

North American Black Bears Photo Workshop August 15-17, 2020

Minnesota is the most northern state outside of Alaska, and has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined. There are an estimated 12,000-15,000 black bears in Minnesota. Photographing the North American Black Bear is the purpose of this 3-day photo workshop. Emphasis will be on helping you to capture incredible photographs of black bears of all sizes and ages in their natural environment, and giving you as much time as possible with the bears. This workshop provides an amazing in-field photographic experience. Participants must 18+ years old to attend the workshop. Register at <http://kathleenreeder.com>.



The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary is 500+ acres of North Woods habitat in Minnesota, ideal for black bears and other wildlife. It is located about two hours northwest of Duluth. Vince Shute habituated generations of bears frequenting the Sanctuary unintentionally, as he tried to find a way to peacefully coexist with his forest neighbors. Vince fed the bear for more than 25 years. The feeding continues today as a means of preserving the extraordinary opportunities this unique situation provides. It allows the American Bear Association (ABA) to educate the visiting public about the natural history of the American black bear and all natural resources. In addition, it allows the Association to offer you the chance to photograph this normally shy and reclusive animal.



Highlights

- An informative online webinar presentation in advance of the workshop that covers wildlife photography composition tips, camera settings and recommended gear. It will also include an illustrative slideshow of photos with camera settings taken by Kathleen at the Sanctuary to prepare you to maximize your camera's potential while shooting.
- 3 full-days access to photograph black bears and other wildlife on ground level, not available to the public. The most common lens focal length is 100-400 mm.
- Mid-day conference room classes during the workshop.
- Workshop size is limited to 7 participants so you'll have plenty of one-on-one time with Kathleen to ask questions and get coaching specific to your individual photographic needs
- Optional mid-day visit to the North American Bear Center and the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota



Includes

- Before the workshop:
 - An online recorded webinar prior to the workshop that covers wildlife photography composition tips, camera settings and recommended gear to prepare you. You will have access to both the recording and the webinar materials.
 - Detailed handout of what to bring, the itinerary, what to expect and more
 - ABA introductory session on bear safety, bear behavior, history and mission of the organization, black bear natural history
- During the workshop:
 - 3 full days access to the Sanctuary ground level property, as well as the viewing deck; includes all Sanctuary fees and water throughout the days. You will see an average of 30+ bears on the property each day.
 - Sharing a sample of your portfolio with the group
 - Group and one-on-one guidance on location before each photo session to ensure you get the most out of your camera, including optimal shutter speed, aperture, ISO and exposure compensation settings
 - Mid-day conference room demonstrations on post processing wildlife images, how to create/publish an eBook on Amazon and setting up a website on SmugMug (topics based on group consensus)
 - Inclement weather options to visit the North American Bear Center and the International Wolf Center in Ely, Minnesota
- After the workshop - Group gallery for sharing people pictures

Excludes

- Airfare - Recommend flying into Duluth, MN
- Lodging - Recommend Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort & Inn in Orr, MN (218-757-3613)
- Ground transportation
- Meals

Workshop Price

\$1649

About Kathleen

Kathleen Reeder has led over 140 wildlife photography workshops in the United States, Botswana and South Africa with over 1,750 satisfied customers. Her work has appeared on television, in magazines, on internet sites and other publications including NBC's Today Show and National Geographic. She frequently speaks about wildlife photography techniques to photo clubs and shares tips in her monthly newsletter. She provides instructions on how to photograph wildlife in her 6 published books. She has one of the top wildlife photography blogs on the web and is a Nikon Professional Services member.

