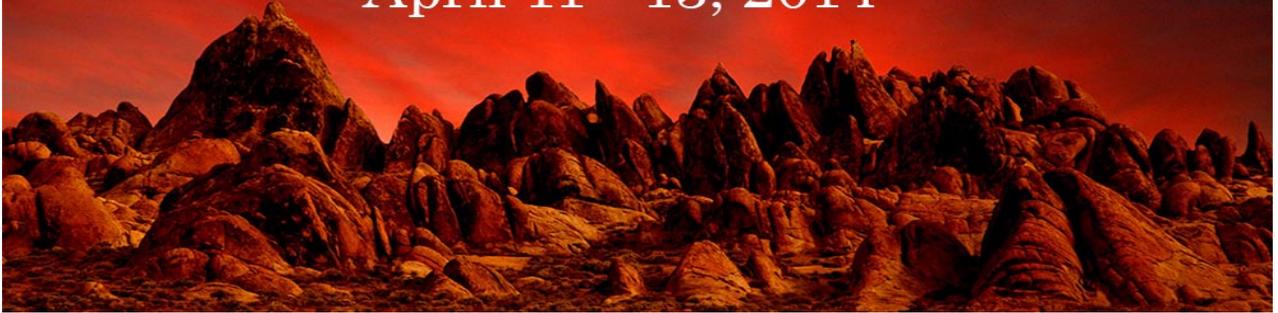


RC Photo Club Meet-Up

Alabama Hills

April 11 - 13, 2014



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Hosts: Gary Dibble, Robert LaRock, Bill Wight

This meet-up is limited to 15 participants. So sign up early with Yvette: info@rcphotoclub.com

The Alabama Hills in the Eastern High Sierra Foothills are an amazing place for the landscape photographer. These granite rock formations were made famous by the late landscape photographer, Galen Rowell. The area is also well-known for all the Western movies shot there. The granite shapes are made even more spectacular, because we can include the snow-covered Sierra Peaks in the backgrounds of many of our shots. The area experts say there are over four hundred natural rock arches and windows in the Alabama Hills. We can't take you to all of them, but we will guide you to the most photogenic arches and show you how to get the very best composition possible.

Most of the arches can be photographed with a short hike from parking areas. The Whitney Portal Arch is a 1 1/2-mile round-trip cross-country hike and we may do that in the dark to get you up to the arch before the sun comes up for a possible spectacular sunrise.

The granite that makes up the Alabama Hills is actually the same composition and age as makes up the mighty High Sierra range to the west. However, the weathering of the Alabama Hills is quite different. Where the Sierra peaks are sharp and jagged, the granite rocks of the Alabama Hills are rounded and sculpted. With a bit of imagination, one can find all kinds of animal shapes in the rocks.



The Whitney Portal Arch with alpenglow on the High Sierra peaks.

In addition to photographing the natural arches, we will show you how to incorporate the sculpted rock of the Alabama Hills with the snow-covered Sierra peaks in the background. In the Alabama Hills, we will do sunrise, sunset, and night photography and light painting the rocks and arches.



Sunrise alpenglow on Lone Pine Peak from the Alabama Hills.



Lathe Arch at Sunrise



Milky Way and rock tower light painted



Yoda's Hobble



Lenticular cloud of the rocks

Tentative Schedule:

Friday April 11, 2014

Meet for an early dinner at *Totem Café*, and then head into the AH for a sunset and night photography session.

Saturday April 12

Up at 5:00 and meet at Whitney Portal and Movie Flat Road parking area. We will head into the AH for a sunrise shoot.

Return to Lone Pine for breakfast at *Alabama Hills Cafe*.

Shoot in the Alabama Hills on your own.

Meet for lunch at the *Merry Go Round* for Chinese or *Mt Whitney Cafe* for hamburgers.

Shoot in AH on your own or nap until dinner.

Meet for early dinner at *Pizza Factory*.

Head into the AH meet at Whitney Portal and Movie Flat Road parking area. We will shoot the sunset and night photography.

Sunday April 13

Group 1: Up at 5:00 and meet at Whitney Portal and Movie Flat Road parking area. We will head into the AH for a sunrise shoot.

Group 2: Up at 4:00 and meet at Whitney Portal and Movie Flat Road parking area. Carpool to Whitney Portal Arch trail head parking area. One-and-a-half mile hike RT, one way in the dark. Shoot the sunrise through Whitney Portal Arch.

Return to Lone Pine for breakfast at *Alabama Hills Cafe*.

Shoot in the Alabama Hills on your own.

Lunch in town.

Head for home.

Or stay another day.

Meet for early dinner at *Bonanza Mexican Restaurant*.

Shoot sunset and night photography in AH.

Saturday

12 April 2014

Pacific Daylight Time

SUN

Begin civil twilight	5:56 a.m.
Sunrise	6:23 a.m.
Sun transit	12:54 p.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.
End civil twilight	7:53 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise	4:14 p.m. on preceding day
Moonset	4:49 a.m.
Moonrise	5:12 p.m.
Moon transit	11:20 p.m.
Moonset	5:21 a.m. on following day