

## **Notes for all participants in RPS Landscape Group events**

Thank you for booking a place on a Landscape Group event. I trust that you will enjoy it.

Before you attend the event, please take a moment to read the following.

### **Types of events**

Please make sure that the event you are considering is suitable for your requirements.

Landscape group events are categorised in four groups:

Group A – trips where the guide has a good knowledge of the location (e.g. good viewpoints, good subjects, good times of day, tides if relevant etc.) and will have ideas about what to do in case of unhelpful weather or light conditions, but does not wish to offer any advice on photography skills or techniques.

Group B - trips where the trip leader has a good knowledge of the location (as in Group A) but is also willing to offer general technical support and advice to inexperienced photographers. The leader is NOT expected to be an expert in anything but should be sufficiently experienced to pass on knowledge of the basics.

Group C - trips that focus on a particular technique – such as long exposures or photographing at night. The leaders of these events will primarily offer advice about technique and location knowledge will be sufficient to enable participants to learn and practice the technique(s) concerned.

Group D - workshops that primarily focus on technique and where location is a secondary consideration. These may take place indoors or outdoors. The workshop leader may have limited knowledge of the location but will be experienced and skilled in the topic of the workshop.

Please check the information about the trip to see which group it is in.

### **Outdoor events**

Many of our events involve visiting locations of interest to landscape photographers. This means that terrain can be hazardous e.g. because of uneven ground, slippery surfaces etc. Please ensure that you wear suitable footwear.

If you have limited mobility and wish to know more about the terrain in advance, please contact the event leader in advance.

You are responsible for your own health and safety and must appraise your own strength, fitness and mobility. The event leader is NOT responsible for your safety and welfare. The leader is there to introduce you to a location and/or to teach you particular skills.

As we all know, the British weather can be very unpredictable so please wear or bring clothing suited to the likely weather conditions (and remember sun cream!). Also, please ensure that your equipment is carried in suitably waterproof and padded bags.

The Society will not accept responsibility for any accident, loss, injury or damage resulting from an accident or from inappropriate behaviour, dress or equipment and you are advised to have your own suitable insurance.

### **Joining instructions**

Most of our events have the meeting time and place specified on the relevant event page on the RPS website (this is a link to the landscape group events calendar). In some cases, however, the group leader may email you shortly before the event with more detailed instructions. Please keep an eye on your incoming emails prior to an event but if you do not receive any specific instructions, then you should meet at the time and place advertised on the website.

### **Cancellation by you**

If you wish to cancel your booking PLEASE let the event leader know with as much notice as possible. If nothing else, this can avoid them delaying the start of the event while they wait for you.

If you have paid for an event, please note that this fee / ticket price is non-refundable unless we are able to sell your place to somebody else. You are welcome to sell your place yourself but, again, PLEASE notify the event organiser in advance of any change.

### **Cancellation by us**

Event leaders are asked to make plans for alternative activities or locations in the case of poor weather. However, this is not always possible and occasionally an event may be cancelled. In this case we will give you as much notice as we are able and any payment by you to the RPS in respect of the event will normally be refunded in full.

### **Motor vehicles**

Some events involve moving from one location to another. It will be appreciated if participants are able to share rides and offer lifts to others. However, please only offer lifts

to others if you have suitable insurance cover. If you accept a lift from another participant, you do so at your own risk.

**Thank you for your assistance**

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