

# Photography Tuition with Daniel Bridge

## Photography Workshop – 'Close-up and Macro Nature Photography' Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Daniel Bridge is running another one-day workshop, at Hanningfield Reservoir, dealing with the fascinating subject of Close-up and Macro Nature Photography. From the structure of a flower, to the eye of a dragonfly, small things, seen big, are astounding. Learn how to use your camera to make fantastic pictures from the tiniest details - we look at equipment, techniques, and how to find subjects, to ensure your new-found skill soon becomes an obsession!

### Aims of the Day

To improve your macro photography! We start with a classroom session looking at different types of camera and the accessories available to get you close to your subject. The best techniques to use that equipment will come next, including ways to use flash. Putting all this theory into practice, we will then venture out onto the reserve to see what photo-opportunities we find, and how we can best make use of them. *And it's all going to be fun - it's not a science lesson!*

### What you need to know

You need a fair knowledge of how your camera works, i.e. how to control the shutter speed and aperture. The more you know, the easier it will be for you, as you'll have less to think about once the photography begins.

### What you need to bring

**A Camera!** Ideally this would be a Digital SLR or Mirrorless camera, as these are the most adaptable, but most digital compacts and bridge cameras have a good macro facility.

**A Macro Lens** if you have one, but most lenses focus closely enough for you to get lots from the day.

**A Tripod** if you have one. Don't worry if you don't.

**Memory Cards/Spare Batteries.** We'll be trying many different techniques and it would be a shame to feel limited by the number of exposures you could take. Please make sure any batteries are fully charged too!

**Any lenses/accessories (including flashguns)** you have. You never know when you might need them.

**Footwear and Clothing suitable for a walk in the reserve.** Including wet weather gear (hopefully not required), and please be aware that you should end up kneeling on the ground at some point!

## **Itinerary**

The day starts at 10.00a.m. at the Visitor Centre, Hanningfield Reservoir.

The morning session consists of a slideshow and discussion looking at equipment, including the various options for getting close-up shots, use of flash, controlling depth of field, techniques for achieving focused images, and focus-stacking.

In the afternoon we will go out onto the nature reserve to explore what we have covered in the morning, allowing some one-to-one time with each participant. We will return to the Visitor Centre at around 4.00pm, completing the workshop.

## **Where To Go**

The workshop takes place at:

Essex Wildlife Trust  
Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre  
Hawkswood Road  
Downham  
Billericay  
Essex  
CM11 1WT

Tel: 01268 711001

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## **How To Book**

The cost for the day is just £70.00 and booking is essential.

*Please ring the Essex Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre at Hanningfield Reservoir on 01268 711001 to book your place.*

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We look forward to seeing you on what promises to be a fun and informative day, in the beautiful scenery of Hanningfield Reservoir.