



AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



IN MICHIGAN'S BEAUTIFUL UPPER PENINSULA



PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE (ABOVE)

EAST CHANNEL LIGHT - PICTURED ROCKS NAT. LAKESHORE (LEFT)

Gerlach Nature Photography Workshops

Join Barbara Eddy and John Gerlach for an educational outdoor photography workshop in the spectacular north woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

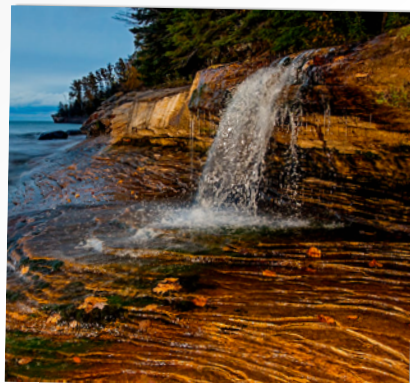
Learn to photograph waterfalls, fantastic autumn colors, and magnificent landscapes along Lake Superior. We'll make dawn and evening field trips each day

during this seven-day field workshop to provide plenty of superb photographic opportunities in the field.

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PICTURED ROCK NATIONAL LAKESHORE



FROSTED LEAF IN PINE

FALL COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Sept 29 - Oct 5 or Oct 6 - 12, 2019 - Week-long photo workshop with John and Barbara

We're teaching two Fall Color nature photography workshops in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and Hiawatha National Forest during 2019. The first two weeks of October is a magical time in the Upper Peninsula when autumn valiantly tries to hold on, but gradually loses out to "old man winter" by late October. It's a fabulous time to enjoy the north woods!

Our fall color nature photography field workshops are designed to teach you how to use high-quality nature photography techniques to shoot spectacular outdoor photographs. Typical subjects that we photograph during the week include patterns of colorful leaves hanging from trees, floating in quiet ponds, and carpeting the forest floor. Beautiful backlit individual leaves, golden bracken ferns littered with brilliant red maple leaves, waterfalls encircled by autumn foliage, colorful rocks along Lake Superior and sunrise/sunsets will keep your camera busy, too. With a bit of luck, we may get the opportunity to photograph gorgeous frosted autumn leaves or perhaps a light snowfall may provide the opportunity to photograph

autumn leaves amid the snow. On calm and clear mornings, we'll be on location before sunrise to photograph spectacular autumn color and white birch trunks perfectly reflected in the still water of small lakes. We'll take you to many of our special places we've found over the previous 30 years.

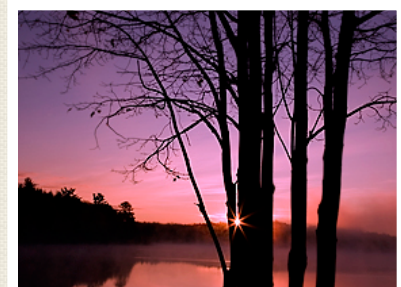
Since we lived in the Pictured Rocks area for several years, and have conducted more than 70 autumn color workshops here, our extensive experience ensures a highly successful workshop for you. No matter what the weather conditions, we know where to lead our photo workshops, so our participants can make the most of their time in the field taking photos. We lead morning and afternoon field trips every day on Monday through Friday morning. We take you to places where you'll find exciting things to photograph and carefully show you how to select excellent photo prospects from the chaos of nature. Then we demonstrate how to shoot the best photos of wonderful subjects with high-quality techniques that anyone can learn and master. We spend 100% of our time in the field helping you take pictures with your equipment. We're always with you to suggest inspiring photo possibilities and help you solve any problems you

may have. To ensure that instruction is complete, informative, and helpful, the group size is limited to 16 participants (1:8 instructor/student ratio). About 20% of the workshop is spent viewing instructional image programs that we have carefully put together to maximize learning. The materials contained in these programs are suitable for beginners through professionals. We critique your images during the week and conduct a spirited showing of the best images shot by each participant Friday night. We will present a program featuring digital images we have taken during the past year. This popular part of the program is an effective way to show you the new things we've discovered about nature photography and the new photos we've taken. We ask each of you to bring some images from home to share with the group. It's optional, but it's a wonderful way for us to see where you've been and how well you're doing. If you would like a critique of your images, just ask and we'll be glad to do this for you.

WHITE BIRCH FOREST - PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE



PICTURE ROCKS NLS



SUNRISE AT PETE'S LAKE

We eat, breathe, and sleep nature photography at each workshop. But that doesn't mean it's all work and no play. Since we take our field trips at a leisurely pace, there is time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. We may get a little silly at times, but then laughter and humor help us enjoy the experience more fully. Participating in our outdoor photography workshop is not only a superb way to improve your photography and to learn about nature, but it's a wonderful "learning vacation" as well. It's always a pleasure to share experiences and knowledge with other photographers.

However, our workshop is not for everyone. If you're looking for a workshop that takes you into the field from 9 to 5 when the light is bad and the wind is blowing, our workshop will not be appropriate for you. We believe in taking our field trips at the times we would normally be out taking photographs for our personal files. Therefore, we take field trips every morning which begin 1/2 hour before sunrise and we stay out until the light gets bad or the wind starts blowing too hard. Getting up for our early morning field trips isn't going to be as tough as it sounds. We are on the far western edge of the Eastern Time Zone and we are on daylight-savings time. This means that 1/2 hour before sunrise during early October is about 7:00 A.M.

We'll conduct most of our instructional slide programs during the middle of the day when the light is bad and the wind is blowing or during the evening hours. All mornings and evenings and bright overcast calm periods during the middle of the day are reserved for field trips. Because weather is unpredictable, a definite daily schedule is not possible. We'll keep you informed as we go.

About the Pictured Rocks Area

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore receives its name from the colorful rock formations along the southern shoreline of Lake Superior between Munising and Grand Marais. This whole region is a photographer's paradise. That's why we lived here for several years. The landscape is a mixture of deciduous and conifer forests, clear meandering brooks, quiet beaver ponds, undeveloped Lake Superior shorelines, several spectacular waterfalls, and hundreds of small secluded wild lakes.

The Munising and Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore area is especially good for fall photography for several reasons. First, the forest in northern Michigan offers a beautiful mixture of beech-maple, conifer, white birch, and aspen woodlands. Since beech, aspen, birch, and five species of maple trees are abundant here, the forest becomes a riot of red, yellow, and orange color during the first three half of October. Fall color develops in earnest in early October, generally peaks around October 2 - 8. It varies every year, so we can't predict precisely when it will peak. Second, nearby Lake Superior stretches out the peak of fall color. The relatively warm shoreline of Lake Superior keeps the night temperatures somewhat warmer than a few miles inland. Colorful maples peak at slightly different times providing more opportunities for us. Fall color typically peaks away from the shoreline (10 miles inland) of Lake Superior 7-10 days before color peaks next to Lake Superior. Third, the vast majority of land is state and national forest. It is public land so we can go just about anywhere. Access to land and great photos is terrific!

Field Trips

Field trips will be 3-4 hours long so you can shoot as many stunning photos as possible. Depending on weather, we'll lead one all-afternoon field trip by boat to photograph the colors and shapes of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. We will let you know during the week of our plans. Weather dictates what we can do. Since we know this gorgeous part of the world so well, we'll take you to many magical places that offer nice photo opportunities. We can pool on each field trip.

Digital Photography

All digital shooters are invited and encouraged to attend these workshops. We have a high-quality digital television for viewing your images. Give a copy of these images to Barbara on a jump drive, so we can view them Friday night. Bringing a laptop computer is highly encouraged!

Meals

Our field trips are dictated by the weather and meals must be worked in around photography. We'll eat breakfast as a group after the morning field trip. All other meals will depend on our schedule. Since we have never been

able to predict the weather with any degree of accuracy in advance, we'll just have to see what happens. We'll go to the Falling Rock Cafe and Book Store in Munising after the morning field trip to eat. By the way, the lodge has a full kitchen and each motel room has a microwave oven and refrigerator, so you can do some of your own cooking. Usually we eat a late breakfast around 10:30 a.m. Most people do have a small snack early before our morning field trip or a packed snack to get them thru till breakfast. Since nobody is hungry at noon, we conduct slide programs then, and eat a lunch/dinner meal around 4 p.m., just prior to going out on the evening field trip. In all cases, when we go to restaurants, everyone will order off the menu and pay for their meal at that time. Nobody has ever gone hungry or lost weight during our workshops. But, we do work in eating around capturing beautiful photographs, not the other way around!

Farewell Dinner

On Friday night, we will have pizza and salad at the Timber Ridge Lodge and then view your images shot during the week. This is a great way to crown such a busy and productive week.

Non-photographer Spouse/Friend

If space permits, a few non-photographer spouses or friends who don't shoot photos may be allowed to attend part of the program for \$150. Since the meeting room space is so limited, nonparticipating spouses are not allowed to attend any of the instructional slide programs conducted by John Gerlach or Barbara Eddy. However, they are allowed to attend John & Barbara's images of the year program and the Friday night "best images of the week" program. They also can join field trips with their spouse and the \$150 fee does include the farewell Friday night dinner.

Workshop Dates

Week #1 This week begins Sunday evening on Sept 29 and runs until the Saturday breakfast on Oct. 5, 2019.

Week #2 This week begins Sunday evening on Oct 6 and runs until the Saturday breakfast on Oct. 12, 2019.

When the Workshop Starts and Ends

The workshop begins Sunday at 7:00 P.M. at the Timber Ridge Lodge. The program ends after breakfast on the following Saturday.

Tuition

Tuition for the program is \$975. A \$200 deposit is required to hold your space in the workshop. The deposit is non-refundable. Tuition includes all classroom and field instruction, detailed notes, national park and forest user fees, and the farewell dinner on Friday night. Meals, lodging, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Lodging

Our workshops are based at the Timber Ridge Motel and Lodge. These accommodations are nestled among the hills and lakes in the heart of Hiawatha National Forest. The Timber Ridge Lodge borders Hovey Lake while the

upstairs bathroom. This house has full kitchen facilities, and it borders Hovey Lake. **Single Person in room:** \$285 + 6% tax **Two People sharing a room:** \$315 + 6% tax split two ways.

Timber Ridge Motel

This motel has nine units. Each unit has its own private bathroom. The motel is in excellent condition and well maintained. All rooms have TV, Internet, refrigerators, microwaves, coffee makers, and individual decks overlooking Hovey Lake. This is the best choice for people who wish to room together. The Timber Ridge accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, traveler's checks, and cash.

Single Person: The fee is \$84 per night plus 6% tax.

Two People: The fee is \$89 per night plus 6% tax

(Note: Since I am writing this so far ahead of time, it is possible that lodging at the Timber Ridge may go up slightly. If you would like additional information regarding the Timber Ridge Motel and Lodge, please contact the owners.

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You also have some camping options:

Otter Lake Campground

This is the best choice for people who wish to camp or stay in their recreational vehicle. Cost is approximately \$25/night. The nearby Otter Lake campground is wonderful. It's right on Otter Lake and only a couple miles from the Timber Ridge Lodge. Although they are seldom busy, it is wise to make advance reservations. Call (906) 387-4648

Hovey Lake Campground

A tiny, nearby national forest campground on Hovey Lake with few facilities, but it does have pit toilets, great northern pike fishing, and a wonderful view. It isn't much, but the price is right. No charge!

Travel and Equipment Information

After making a reservation, we'll send you pre-departure information describing the photographic equipment and clothing that is most suitable for the workshop. We'll also send you a

detailed map showing you exactly how to get to the Timber Ridge Lodge and Motel.

How to Get to the Pictured Rocks Area

Most of our workshop participants drive to the workshop, so we rely on car pooling to get everyone to the field trip sites. But, you may prefer to fly to the K.I. Sawyer Airport near Marquette, MI, which is only about 40 miles away from the Timber Ridge Lodge. There are car rental companies at the small airport. We recommend renting a car because it's always convenient to have your own wheels. If you wish to rely on car pooling, you can get a taxi at the airport. If you would like to share a rented car with another participant, let us know and we'll connect all interested parties.

To Reserve your spot

Call Barbara: (208) 244-1887

or email:

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SUMMER PHOTO WORKSHOPS

Session #1 AUG 18-24, 2019

We are offering our very popular summer workshop at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during 2019. The daily schedule is similar to our Fall Color Workshops and tuition is \$875 which includes the wonderful Friday night dinner. If you wish to reserve a spot in this workshop, please send a \$200 deposit to Barbara Eddy.

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Timber Ridge Motel overlooks nearby Hovey Lake. Not only do the lodges have many good things to photograph on the property, but they are the perfect starting point for our many field trips.

Timber Ridge Lodge (4 Bedroom House)

The two large bedrooms are reserved for non-smoking participants. Each of these rooms have two beds. There is a basement, but that is reserved for John and Barbara who are staying here as well. Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. The two or three people staying here will share the

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