

## PhotoSIG Field Trip – Waterfalls & Fall Foliage



**Field Trip:** Fall 2011 to photograph waterfalls & fall foliage in western North Carolina (near Brevard NC); this is a field trip, not a formal workshop; basically just a group of us from our WNCC-PhotoSIG team getting together “taking our cameras for a walk”, just a little farther away than what we have done in the past.

**Dates:** Thursday thru Saturday, October 27-29, 2011; this is a 3 day/2 night event.

**Field Trip Coordinators:** Ed Robidoux & Bob Libbey. Photos in this brochure courtesy of Ed.

**Description:** the Smokey Mountains have wonderful waterfalls & fall foliage color; join us on this field trip to personally capture a lot of this with our cameras, as we expand our photographic skills and test our photography knowledge.



**Directions:** we will provide a map to get to Brevard NC and then we will have handout maps to each of our photo shoot locations which we will provide that first afternoon at the hotel in Brevard.

**Preliminary Agenda:** this is just an outline for now; a more detailed agenda will be provided as we get closer to the field trip; day 1 drive to Brevard NC, arrive by 4PM, check into hotel, then a late afternoon waterfall photo shoot to include close to sunset, then dinner together; day 2 is a full day photo shooting, including sunrise & sunset photo op locations; day 3 in the morning more waterfalls and head home about noon.



**Estimated Expenses:** \$400-\$500 to include gas up & back, 2 nights hotel, meals over 3 days; there are no costs for the field trip (as there would be if this was a workshop with a workshop leader); everyone will pay their own expenses (gas, hotel, meals, etc).

**Meal Planning:** we will block out time for breakfast, lunch & dinner all days; you are invited to join us for any or all meals; we plan to have time during meals and in the evening to discuss what we photographed each day, and outline a little about the next day's photo shoot locations.



**Hotel Information:** there is a Hampton Inn in Pisgah Forest, NC (828-883-4200) and a Holiday Inn Express in Brevard, NC (828-862-8900); ask about AARP or AAA rates; a phone call might get you a slightly better rate; **see note further down in this brochure regarding the block of rooms reserved at Hampton Inn.**

**Confirm Participation Date:** please confirm your participation to Ed Robidoux not later than Oct 1, 2011; email [ed.robidoux@gmail.com](mailto:ed.robidoux@gmail.com).

**Any Questions – contact us:** if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ed Robidoux [ed.robidoux@gmail.com](mailto:ed.robidoux@gmail.com) or Bob Libbey [bob@dslrduo.com](mailto:bob@dslrduo.com).

**Detailed Agenda:** we will provide a detailed agenda before the workshop; this will include two full days, starting afternoon on day 1 (Thursday) through to about noon day 3 (Saturday); plan to get up early, go to bed late, and repeat this each day.

**Hampton Inn block of rooms reserved:** Ed has reserved a block of 10 rooms at the Hampton Inn with a rate of \$109 for Thursday night Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and \$129 for Friday night Oct 28<sup>th</sup>; you must make your reservations by Sept 28<sup>th</sup>; the block of rooms is reserved under the name **Waccamaw Camera Club**; call the hotel directly 828-883-4800; and FYI, the address is 275 Forest Gate Center, Pisgah National Forest, NC 28768 (Brevard, NC is the closest town).

**AND, if this is not enough, read on for a possible “add on” to this field trip:** information will be forthcoming for an independent side trip before or after to Campbell Covered Bridge, and Wildcat Branch Falls in SC; as soon as we have more information, we will email these details.

**NOW start thinking waterfalls & fall foliage:** start doing some of your own investigating (homework) on the internet; find out about where we are going; check out the website lists for the waterfall areas we will visit; and more!!

