

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

Introduction to Photography Courses at ICBP and what you will need to bring

This course will be based in and around the Centre, your instructor will have a laptop on which your images may be downloaded and presented but you might wish to bring your own, as it is a useful way of archiving and viewing a large number of images, especially if you wish to work on them at home. There will also be a projector to put images on a screen so all can see.

These are the things you will need to bring with you:

- Your **camera**. Your instructor may not be familiar with all the functions on your particular model so it will be important to bring the manual as well. As for lenses – bring all you have. We can make the most of all kinds, but longer lenses – say from 150mm upwards may offer more creative potential.
- If your camera does not have a built in flash, you might want to bring a separate unit but it is by no means essential and, out of doors, it is unlikely to be used.
- The **battery charger** (and a spare battery if you have one) will keep you up and running for the day.
- **A tripod or monopod** is useful but not essential. Make sure that you have the mounting plate on which to screw the camera!
- **Memory card(s)**. You will be surprised at how many images you collect – especially when photographing birds which can move at critical moments. It is best to bring as much memory as you can. A **minimum** of 512Mb is recommended.
- If you bring a laptop, don't forget your **power cable**. (There are enough sockets in the work room and we will provide extension cables) If you normally download your images directly onto your computer, you will need the appropriate camera **leads** – alternatively, a **card reader**, which is usually much faster than downloading directly. It would help if you familiarise yourself with their use before coming so that you can easily download. If you don't bring a laptop, you might find a USB memory stick (say 1Gb) very useful for collecting your pictures from another machine.
- A notepad and something to write with is very useful.
- We will be spending some time out of doors, so a camera bag and clothing appropriate to the weather is recommended. A couple of bin liners might come in handy for emergency waterproofing and for lying on the ground if your subject requires it!

If you have any questions, we are happy to help. We can be contacted via email: jpi@icbp.org