

4-day photo-art workshop in Yosemite

The Yosemite Twin Valleys Waterfall Workshops on May 3-6 offers unique opportunities for photographers and outdoor enthusiasts to compare and contrast natural and geological features of Yosemite and Hetch Hetchy landscapes.

Activities will include photography field sessions and a two-day plein air painting workshop. Other highlights include interpretive natural history hikes and birding walks throughout the "Twin Valleys" of Yosemite National Park.

James McGrew returns as the leader of the annual four-day event, and he will be joined by several local Yosemite professional photography guides and naturalists. McGrew and David Lukas will each lead an interpretive hike on May 3 that will serve as an introduction to the landscape and its rich history. A two-day combined plein air painting and naturalist workshop conducted by McGrew will begin on May 4 and will span both valleys. Alternately, several options of morning and evening light photo field sessions will be available on all four days from a faculty of well known Yosemite photographers.

Central to all programs will be a focus on the waterfalls during their peak season. National Geographic photographer, Phil Schermeister will be directing a waterfalls class from Yosemite Valley. Robb Hirsch will share elements of composition with aspiring photographers in Hetch Hetchy while Yosemite veterans Al Golub, Gabriel Mange, and Joshua Cripps will guide daily photo sessions from various shooting locations.

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