We'll have some time to meet each other and we'll go over what you can expect for the next few days including just how early you'll be getting up each day!

Days 2-4 (Oct 19-21, 2011)

These will be our primary workshop days. Plan to rise and shine well before sunrise so we can be in position for the morning blastoff! The light will dictate our days activities and we'll shoot as long as we can with good light. We'll return to base in the middle of the day. You'll have time to forage for lunch, download your images, recharge your batteries and then meet for that days classroom activities. This is the format we'll follow all 3 days.

Day 5 (October 22, 2011)

This day is a wild card. It will be used to make up any sessions that had to be canceled for some unplanned occurrence as well as for you to add a couple of more sessions. You are going to love it so much that you'll be glad to have the opportunity to get in a couple more animals.

These extra sessions are \$150 per person per species and some species will have a minimum number of participants for them to be available.

The workshop is officially over on the 21st assuming the make up sessions are not required. I will of course be there to assist with your optional sessions if you decide to add some more sessions. I'd be quite surprised if you didn't book at least one!

Day 6 (October 23, 2011)

Departure day.



Transportation and Lodging

Airports

Glacier International Airport (FCA)

This airport is actually in Kalispell and is a short 15 minutes to the recommended hotel.

Missoula International Airport (MSO)

It is sometimes less expensive to fly to Missoula and the drive the 150 miles to Kalispell.

Hotel

The recommended hotel for this trip is the Holiday Inn Express. All classroom activities be at the hotel. We'll caravan to the workshop from the hotel; if you are staying anyplace other than the Holiday Inn or the cabin at the ranch you'll need to meet us at the lobby. I'll announce our hotel departure time each evening. You can expect it will be near dawn.

There is also an opportunity to stay at the ranches gorgeous Howling Wolf Lodge. This is a shared accommodation, you will have a private bedroom and share the common areas. Please contact me for details. The hotel address is:



Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites
275 TREELINE ROAD
KALISPELL, MT 59901 UNITED STATES
Hotel Front Desk: 1-406-7557405

Equipment and Gear

You should bring lots of energy and a lot of memory cards! You are going to photograph a lot more than you imagine. On my last trip one gentleman shot 1200 images during the first morning session! We may photograph as many as 3 sessions with minimal breaks in between for downloads. You need to have enough cards or a portable download device to keep up with the action

A tripod can be used and is recommended. You will not need long glass, a 70-200mm is enough for the majority of the photography. There are some places where a 400mm can be used for tight portraits.

We'll normally shoot regardless of the weather and snow showers are certainly possible, so you should be prepared for that.

There is not going to be a great deal of physical exertion on this trip. One location that we will likely use has a hike of about 200 yards with a moderate hill to climb. We'll be able to take it slow and even with deep snow, we've never lost anyone...yet!

 Jeffwendorff

The Leader

Jeff is an avid outdoor and wildlife photographer whose work has been published widely — from calendars and magazines to cans of cat food in China! He has co-lead workshops with David Middleton as well as leading his own workshops for the past 5 years. Jeff has a great enthusiasm for his subject and it is quite contagious. He'll make sure everyone is having fun and learning a lot!

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People are Talking About Jeff

The chance to be close to these magnificent animals was worth the trip whether I was able to capture one great image or not. Fortunately, with the expert help from the leaders at PAW, I was able to take home a variety of excellent images of lions, tigers and bears. Truly a remarkable experience!

-Frank 11/09

Jeff,

First off thanks for best workshop I have ever been on. I learned more in those 4 days then I have learned my whole life doing photography. Plus those animals were amazing. I can't wait to go sometime when there is snow.

-Bobbie 11/09

Final Thoughts

If I could only photograph one spot for the rest of my life, I'd be hard pressed not to stay at the Triple D. No matter how many times I'm here (and its been a lot) when the animals are out the adrenaline kicks in and I'm in photography nirvana.

One last tip, before I see you. Take time while you are here just to look at the animals without your camera. It's quite inspirational to be standing 20 feet from a mountain lion and an image you'll carry with you far longer than your images will last...

It's going to be a wild one! Sign up Today!

