

Photoshop for Photographers

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th April 2010

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



The Course

Photoshop is an extraordinary programme which allows any photographer with a computer to enhance and manipulate their images in all sorts of ways. This short course will introduce you to the most useful features of Photoshop, with a strong emphasis on practical work so that you can become comfortable with using it. During the course you will be using Adobe Photoshop Elements 6, which is an affordable but still very powerful cousin of the professional version of Photoshop. The course is aimed at people with little or no experience of using Photoshop, and will also be suitable for those who have 'dabbled' but could benefit from some structured tuition.

Just as important as learning how to carry out various operations on your photographs, you will learn when and why to use the various tools and controls. Central to the course will be the idea of *interpreting* the images captured by your camera.

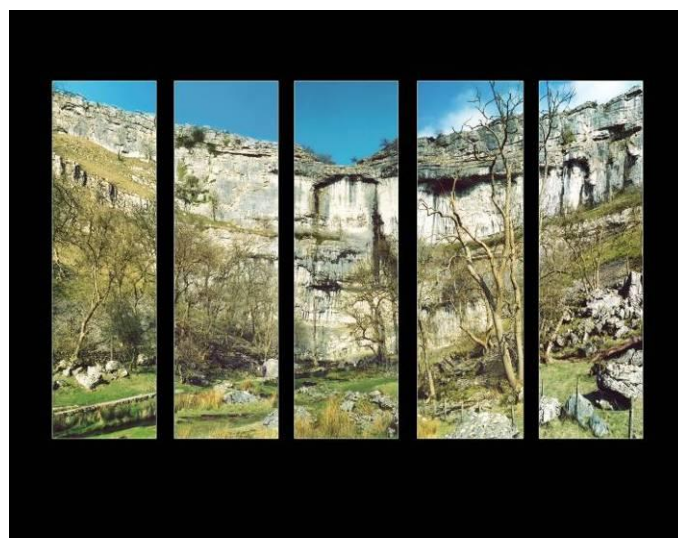
If time permits we will also look at the main controls on your camera, and how to use them to best effect to ensure good quality images which can then be edited successfully in Photoshop. Also if time (and weather!) permits it may be possible to spend a little time taking photographs in the magnificent countryside around the Centre.

You will be welcome to bring photographs of your own (on USB Memory stick or CD/DVD) to work on.

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



Course Fees & Booking process:

Resident – sole occupancy	£225.00
Resident – sharing	£205.00
Non-Resident	£158.00

Resident fees include tuition, full board accommodation, course transport.

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

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 at 3pm on Sunday afternoon, but bedrooms should be vacated by 9.30am.

Other Courses This Weekend

- Nature into Art
- Making a Stained Glass Panel

Your partner or friend could join you for your stay to do their own thing. 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:

- ♦ Camera, with lead to connect to PC or with a card reader.
- ♦ Fresh batteries and spares (& charger if appropriate)
- ♦ USB Memory stick or blank CD/DVD to save pictures on to & to take your finished work home with you.
- ♦ Tripod or monopod and cable release if you have them
- ♦ Laptop computer with Photoshop (any version) if you have one.
- ♦ 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.

Excursions

Any 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.

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.



High Stables

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.

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.



Pen-y-ghent: photo by Rod & Margaret Smith

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.

