

4th Annual Western North Carolina Foto Fest

Photo Shoots

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All Photo Shoots are free to Foto Fest attendees. Thursday shoots are open to all attendees with no preregistration required. Friday sunrise shoots are limited to the first 15 who sign up. To register for the Friday shoots, send an email to Kevin Adams at kevin@kadamspphoto.com and let him know which one you wish to attend.

Thursday, September 12

Cataloochee Valley in the Smokies with Bill Lea (6:00pm – Sunset)

Cataloochee is a “must-see” location in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the month of September is a perfect time to visit. Reintroduced elk are in full rut and there is nothing like the call of an elk challenging another bull. Elk, meadows, historic structures and just grand scenes all make for wonderful photo subjects. Catching a glimpse of wild turkeys, whitetail deer and an occasional black bear are real possibilities here. Cataloochee Valley will remind you of a small Cades Cove.

Cataloochee is off the beaten path in the southeastern corner of the Smokies. Take I-40 west from Asheville to Exit 20. Head south on U.S. 276 for 0.1 mile and turn right on Cove Creek Mountain Road. Follow the signs along this winding mountain road. The road changes to dirt before it enters the park. A few miles after you enter the park, the road comes to a four-way intersection. Turn left here onto the paved road and follow it a few miles into Cataloochee.

The road through Cataloochee Valley is only a couple miles long. Bill will be somewhere along the road beginning at 6pm. Look for him in a Toyota Sienna minivan. This photo shoot is open to everyone who wishes to attend. It will be an informal outing where you can shoot with assistance from Bill or move around on your own.

Light Painting Photo Shoot at Lake Susan with Kevin Adams (8:00pm – 9:00pm)

Last year’s night shoot at Lake Susan was a huge success and we’re excited to offer an even better opportunity this year. Kevin will be out on the lake again, performing his steel-wool light painting for everyone to photograph, and he’ll also demonstrate some other light-painting techniques. This is sure to be a lot of fun for all who attend.

This event is free to all Foto Fest attendees. Simply show up at Lake Susan no later than 8pm. The lake is located directly in front of Assembly Inn on the grounds of Montreat Conference Center and beside Anderson Auditorium, where most Foto Fest programs are held.

Friday, September 13

Sunrise Photo Shoot with Bill Lea (6:30am – 7:45am)

Join Bill at one of the finest sunrise locations along the Blue Ridge Parkway south of Asheville—Pounding Mill Overlook. The overlook is located at about Milepost 413, some 25 miles south of Asheville. It is about a mile south of Wagon Road Gap, where US 276 goes under the Parkway. Look for it on the left side of the road if heading south. Bill will be there no later than 6:30am and will be in a Toyota Sienna minivan.

Because parking is limited at the overlook, we are limiting attendance for this outing to the first 15 who sign up. To register, send an email to Kevin Adams at kevin@kadamspphoto.com and let him know you wish to attend.

After the sunrise session with Bill is over, you may wish to spend the rest of the morning photographing at other locations along the Blue Ridge Parkway. You'll find numerous overlooks that offer terrific photographic opportunities. Also, a few miles south from Pounding Mill Overlook is the scenic Graveyard Fields area and a few miles north, on the way back to Asheville, is the Mount Pisgah area.

Sunrise Photo Shoot with Kevin Adams (6:30am – 7:45am)

Join Kevin at one of the finest sunrise locations along the Blue Ridge Parkway north of Asheville—Green Knob Overlook. The overlook is located at about Milepost 350, some 35 miles north of Asheville. Look for it on the right side of the road if heading north. Kevin will be there no later than 6:30am and will be in a Toyota Tacoma pickup.

Because parking is limited at the overlook, we are limiting attendance for this outing to the first 15 who sign up. To register, send an email to Kevin Adams at kevin@kadamsphoto.com and let him know you wish to attend.

After the sunrise session with Kevin is over, you may wish to spend the rest of the morning photographing at other locations along the Blue Ridge Parkway. You'll find numerous overlooks that offer terrific photographic opportunities. Also, Mount Mitchell State Park and the Craggy Gardens area of the Parkway are located between Green Knob Overlook and Asheville.