

# Landscape Photography in the Dales

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

*a course led by Rod and Margaret Smith at Malham Tarn Field Centre*



## The Course

The Yorkshire Dales are widely (and rightly!) held in high regard by many as a special place containing a fantastic variety of features, including wild, unspoilt moorland and hills as well as gentle valleys and picturesque villages. The area around Malham includes much of interest which will keep even the keenest photographer busy for a long time, from the obvious attractions of such well known places as Malham Cove and Gordale Scar to the plants and rocks under your feet.

On the basis that “nothing beats doing it”, much of the week will be spent out and about taking photographs. We will aim to visit a number of locations around Malham, with perhaps one or two trips further afield. Many of the visits will involve walking for perhaps 1 or 2 miles on tracks and footpaths with some rough ground, so stout footwear and waterproofs will be essential. The visits will be planned to provide a variety of photographic opportunities, which will test and develop your photographic skills to the limit – you have been warned!

As well as the practical business of taking photographs there will also be time for advice and guidance on getting the best out of your equipment and practical work on computer manipulation of images. A further very important aspect of the course will be time spent reviewing and discussing the pictures you have taken.

While much of the course will apply equally to both film and digital cameras, for anyone choosing to use



a film camera the maximum benefit would be gained by also using a digital camera so that they could play a full part in the discussions and the computer manipulation.

## The Tutors

Margaret and Rod Smith are experienced photography tutors who live in Horton in Ribblesdale, at the heart of the famous ‘Three Peaks’. Following a successful career as freelance photographers in Bradford, since moving to the Dales they have taught Photography at Craven College in Skipton and Settle, a range of Photography courses for adults at various venues around the Craven district, and classes and workshops for the Yorkshire Dales National Park. They now also run their own classes and events as well as offering private tuition.

Examples of their work can be seen on the website [www.dalesphotos.co.uk](http://www.dalesphotos.co.uk)

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## Course Fees & Booking process:

<b>Resident – sole occupancy</b>	<b>£600.00</b>
<b>Resident – sharing</b>	<b>£530.00</b>
<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>£401.00</b>

Resident fees include tuition, full board accommodation, course transport and essential materials.

Non-Resident fees includes tuition, evening meals, packed lunches, course transport and essential materials.

First telephone the Centre to check availability, then return a completed booking form with your deposit of £50 to confirm your place.

Please note the booking conditions on the booking form, in the FSC Courses Brochure or on the FSC website.

### Arrival / Departure Times:

Please aim to arrive between **4.00pm and 5.30pm on Friday afternoon**, allowing time to settle in before the evening meal at 6.00pm. The course will begin formally after dinner with an introduction to the Centre.

The course will end on Thursday evening, with departure after breakfast on Friday morning. Bedrooms should be vacated by 9.30am.

### Excursions

Excursions away from the Centre will use Centre minibuses. On occasion it may be necessary to use private cars, in which case anyone who kindly uses their car will be refunded the petrol costs.

### Other Courses This Week

- Printmaking without a Press (Mon – Fri)
- Historic Landscape of the Yorkshire Dales
- Sculpture (Fri – Mon)

Your partner or friend could join you for your stay to do their own thing or to fish the Tarn during the fishing season. Please ask for details.

### Travelling Here:

The Centre is located 4 miles North of Malham Village and 7 miles East of Settle.

Grid ref: SD 895673. Post code BD24 9PU.

- **By Train** The nearest stations are Settle and Giggleswick. We can arrange to collect you from and return you to the station by Centre minibus depending upon demand. ***Please call & let us know of your arrival time in advance.*** Taxis from the station should be booked in advance – call 01729-822219 or 01729-824888.
- **By Car** Please follow the directions attached.
- **Car Sharing** If you would like to be put in touch with other participants who are coming from your area, please let us know.

### Equipment to Bring:

- ♦ A camera of whatever type (digital, SLR, compact) and camera handbook.
- ♦ Film users - supply of colour film, 100 or 200 ISO
- ♦ Fresh batteries and spares (& charger if appropriate)
- ♦ Tripod or monopod and cable release if you have them
- ♦ Camera to PC connection cable
- ♦ Laptop computer if preferred
- ♦ USB Memory stick
- ♦ Blank CD/DVD's to save pictures on to.
- ♦ Waterproof Jacket and Trousers \*
- ♦ Walking boots, Wellington boots \*
- ♦ Warm clothing, hat, scarf, gloves; thick socks
- ♦ Small rucksack, flask / water bottle,
- ♦ Sandwich box \*
- ♦ Sun cream, insect repellent

\* *These items can be borrowed at the Centre*

Malham Tarn experiences an upland climate - at any season it can be bright and fine, but can also be cold, windy and wet. Please be prepared by bringing warm and waterproof clothing, and strong waterproof footwear. Some surfaces around the buildings are uneven and may be slippery therefore visitors are advised to wear flat shoes.

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**Malham Tarn Field Centre** is one of seventeen



Centres in the UK run by the Field Studies Council, an independent educational charity formed in 1943 to help people discover, explore, understand and be inspired by the natural environment.

**The Centre** stands high up (altitude of 381m) in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in a peaceful woodland setting beneath dramatic cliffs and overlooking Malham Tarn. The Tarn is the focus of an internationally important National Nature Reserve and the area is known for its magnificent limestone scenery, with the famous features of Malham Cove and Gordale Scar within walking distance.

**Tarn House** was built by Thomas Lister during the eighteenth century and extended by Walter Morrison, an eccentric philanthropist, who inherited the property in 1857. Many eminent guests stayed at the house including John Ruskin, Charles Kingsley and Judge Hughes. The estate was given to The National Trust in 1946, who lease the House to the FSC for educational purposes. The Field Centre opened in 1948.

**The Centre** is an ideal place to study a variety of topics and we offer courses at all levels for schools, colleges and universities, for vocational training and a wide range of special interest courses for adults and families. At any time we may have a variety of groups at the Centre. The Head of Centre leads a well-qualified and experienced teaching team with a full complement of staff on the domestic and administrative side. Courses are also run by carefully chosen guest tutors.

**Accommodation & Facilities** The Centre comprises three buildings - Tarn House, North Wing and High Stables. North Wing is close to Tarn House separated by a cobbled courtyard. High Stables is a few minutes walk up a woodland track, where there is also a large parking area. Visitors to the Centre can expect to find a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Warm and comfortable sleeping accommodation is distributed across all three buildings. Many rooms have en-suite facilities, beds are prepared, towels provided and tea and coffee making facilities are available in your room.

There are four well equipped study rooms, a drying room, library, TV lounge, common room and tea room in Tarn House and North Wing. A second common room and bar are located at High Stables.



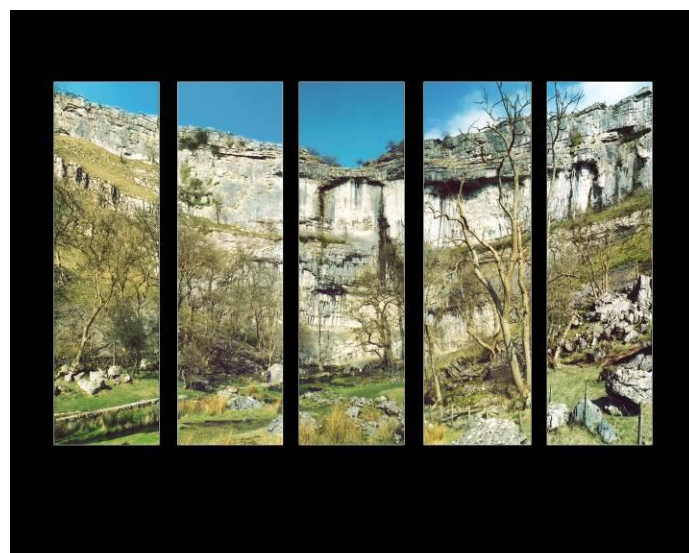
High Stables

The tuck-shop sells a range of confectionery, drinks, toiletry items, stationery, postcards and souvenirs. The publications shop is located in the office and sells maps, books, FSC fold-out charts and keys. It should be noted that the nearest shops and cash machines are 7 miles away.

Mobile reception is variable – public telephones are available if yours does not work! Computers have internet access, with wireless broadband accessible from your laptop, in some areas.

**Catering** The dining room is located in Tarn House. In addition to a cooked breakfast and wholesome home-cooked evening meal, materials are provided for you to make a picnic lunch to enjoy wherever your course may take you. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement. Drink making facilities are available at all times in the tea room.

**Important** It is in your own interests to inform the Centre of any medical problems, disabilities, allergies or dietary requirements you may have. All information will be treated in confidence.



## How to find us

**1 From Malham:** Bear **left** at the Buck Inn. Drive up a winding hill, and along the flat (2 cattle grids) for 3 miles to a crossroads. Go **straight ahead** here, past High Trenhouse (Centre for Management Creativity) and down to a junction. Turn **right** and drive with the wood to your right for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Ignore the gated track and watch out for a **sharp right** hand turn down a slope at the far end of the woodland.

*NB Do not take the road from Malham that goes past the Listers Arms Hotel as this becomes a gated track.*

**2 From Settle/Hawes/Horton-in-Ribblesdale** Take the B6479 to Langcliffe (don't follow signs to Malham from Settle town Centre) and turn into Langcliffe at the sign 'Malham  $7\frac{1}{2}$ '. Follow this road through the village, over a cattle grid, up a steep winding hill, over 2 cattle grids, down to an isolated farm and up another long hill. Bear **right** at the top of this hill. After just over a mile, the road forks at a small copse. Bear **left** here at the sign 'Arncliffe  $5\frac{3}{4}$ ' (do not take the road to Malham). Continue for another mile, past a sharp right turn and a gated track. At the far end of the woodland watch for a **sharp right** turn.

The final turn is marked with a small sign to the Field Centre. Follow the track for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile past various cottages, through a rock cutting to the large buildings at the far end.

