



Our Programme of Photographic Workshops and Training Days in the UK

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Wild Arena offers the widest range of specialist wildlife photography workshops and courses in the UK. Our programme of one day workshops explore the beauty of the natural world and our aim with each event is to provide the best opportunities for photography with *behind the scenes* access. With all of our events the cost of admission, lunch, refreshments and full tuition is included. Our experienced and friendly staff welcome photographers and wildlife enthusiasts of all levels of experience and we pride ourselves on making the days memorable for all who attend.

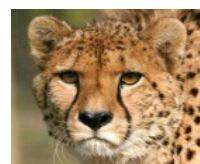
We offer a range of additional services on these days including a complimentary sensor clean, card download and loan of equipment (subject to availability). Wild Arena guides are trained and supported by our partners, Canon (UK) Limited, and we are pleased to offer support and advice on their equipment together with equipment from other manufacturers. We very much look forward to welcoming you on a Wild Arena event soon!

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Photographic Workshop Events

Big Cats 2 Experience, Kent (All Year)

A great day of photography at this private collection of Amur, Bengal and Sumatran Tigers together with African Lions, Cheetah, Chinese Leopard, Amur Leopards, Puma, Serval, Lynx and Pallas Cats. This workshop is one of the best opportunities to get close and photograph Big Cats in Europe. It is also very popular with our guests who are simply interested in seeing the Big Cats close up, with some great opportunities to talk to the friendly keeping staff and learn more about the animals.



Big Cats 2 BBQ Experience, Kent (June to August)

At the same wonderful location as our Big Cats 2 event, with all the same access and picture opportunities. These events follow a revised itinerary allowing us to get the very best from the summer evening light during June, July and August. We stop for a relaxed BBQ supper which provides a good opportunity to review your pictures and share experiences with other guests and guides.

Gorilla Safari Experience, Port Lympne, Kent (March to October)

The highlight of this day are Port Lympne's unique Gorilla groups which, thanks to special access and keeper feeds, give tremendous picture opportunities. We also get a three hour private game drive around the 'African Experience' reserve which provides guests with a unique safari-style photographic opportunity with beautiful species such as Black Rhinoceros, Wildebeest, Giraffe and Buffalo in an amazing 500 acre natural enclosure!



Knowsley Safari Experience, Liverpool (April to September)

Knowsley Safari Park is a superb location with lovely animals. Our *Safari Experience* includes African Elephant, Giraffe, Meerkat and Otter with unique *over-the-barrier* access. We also see Rhinoceros, Cape Buffalo, Wildebeest, Fallow deer, Blackbuck, Lechwe, Eland and Ostrich as we drive through the Park's enclosures. We finish the day with exclusive access to the Hunting dogs and to the Lion pride after the park has closed to the general public. A fantastic, varied day for photographers and animal lovers!

Woburn Safari Experience, Bedfordshire (March to October)

We have exclusively arranged an amazing day of photography and animal encounters built around two off-road drives around the Park's large, landscaped animal enclosures. The highlights to be seen on the drives include Wolves, Black Bears, Tigers and the very impressive pride of Lions in their 32 acre enclosure. By working closely with the Park's rangers, we not only get to drive 'off road' in Land Rovers but we also enjoy close-up encounters with Giraffes, Lemurs and Birds of Prey.



In the Company of Wolves, Berkshire (October to February)

Join Wild Arena for a day spent in the company of Wolves. European and North American wolves run free in landscaped surroundings, which provide unparalleled opportunities to photograph these magnificent animals in a natural setting. The day is a true experience for photographer and wildlife lovers alike. This unique location currently has seven beautiful wolves that we can photograph in a well-designed photography enclosure and we may even get an opportunity to 'meet & greet' a wolf 'up close and personal'!

Birds of the World, Bedfordshire (March to October)

At this fantastic location in Bedfordshire you will be able to photograph a range of flying displays and static birds in natural surroundings featuring Owls, Eagles, Hawks, Pelicans and many other stunning birds from around the world. We will be accompanied for the day by an experienced falconer who will place these beautiful birds in ideal positions for photography. Flying opportunities will provide a great technical challenge and pictures of perched birds offer a perfect opportunity to be creative and try new ideas. A very rewarding day of photography!



Wild Kites and Eagles, Hampshire (All Year)

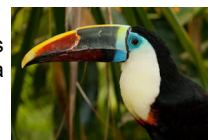
This workshop offers opportunities to photograph Herons and Red Kites during a special wild feeding session, in addition to capturing images of the large collection of birds we would expect from this respected venue. A superb range of raptors are present at the collection including Barn Owl, Little Owl, Kestrel, Bald Eagle, Spectacled Owl, Tawny Owl and Milky Eagle Owl. A different range of birds during the winter means this event can run all year. The A fantastic day of varied photographic opportunities!

Please contact us for further information, detailed brochures or if you wish to make a reservation

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Rain Forest Experience, Berkshire (All Year)

This is the perfect day to be transported to the tropical world of the Living Rain Forest. Our small groups will have the chance to photograph a range of rainforest plants and animals with the help of Wild Arena guides and expert staff from the Rain Forest Centre. A real tropical photographic challenge!

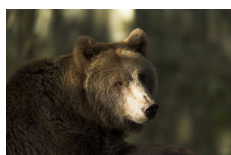


Cotswold Wildlife Park, Oxfordshire (All Year)

Our Cotswold Wildlife Park Workshop and Experience Day is the perfect all-season introduction to animal photography. During a packed day, delegates get the chance to photograph a wide range of animals with special access provided by the Park's keeping staff! Cotswold is particularly well known for its varied collection of smaller animals and a studio session is included in the day to photograph them.

The Living Coast, Devon (March to October)

The Living Coast is currently home to around 25 species of birds and animals, and we hope to photograph South American Fur Seal, Macaroni Penguin, African Penguin, Eider Duck, Tufted Puffin, Guillemot, Bank Cormorant, Inca Tern, Pied Avocet, Ruff, Black Tailed Godwit and many other species.

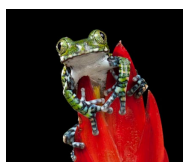


Dartmoor Zoo: Jaguars, Tigers and Bears (March to October)

Dartmoor Zoological Park is a wonderful, specialist collection of animals in the heart of the beautiful Devon countryside. What makes Dartmoor special is not only its friendly and helpful staff but also a great collection of carnivores housed in enclosures which are very well suited for photography. Taking advantage of their 'moat & wall' enclosures and with the help of a senior keeper for the day, we hope to get some really lovely opportunities for photographing Jaguar, Lion, Wolves, Amur Tiger, Brown Bear and Lynx.

New Forest Landscapes and Close-ups with Heather Angel, New Forest, Hampshire (All Year)

We have selected the New Forest for its large and varied range of natural history subjects throughout the year and we will concentrate on close-up and macro photography, an area in which Heather excels. A great day of photography in this beautiful national park with the help of top professional, Heather Angel.



Wild Arena's Macro Master Class, Hampshire (All Year)

This great day of specialist macro photography for up to three guests, provides the opportunity to capture some superb images of a variety of tropical and domestic species. Working in our own custom macro studio in Hampshire we can photograph our collection of animals, all of whom have been selected for photography. This is a unique and very special opportunity to explore studio lighting and macro techniques and capture top quality images of unusual animals. One-to-one sessions are also available on request.

Secret Nature of Britain, Surrey (All Year)

At this wonderful location in Surrey you will be given the opportunity to enter some enclosures and photograph Red Foxes, Scottish Wildcats and Otters! Close-up encounters with Birds of Prey and smaller animals will follow, with deer in a delightful woodland setting, Red Squirrels, Water Voles, Polecats and hopefully Badgers at the end of the day. This event runs throughout the year with different animals and opportunities available depending on the season.



Highland Wildlife Park, Scotland (October to February)

The Highland Wildlife Park is a unique and special collection of upland and mountain animals including Wolves, Amur Tiger, Japanese Macaque (*Snow Monkey*), European Elk (Moose), Markhour, Red Panda, Red Deer, European Bison, Lynx, Arctic Fox, Otter, Beaver, Snowy Owl, Scottish Wildcat and Wild Boar! Our exciting photography workshops offer exclusive access to these unusual species and, with assistance from the experienced keeping staff, will provide us with some superb photographic opportunities. We usually run these days on sequential dates making it possible to combine two days for a longer break.

Photographic Training Events

Digital SLR Starter Day, Various Locations (All Year)

The Starter Day is aimed at anyone who is new to SLR cameras or has moved from film to digital. It does not matter how much experience or confidence you have as we can tailor the day to suit everyone's needs. These informative 1 day training courses are held at carefully selected venues around the country so that delegates can not only learn the theory but have a chance to put it into practice. We cover all the foundations such as SLR function, exposure, histograms, apertures, shutter speeds, depth of field, lens use etc. There is also time to answer any specific questions that delegates may have and we welcome the chance to look at any work people may wish to bring along for comment. This practical approach to learning makes our days not only distinct from other training companies but also more fun!



Digital SLR Lenses, Flash and Accessories, Various Locations (All Year)

This training day compliments our Digital SLR Starter Day by covering all the lenses, flash and accessories that make these cameras so special. During the day we will cover: lens use, perspective, angle of view, depth of field, electronic flash, fill-in and balancing, filters, tripods, monopods and smaller accessories. Lenses are the cameras 'eyes' and by understanding their various advantages and differences your photography will be greatly improved.

Light from electronic flash units provides the photographer with the ultimate option to control light itself, either by introducing it when no natural light exists or by balancing flash and ambient light for more subtle effects. Filters, tripods and other accessories are also vital aids to ensuring the best quality pictures whilst the right choice of bag will get the equipment on location safely and in comfort.

This workshop is a must for those photographers looking to get the best from their Digital SLR, both for general photography or the demanding field of wildlife image making.