

Terms 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 run by volunteers and professionals as appropriate and categorised in four groups:

- Group A - trips where the event leader 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 event 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 event leader is NOT expected to be an expert 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 night photography. The event leader will primarily offer advice about technique and have a location knowledge sufficient to enable participants to learn and practice the technique(s) concerned.
- Group D - workshops that primarily focus on technique where location is a secondary consideration. These may take place indoors or outdoors. The event 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 event to see which group it is in.

Events

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. 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 building access or the outdoor terrain in advance, please contact the event leader well in beforehand.

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 event 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.

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.

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 leader 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 for this or other reason beyond RPS's control.

If this occurs we will give you as much notice as we are able and any payment by you to the RPS in respect of the event offered as a full refund.

Please note we are not be able to refund any associated or consequential costs including but not limited to travel, accommodation, insurance premium or other costs incurred by you in order to attend the event.

Responsibility

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, welfare or attendant medical conditions. Strictly the event leader is there to introduce you to a location and/or to teach you particular skills.

Liability for any accident, injury, medical condition, loss or damage to property, inappropriate behavior, dress, equipment and third party liability is accepted by you when signing up for the event. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Royal Photographic Society from all claims of whatsoever nature.

Insurance

You are advised to consider having insurance to cover: event cancellation by you or by us, accident, medical, personal equipment and public liability.

In particular you should also consider, in the case of high cost events, the likelihood and consequences of you having to cancel or not attend at the last minute because of accident, medical or other unforeseeable circumstances.

Thank you,
Mark Reeves,
Landscape Group Events Manager