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[Landscape Photography Courses](#)

Lake District, Peak District and Yorkshire Dales Locations

Lake District course

There is just 1 place available on the Lake District 3 day course, meeting Thursday 30th September then 3 days of photography 1st to 3rd October. We will be based in the village of Boot in Eskdale. The cost is £550 for 3 days of photography and includes bed & breakfast in Stanley House with en-suite rooms to the equivalent of 4 star hotel quality. Subjects include views of the highest mountains in England (Scafell Pike, etc), West Water (deepest lake in England), a ruined Roman fort, lots of waterfalls including one 60 feet high, trees, rocks, beach and estuary views and lots more. On one day we will spend some time using Photoshop for simple editing of the images taken on the first 2 days and going over image evaluation - what makes a good print, etc.? There is a lot more information on the [web site photo courses page](#).

Peak District course

There is also 1 place available on the Peak District 1 day course on Saturday 11th September, meeting in Tunstead Milton, just north of Buxton. The cost is £150 per person per day. We visit 3 or 4 locations for views from the tops, waterfalls, trees, rocks, etc, so lots of variety. There are also 3 places left in total on courses on the 8th and 9th of October.

Next years course dates

The dates for courses next year are now available. New for next year is a 2 day landscape photography course in the Yorkshire Dales based in the village of Grassington on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May 2011. There will be 3 day residential courses based in Stanley House bed and breakfast in Eskdale

in March, June and September, you will also be able to book these without the accommodation should you wish to make your own arrangements. There will be the usual 1 day courses in the Peak District too. Lots to choose from in 3 spectacular National Parks!

All photo courses are suitable for both digital and film camera users of any ability, and will help you capture pictures that work well in black and white. Any camera is suitable from pocket-sized compacts to digital slr's and medium format film. Small groups of just 5 people, with my wife Jan and I as tutors so that you receive lots of attention, especially with the more artistic side of photography, as well as whatever help you need in getting to grips with the settings to use on your camera. Jan uses digital cameras and I use medium format film cameras and I use Photoshop for editing my negatives after scanning so we can give advice on the whole spectrum of topics. In addition, if you can take a good black and white image your colour work will be stronger; you will stop relying on that person in a red jacket to make your pictures work!

One-to-one courses are always available if you or a group of friends want a more personal course. Call me for a chat. It's a good way of making rapid progress.

All courses are supported by Ilford Photo / Harman Photo.

Darkroom Printing Courses

I run darkroom printing courses for individuals and groups of no more than 2 people. They are £150 for a place on a group course and £300 for a 1-to-1 course. The next group course is on Sunday 12th September and there is 1 place still available. Ilford Photo provide all paper and chemicals free of charge.

If you want to learn the easy way to make black and white prints, using split grade printing, then 1 day with me should be all that you need! You can expect to make up to 6 or 7 good quality prints in 1 day, depending on the quality of your negatives and whether it is 1-to-1 or a group course.

Photoshop Image Editing Courses

I run courses on Photoshop image editing as private courses for 1 or more days. Mostly I edit images to look and print similarly to the prints that I make in the darkroom. If learning these sort of skills is of interest please contact me to talk through the options.

Events

Art Fairs and other events

Our next event is the Artist and Designer's Fair in Buxton Pavilion Gardens on Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th September 10 am to 4.30 pm. Free parking and free admission. Jan and I will be there for the duration. I will have lots of new photographs and all 3 of my books and can take course bookings. Come along for a chat. There will be products from around 40 professional artists, designers, crafts-people, furniture makers, etc.

Web Sites

New Images

www.davebutcher.co.uk

I have added some new images of Norway and Oslo as well as York and the Yorkshire Dales around Brimham Rocks and Wharfedale.

A striking building in the Aker Brygge area of Oslo, near the harbour.



The Roman city walls and York Minster (cathedral) in the background



Brimham Rocks, Yorkshire Dales



I have also scanned another 60 negatives and after editing will add images of Dutch windmills, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Sweden. These will be added over the next 2 weeks or so as I find time to do the editing.

[Helpful Hints for taking photographs and editing them on Photoshop](#)

A double-sided A5 helpful hints crib sheet has been added to the web site. On one side it covers all the main points that we work on when out on a landscape photography course, both digital and film. On the reverse it has the basics for editing an image in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements. [It is available for free download from the web site courses page](#). I now give it out free to all course participants as a laminated card that you can pop in your camera bag to refer to when in the great outdoors. If you have been on a course with us in the past and would like one drop me an email and I will send you one in the post, no charge.

[Course Images](#)

The new [gallery for images](#) taken on courses is now fully working. There are sets of images from 15 people. The gallery is located on my new [Flickr area](#) and all the images can be viewed here directly or through my web site. We used [Flickr](#) so that comments can be added by you, or anyone else, where this is not possible on my web site. It also groups them all together; images loaded onto my blog became lost from view after a few weeks.

If you have been on one of my courses and would like to see your images on this new area just send me disc, memory stick or email (up to 3 or 4 Mb total size is fine for emails) and I will make sure they are added. The number of images is no longer limited to just 2 or 3, as it was for my blog. If you want 20 or 30 that is fine. Have a look and let me know what you think.

[New Course Images web link](#)

[New Flickr Gallery web link](#)

[New Trip Logs](#)

I have added some new trip logs (diaries) for some treks that were completed in years gone by. There are links to photos rather than them being added to the pages. In time I intend to add a set of images to each page but haven't had the time.

[Tour of Mont Blanc](#) (accounts of our 2 trips here, one in each direction)
[Alpine Pass Route](#) from Grindelwald to Montreux and
[Glasgow to Cape Wrath Trek](#), including the West Highland Way Dave Butcher

Variation

Lake Light

New book on the Lake District

It was a bit of a marathon but we have now succeeded in having Lake Light sold across the Lake District. We using the local distributor there to do this. It is of course also available through my web site for £15 (free p&p) and from good booksellers everywhere. Quote - Lake Light by Dave Butcher and ISBN 978-0-9555627-1-6. In case my description in previous newsletters, there are 80 pages with 89 images, a map of each location, detailed captions to aid finding the location of each photograph, and a table of data showing details for each image. UK landscape photographer Joe Cornish wrote the foreword. There is also an article on the use of digital cameras for black and white landscape photography.

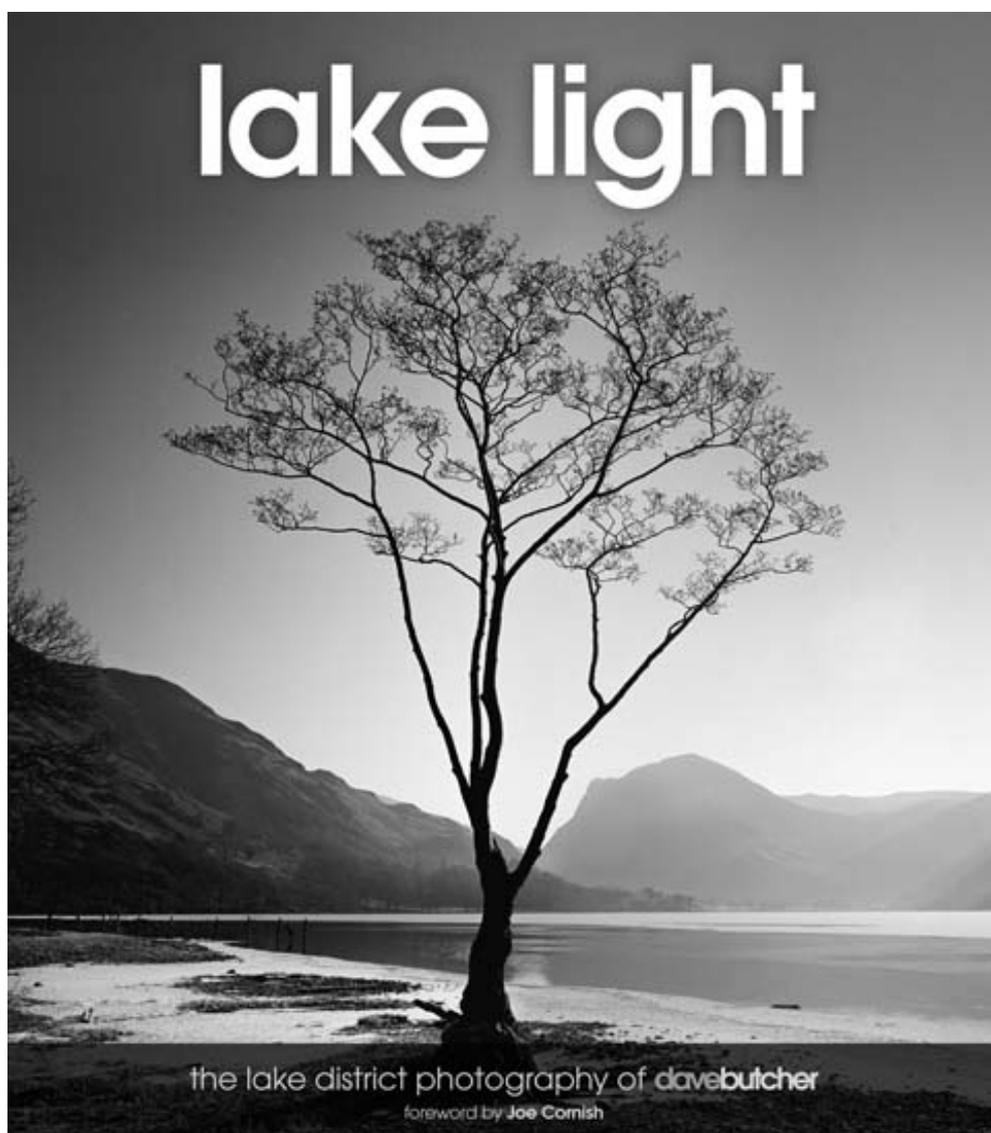


Photo Trips

Planned Photo Trips

Our next photo trip is to New Zealand in October/November. We are also stopping off in Hong Kong and Sydney on the way out. In New Zealand we start in the North Island for pictures of snow-capped volcanoes around Tongariro then drive down the South Island by the west coast to Milford Sound, across to the east coast up to Mount Cook village and end up in Christchurch for 3 days waiting for my film to be processed before we return (to avoid x-rays used on hand luggage).

I have some good images from the recent trip to Grassington. Lots of waterfalls - we had heavy rain for much of the 5 days. Waterfalls are reliably good during and after rain and I added the falls at West Burton and Aysgarth to my picture library, even managed to work my way down beside the Aysgarth Middle Falls which looked impossible for quite a while. The walking was good, did about 50 miles in total.

Photo Tips

Seasonal Notes from Derbyshire

The summer seems to be over. It has felt quite autumnal this week. I particularly noticed it walking to the Buxton Gallery on Tuesday, I had to wear 4 layers to keep warm across the top. On the return the wind was way over gale force in places.

July was quite wet, having about 4 inches of rain here and August has had less but just seems to have rained every day, so many light showers of rain.

Waterfalls have been great for quite a while now but the main feature making for some spectacular pictures has been the clouds and light just before or just after a storm. Changeable weather like we have been having is actually great for photographs and with our rolling scenery in the Peak District can really make an average shot look great. Find a good location, watch the weather and go there when the weather and light is right. Of course if you are out walking in this weather you may always find yourself in the right place at the right time. Be ready for it by keeping your camera handy and an eye on the weather, not just the ground in front of you!

Photo Lectures

Lecture bookings

Thanks to all of you who came to my lecture at the Buxton Dome in July. This was the first time my new Lake District photographs had been shown to anyone. I have now almost completed the lecture that they form part of - Lake Light. The bulk of the prints are now made, I just need to work out the story line for each section and add a few link prints to help the story line. The largest section is the Lake District then there are prints from Holland, Hamburg, Denmark, Copenhagen, Norway, Oslo, Sweden, Stockholm, New York, Chicago, Boston (the US one), Colorado and Utah. Lots of winter images throughout. Hope that is enough variety to keep audiences happy. There will be about 80 prints, so about 8 to go. The first booking for it is Chesterfield on 9th September.

If you want to book me check my [web diary](#) first to see dates that are available.

Blog, Facebook and LinkedIn

Dave Butcher News and Keeping in Touch

I try and add my latest news to my blog every few days. I am on Facebook as monodave using mono@davebutcher.net. I am also on the networking site [LinkedIn](#). If you want to keep in touch use one or more of these. There is Flickr too of course, mentioned above.

There are links to these from my web site Links page as well as the ones here.

Next Newsletter

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