

John Fielder's - Gunnison River Gorge 3 Day Photography Workshop

Price: \$1,395 includes curriculum designed and presented by John Fielder, slide show presentation, one-on-one instruction, sunrise and sunset photo shoots, river transportation, all meals, river guides.

Itinerary: May 17-20, 2019

Day 1

- **5:00 p.m.** - Slide show and dinner at Daveto's Italian Restaurant, 520 Main Street in Delta, Colorado

Day 2

- **7:30 a.m.** - Meet at Gunnison River Pleasure Park in Lazear, Colorado, on Colorado Hwy 92, 14 miles east of Delta, take van to trail head, hike one mile to river, meet guides
- **11:00 a.m.** - On the river
- **12:00 p.m.** - Lunch
- **1:00 p.m.** - On the river
- **3:00 p.m.** - Set up camp, scout photo locations
- **5:00 p.m.** - Dinner
- **6:00 p.m.** - Evening shoot

Day 3

- **5:30 a.m.** - Morning shoot
- **9:00 a.m.** - Breakfast
- **10:30 a.m.** - On the river
- **12:30 p.m.** - Lunch, set up camp, scout photo locations
- **5:00 p.m.** - Dinner
- **6:00 p.m.** - Evening shoot

Day 4

- **5:30 a.m.** - Morning shoot
- **9:30 a.m.** - On the river
- **12:00 p.m.** - Lunch
- **1:00 p.m.** - On the river
- **3:00 p.m.** - Trip ends

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP....

Where: Gunnison Gorge in western Colorado, on one of the most exclusive trips in America, rafting below the Black Canyon National Park, covering 14 miles in 3 days, offering exceptional scenery and Gold Medal trout fishing.

Purpose: Seeing and photographing the natural landscape and taking each participant to the next skill level.

Who's It For: Photographers of all skill levels; limited to 7 participants.

Camping Needs: Please refer to the Packing List, below. Note: This trip requires special attention to packing because all personal gear is transferred into a waterproof pack with shoulder straps and carried by each participant down the trail, an easy one-mile hike to the river. Plan to pack light! Bag is 16" in diameter x 33" high, the size of a medium capacity backpack.

Location: The Workshop begins at the restaurant in Delta and ends at Gunnison River Pleasure Park in Lazear (visit <https://www.troutfisherman.net> or call 970-872-2525).

Getting There: Delta is approximately 277 miles from Denver. The trip takes about 4 1/2 hours in perfect weather. Add 30 minutes to one hour if you are coming from the Denver airport. The basic driving directions are I-70 West towards Grand Junction. Take Exit 37 towards US 6/Clifton. A left turn takes you to 32 Rd/CO 141 S. Then, pick up US 50 E to Delta. The next morning, Lazear is 14 miles east of Delta on CO 92. When you get to Lazear, turn onto a dirt road at the Pleasure Park sign.

Book-signing & Portfolio: On Friday night, John Fielder will be happy to autograph any of his books or calendars that you bring to the Workshop. In addition, we will have a limited supply of his latest books available for purchase. If time permits, John will review and critique a small portfolio of your previous work after the workshop.

Camera Equipment: A 35mm digital SLR or Mirrorless camera is recommended and please bring your laptop for the critique session. Lenses should cover the zone between no less than 18 and 135mm for DX cameras, or 28 and 200mm for cameras with full size FX sensors, plus tripod and cable or remote release. (Your two-second shutter release is a backup plan!) We highly recommend bringing a point and shoot, too. They are so easy to use for close-ups and more flexible for hard-to-position compositions. You have invested a lot in this workshop. The last thing we want to happen is that your experience comes to a halt because of an equipment failure. Although we can work through many situations with equipment problems, it is best to make sure your camera, lenses and tripod are working properly. Please run tests of your equipment, especially if it has been in storage.

- Canon and Nikon brands are best, but we can work with anything. Most brands do the exact same thing and have the same controls. In addition to the lens focal lengths mentioned above, you can achieve more extreme depth of focus, very useful for wildflower compositions, with even wider-angle lenses down to 10mm for DX cameras and 16mm for FX.
- Tripod - We recommend the Manfrotto brand for ease of use and quality. They make two sizes, the smaller of which works fine for most SLR setups, but for taller people and those using longer focal length telephoto lenses, we recommend the larger tripod. Pistol grip heads are best. Your local camera store can set you straight.
- Camera Pack - Lowe Pro packs are best, but Tamrac brand runs a close second. Choose packs no larger than what you need for your camera gear. The most useful packs have a separate upper compartment for water bottle, snacks, and raingear. Many have space for a laptop computer, which is great, but it will not be necessary for you to bring it into the field.
- B & H Photo online is a good reliable resource from which to get gear, but we do recommend Mike's Camera in Denver and Boulder for a complete selection of gear. Their prices are very close to those of B & H, and they give great service and have lots of stock.

Packing List: This trip requires special attention to your packing because all your personal gear is transferred into a waterproof pack with shoulder straps and carried by you down the Chuckar Trail, an easy one-mile hike to the river. **PACK LIGHT!** Please call us if you have questions. Your bag is 16" in diameter x 33" high, the size of a medium capacity backpack.

SLEEPING & SHELTER

- Tent – lightweight, backpacking type
- Sleeping pad – ensolite or similar
- Sleeping bag – lightweight, compact, backpacking type

RIVER CLOTHING

- Hat for sun protection
- Polypro or synthetic layers (top & bottoms)
- Shorts or swimsuit – quick drying
- Tennis shoes or sport sandals with straps
- Wool or polypro socks
- Rain parka and pants
- AVOID COTTON ON A WHITEWATER RIVER!

CAMP CLOTHING

- Short sleeved shirt
- Long sleeved shirt
- Jacket or sweater (fleece recommended)
- Shorts
- Long pants
- Camp shoes or lightweight hiking boots
- Wool or fleece hat
- Gloves or mittens (early trips)

PERSONAL

- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm with sunscreen
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Prescription medications
- Sunglasses with retainer strap
- Retainer strap for prescription glasses
- Biodegradable soap and small towel
- Lotion

OPTIONAL

- Alcoholic beverages – in unbreakable containers, beer in limited quantity
- Pocket knife
- Camp chair – folding, compact only
- Camera and film in water proof container
- Binoculars
- Reading or writing material
- Insect repellent
- Fishing gear and license

Notes from John

As an extra guide for getting your gear together, here is John's personal packing list

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Rain gear – jacket and pants – or a poncho at the very least
- Heavy fleece
- Medium fleece
- Long sleeve shirt
- Two t-shirts
- Shorts
- Long pants
- Wool socks
- Medium weight hiking boots
- Tent
- Sleeping bag and pad
- Waterproof cover for camera pack – Dvorak Expeditions provides dry bags for gear.

More Notes: All meals are provided from dinner in Delta until the end of the raft trip. If you have favorite food items or snacks you would like to bring, please do.

- There is a portable toilet at the camp sites.
- There will be beer and wine on the trip. If you wish other beverages packed on the boat, contact Bill Dvorak. See More Information & Registration.

Altitude: If you are coming to Colorado from a significantly lower altitude, it is important to think about the potential effects of altitude on your body and to take some simple steps to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Preventative measures taken before and during your stay will help avoid problems associated with altitude sickness. Although most people may only experience some shortness of breath with a little exertion, others are more prone to headaches and sleep disruptions, fatigue, nausea, and decreased appetite. You will also notice the aridity -- the humidity hovers around 20%.

Here are some tips:

- Drink extra fluids, such as juices and Gatorade with copious amounts of water, a few days before and during your entire stay. Staying well hydrated in the dry mountain environment is very important to offset the effects of altitude.
- Avoid over-exertion and get as much rest as possible.
- Eat lightly.
- Drink a lot of water, but do it slowly.
- Limit alcoholic beverages. One drink at altitude equals two drinks at sea level; alcohol promotes dehydration.

About John Fielder:

- John Fielder has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's open space and wildlands. His photography has influenced people and legislation, earning him recognition including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award in 1993, and in 2011 the Aldo Leopold Foundation is first Achievement Award given to an individual. He was an original governor-appointed member of the lottery-related Board of Great Outdoors Colorado and speaks to thousands of people each year to rally support for timely land use and environmental issues.
- *His latest project and book is A Colorado Winter (2017).*
- *John often talks about the politics of the environment in his Workshops. If you think you might be offended by his views, you might want to consider a Workshop taught by a less committed photographer!*

Notes, Terms and Conditions:

Itinerary

While the basic Workshop format is set (classroom lecture, slide show, field shoots), the schedule is subject to change to meet the needs of the group.

Weather

We reserve the right to decide acceptability of weather conditions for field shoots. If weather interferes, added indoor programs may be held.

Cancellation Policy

- Your payment is non-refundable if you cancel for any reason. However, your payment may be applied to a future Workshop provided that we can fill your reserved space with someone from the wait list. If we cancel the Workshop, your payment is fully refundable.
- Sometimes unexpected circumstances cause you to cancel or interrupt your Workshop. For that reason, we recommend trip cancellation/travel insurance, available from your travel agent or online.
- Arrangements for this Workshop are based on 7 persons enrolled. Should the number fall below this minimum, the Workshop may be cancelled, in which case you are entitled to a full refund.
- Your payment serves as your acknowledgement of this policy.

Wait List: A wait list is on first-come, first-served basis. If space opens, we call the first person on the wait list. If that person declines or does not respond, the second person is called and so on until the space is filled.

What is included in the tuition?

- Workshop instruction, group and individual
- Guided 3-day, 2-night rafting trip
- All meals
- Transportation from Pleasure Park to the trailhead
- Information on products and services

What is NOT included in the tuition:

- Transportation to Lazear
- Friday night lodging
- Personal expenses, tips

More information and Registration:

- Book Online Now. www.DvorakExpeditions.com | Space is limited to 7 persons. Full payment secures your enrollment.
- Physical fitness is required to carry all of your river gear including camera 1 mile downhill to river, as well as day hikes up to 2 miles. For trip information about the hike to the river, packing, camping and river-related topics, contact:

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