



Your Tutor:

Your tutor for the Basic Photography course will be Mr Darren Woolway ARPS.

Location:

Your course will be held at Raid Photographics, The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Maidstone, Kent, ME20 7BX. (Please check on a map too, do not just rely on your sat nav as some take you the incorrect side of the river.

Please arrive between 9.30am and 9.45am. If you are running late please let us know, call Darren on 07849 385 331.

Parking:

There is on-site parking with a recommended donation of £2 to the honesty box.

Disabled Access:

Full disabled access.

Times:

Saturday/Sunday courses (10am-4pm, some sessions may finish slightly later dependent on Q&A session) with a 1 hour lunch break from around 1.15pm-2.15pm

Facilities:

Tea and Coffee is available without charge throughout the day however donations are welcomed.

Local Amenities:

There is an onsite cafe and restaurant. On Pilgrimage Days the menu is restricted to cold sandwiches, jacket potatoes and sausage rolls.

Itinerary:

1. **Activity 1** Introductions - Your Tutor will introduce himself and then everyone in the group will be invited to tell the group a little about themselves and their interests.
2. **Activity 2** A quick look at cameras, functions and accessories.
3. **Activity 3** Group discussion to get your brains awake and thinking creatively
4. **ISO** - What is it? Why is it important? Advantages/Disadvantages.
5. **Aperture** – What is it? Why is it important? Skipping rope example.
6. **Activity 4** – Pt.1 F4 to F22 DOF using Av/A Mode
7. **Activity 4** – Pt. 2 Selective Focussing using Av/A Mode
8. **Activity 4** - Pt.3 2 shots, same focal point at F4 and F22 using Av/A Mode to compare in results session.
9. Compare Results and recap.
10. Break for Lunch
11. **Shutter speed** – What is it? Why is it important?
12. **Activity 5** – Photographing moving objects using Tv/S Mode
13. **White Balance** – What is it and why is it important?
14. **Composition** – The “rules” and how/when to break them
15. Review in Camera Light Meter
16. **Activity 6** – Manual Mode the scariest part of the day where we put it all together.
17. RAW vs JPEG
17. Homework
18. **Q&A Session**

Equipment List -

- 1) **COMPULSARY** - Digital SLR Camera or Bridge Camera (must have Aperture Priority Mode, Shutter Priority Mode and Manual Mode Av, Tv, M or A, S, M .Compact Cameras are not recommended).
- 2) **COMPULSARY** - Fully Charged Camera Battery
- 3) **COMPULSARY** - An Empty Memory Card
- 4) **Optional** - Camera Manual (this is really important, with 1000's of cameras on the market now finding the functions you need may be hard without it.)
- 5) **Optional** - Extra Lenses apart from your kit lens
- 6) **Optional** - External Flash Gun
- 7) **Optional** - Tripod (This will make the experiments easier so if you have one don't forget it!)
- 8) **Optional** - Torch
- 9) **Optional** - Laptop with Photoshop (useful for uploading images of Av experiment so you can see them larger, Darren makes himself available during lunch if you have any questions about some of your images, if you have them on your laptop he is more than happy to give some constructive criticism).
- 10) **Optional** - Camera protection and insurance
- 11) **COMPULSARY** - Warm clothing! Umbrella. We will be shooting outside!

Promotional Offer:

All students who have attended the Basic Photography Course are entitled to discount off our Introduction to Studio Photography and Introduction to Landscape Photography course prices. Please ask tutor for details.

