

**National Parks and Wildlife Service  
Shot in the Snowies  
Snowy Mountains Discovery Rangers Weekend Photography Workshops**

Course running 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

**Course Intro**

Shot in the Snowies is a three days intensive photography workshop for photographers ranging from beginners to experienced. This course will allow photographers to advance their capacity to capture the story of this beautiful and engaging landscape in its winter season. Two professional photographers in conjunction with National Parks and Wildlife Discovery Rangers deliver the course.

This is one of the world's great national parks, and the largest in NSW.

Restored heritage accommodation is provided at Yarrangobilly Caves House. This accommodation provides a mix of single rooms and shared options.

In addition to the spectacular Snowy Mountains landscapes, Yarrangobilly Caves offers another exciting photographic opportunity for the students to practice various lighting techniques using the cave's unique geological features.

**Location**

The course will be based around Yarrangobilly in the Snowy Mountain High plains area, Northern Kosciuszko National Park. This course will take you to some of the most beautiful places in this area, including caves, mountains and plains.

Click through to access a google map and a few sample images of the location :

[http://picasaweb.google.com/renevogelzang/ShotInTheSnowies?authkey=Gv1sRgCLukyrK2\\_pfPkgE&feat=directlink](http://picasaweb.google.com/renevogelzang/ShotInTheSnowies?authkey=Gv1sRgCLukyrK2_pfPkgE&feat=directlink)

**Dates**

The course begins at 12 noon on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September running until 11am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**Schedule**

The schedule may be modified to accommodate specific requests from participants, however the start and finish times will remain the same.

Day	Time	Activity - WINTER TRIP
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> September	12:00pm	Participants meet at the NPWS Headquarters Tumut for a briefing on the weekend.
	1:30pm	Participants travel to Talbingo fire tower (normally closed to the public) for the welcome to country ceremony (Discovery Rangers) and to photograph spectacular views of Northern KNP.
	3:30pm	Arrival at Yarrangobilly Caves house, Check in, rooms allocated etc.
	4:00pm	Tutorial # 1: Lighting exercise in the entrance to the Glory Caves.
	7:00pm	Dinner Discussion about the course. Slide show. Discuss - The student expectations. Working in the cold and snowing conditions.
	9:00pm	Optional – night photography in the Caves house grounds or Glory Cave entrance (self guided).
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> September	6:00am	Participants meet for a sunrise shoot at Three Mile Dam, Mt Selwyn

		Tutorial #2 working with golden light and familiarising the location features in the Kiandra area – map research exercise.
	8:30 – 9:00am	Breakfast – Sawyers Hut or Delaney’s Hut.
	Noon	Lunch location TBA (BBQ Yarrangobilly Caves) - Cultural and colonial activities with Discovery Rangers (meet near park entrance booth).
	1:00pm	Tutorial #3: Review work in progress and discuss sunset exercise.
	2:00pm	Free choice of landscape location or tutorial in creating panoramas using a panoramic head.
	6:00pm	Tutorial exercise # 4: Sunset exercise, location student choice.
	7:00pm	Dinner.
	9:00pm	Discussion and critique weekend’s work.
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	6:00am	Optional sunrise shoot own choice of location.
	9:00am	Tutorial #5: Discussion of work completed.
	11:00am	Check out and departure. Present opportunities for further photography in the park for the students return trip.

### Participants

- The Course is open to photographers of any age or skill level.
- Photographers with digital or film SLR equipment are preferred.
- Photographers younger than 18 will need to attend with a driver.
- Maximum group size is 16.

Please note that this course is designed for registered participants only. If you would like to bring family or friends with you for the weekend they will not be able to join the workshop, however they are welcome to share accommodation and meals at their own cost.

### Accommodation

We will make a bulk booking at the Yarrangobilly Caves House, and your place will be secured when registering. Share accommodation is offered with some individual rooms provided. If you intend to bring family or friends with you please let us know the number of beds required.

### Transport

Participants are responsible for their own transport. Car pooling will be encouraged during the weekend to minimize the number of vehicles driving around the park. 4WD’s are great, but all locations are accessible by regular vehicle. If you have difficulty organizing transport to the Park please let us know, and we will try to connect you to other participants traveling in your direction.

### Food

Dinner and breakfast will provided at our accommodation, and day packs will also be provided for Saturday and Sunday lunch. Please feel free to bring your own snacks and alcohol, and let us know before hand if you have any special dietary requirements.

Please note that family and friends will need to pay for their own lunch.

### Gear

Participants are to bring all the photographic gear that they would like to use during the weekend. Digital or film SLR’s are preferred. Tripods will be handy for low light shoots, and a means of carrying your gear safely is important as some shoot locations are a walk away from vehicles. Equipment backpacks are suggested. Make sure your batteries are charged for when you arrive. the tutorials encourage review of photographic work and workflow, so if you have a portable computer then bring it along with fully charged batteries. Please note that whilst there is no mains

electricity supply in the park, there are re-charging opportunities at the accommodation sites. If you plan to download image files to a computer, remember your connection cables or card reader.

Participants should also bring good outdoor weather gear (see weather conditions, below). Torches are also required. Some locations are a distance from vehicle access, so good boots or walking shoes are recommended.

### **Weather Conditions**

Weather in the Snowy Mountains is changeable. There may be some snow around in September, with temperatures ranging from below zero to 15°. For a weather prediction for this specific weekend check the Bureau of Meteorology website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/> or the weatherzone site at <http://www.weatherzone.com.au/nsw/snowy-mountains/yarrangobilly-caves>

The workshop will continue no matter the weather.

Be advised that the weather can change dramatically at very short notice. Participants are encouraged to bring good outdoor weather gear, including wet weather gear – jackets, boots etc.

### **Safety**

During the course of the weekend we will be visiting several sacred aboriginal and National Heritage sites. Our Discovery Ranger will brief us on matters of safety and respect in relation to these sites.

Our Discovery Rangers will also brief us on general safety issues with regards to working in a wilderness area.

We expect all participants to adhere to these safety guidelines, when they are working with the group or in the event that they may choose to venture away from the group for a short time. Please note that mobile phone reception is limited in the areas we will visit.

Your safety, and the safety of our environment is a key concern.

### **Cost**

- Course Fee: \$800.00

The course fee for the weekend covers the course tutorial, accommodation, main meals, and park entry fees.

- Accommodation: \$included

Accommodation will be booked for you at Yarrangobilly Caves House when you register for the course. We would prefer that all students stay at this venue, however, if you would like to arrange your own accommodation and food please ensure that you are able to join us for all sessions. A discount will be available for anyone who does arrange their own accommodation and food.

- Transport:

Participants are responsible for arranging their own transport. Car pooling is encouraged during the weekend. If you have difficulty organizing transport to the Park please let us know, and we will try to connect you to other participants traveling in your direction.

- Family and friends: Accommodation and food

If you would like to bring family or friends with you please contact us to see if there is accommodation available as there are limited places. If family or friends do join you they will need to pay for their own accommodation, meals and other related costs, and will not be able to join us during the workshops or shoots as places are reserved for paying participants only. They will, however, be invited to join us for the Discovery Rangers tutorials for an additional fee.

### **About those running the course**

For more information about the Discovery Photographers community, workshops, adventure photography or to purchase images.

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For Discovery Photographer adventure workshops bookings, Discovery Ranger tours and tourist information contact:

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## Links

[NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service \(NPWS\)](#)

[NPWS Discovery Ranger program](#)

[National Parks accommodation details](#)

## Contact Details

For further details about course schedule and content please contact Murray van der Veer.  
For further details about accommodation please contact NPWS.