

Grindon Cartshed Photography Workshop

Enjoy the comfort and beautiful surroundings of the Grindon Cartshed, combined with an opportunity to develop your photography skills in the company of our experienced and enthusiastic tutor.

If you are planning to walk the Hadrian's Wall Path, a two-day break for a photography workshop could be the ideal change of pace, to enable you to re-charge your batteries before continuing on your way!

Popular Northumberland photographer David Taylor is our host. In his company, you will be able to explore both the technical and creative sides of photography, at the same time as enjoying the breathtaking and iconic landscapes of this beautiful region.

All enthusiastic photographers are welcome, regardless of ability or experience, and there will be ample time over the weekend for David to address each individual's priorities.



Caw Gap, Hadrian's Wall

What Will The Weekend Consist Of?

Our photography breaks begin with dinner on Friday evening. This is an opportunity for us to meet each other, and to discuss what everyone would like to get out of the weekend.

For those guests happy to rise early, both days will begin with a dawn shoot, weather permitting. We return to the Cartshed for breakfast, before setting out again for a full day's photography in the awe-inspiring Northumberland countryside.

The workshop programme will include guidance on composition, including advice on deciding on the most effective viewpoint for your shot, and framing the image for maximum impact. We may experiment with imaging frames to encourage creative composition and new ways of looking at, and seeing, the landscape.

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In tandem with our work on composition, we will also look at the technical aspects of shot-making, such as the creative use of depth of field, length of exposure, filter use, and the effects of light and contrast range on the beauty of a image.

We will explore the photographic potential of our stunning surroundings to the full. There will be plenty of time for you to explore each location and immerse yourself in your new surroundings, to experiment with setting up each shot, and to apply your new skills to the full.

Over dinner and into the evening on Saturday, we will have an opportunity to discuss any number of photography topics! In the warmth and comfort of our private sitting room, digital users will be able to see the results of their day's work, via a digital projector, and these images will facilitate discussion on various aspects of the photographic process.



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What Will I Be Able To Photograph?

Grindon Cartshed lies within the Northumberland National Park and a stone's throw from Hadrian's Wall, the northern-most boundary of the ancient Roman Empire. This historic landscape offers endless exciting opportunities for the photographer, and we will explore and photograph locations featuring parts of the wall itself, as well as the stunning and varied scenery which surrounds it.

The area enjoys very special sunrises and sunsets, but the photography does not have to end when it gets dark. Grindon benefits from very dark skies at night, so on clear nights there is also the possibility of some star-trail photography, just by stepping outside the front door!

What If The Weather Is Bad?

Whilst brilliant weather can never be guaranteed in Britain, you can be assured of a satisfying photography break at Grindon Cartshed whatever the conditions.

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The variety of locations available means that we can adapt to the weather. For instance, the beautiful woodland paths at nearby Allen Banks are the ideal location for low light photography, or when moderate rain would make photography out in the open less attractive.

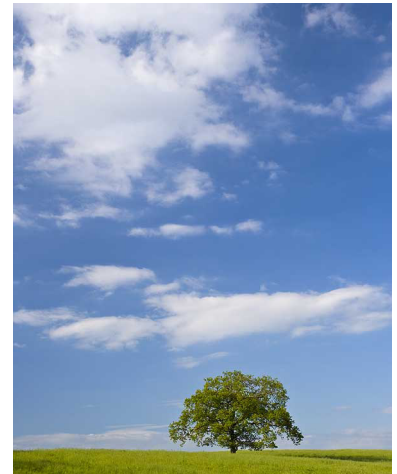
Just in case the weather really turns against us, you will be encouraged to bring along examples of your work, in print or digital form. These will form the basis of informal tutorial sessions, enabling participants to explore ways of taking their photography to a higher level.

David will also provide digital slideshows to illustrate ways of using the camera more creatively, and to demonstrate the elements of effective composition.

What Equipment Do I Need?

Bring with you the equipment you already own. The aim of the workshop is to enable you to make the most of the camera kit you have, rather than emphasising the limitations you feel it might present!

A tripod is important if you wish to use your camera to its full potential, so if you don't already own one, and you want to take your photography seriously, it might be worth investing in one. However, David may be able to lend you a tripod for the weekend, so please ask if you are in any doubt.



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Dates and Prices

Dates: 12th to 14th November 2010.
(All weekend breaks run from Friday to Sunday).

Time: You're welcome to check in from 3pm on Friday. The workshop begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon, with optional tea and cake back at the Cartshed.

Group size: Maximum of 6 participants

Price per person: £235*

The price includes:

- Two nights' luxury en-suite Bed and Breakfast accommodation;
- Packed lunch and evening meal, including a glass of wine, on both days;
- Two days' landscape photography workshops under the expert guidance of Northumberland photographer David Taylor;
- A comprehensive and attractive set of workshop notes, including a list of useful photography resources.

* Price is based on sharing a twin room. There is a £14 per night single occupancy charge.

Non-participating partners are welcome - even non-photographers will find lots to do to fill their days in this beautiful area.

Price for non-participant: £130

If you would like more information about the workshop itself, please contact David on (01434) 607637, or e-mail david@davidtaylorphotography.co.uk, and he will be happy to answer your questions.

To book your place, please contact Jackie or Dave directly, on (01434) 684273 or through the website – <http://www.grindon-cartshed.co.uk>

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Bespoke Individual and Small-Group Tuition

Subject to David's availability, we are also able to offer guests photography tuition tailored especially to their own requirements. This can last anywhere from half a day to several days. You decide on the locations you'd like to visit, and the skills you'd like to concentrate on. Tuition in Photoshop, and print critiquing, can also be included in the package if you wish.

This package would be ideal for a group of friends looking for a short break with a difference. Or maybe you'd like to treat someone special to this exciting opportunity, as a gift to mark a special occasion. In this case, David can even provide a specially-printed gift voucher, free of charge, along with one of his beautiful greetings cards, for your own message.

Prices start at £150 per day (or £75 for half a day), or £200 for two people (or £100 for half a day), and can be negotiated for groups of three or more. Please get in touch with David directly on (01434) 607637 or e-mail david@davidtaylorphotography.co.uk to check his availability and discuss your own requirements.

About David Taylor

David Taylor was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and now lives in Hexham, Northumberland. He started taking photographs at the age of 15 and has never stopped. His interest in landscape photography grew from a passion for the outdoors, and since becoming a full-time freelance photographer in 2006, he has been able to indulge this passion to the full.

David's images are frequently used by national and regional magazines, such as Beautiful Britain and Living North, and he writes regular, illustrated articles for North East Life. Commissioned work has included photography for the Northumberland National Park Authority, for its promotional materials, and for several advertising and PR agencies.

David regularly exhibits his work around the north east of England and the Scottish Borders. His limited edition prints hang in private collections as far afield as Switzerland, Turkey, Canada and the United States.