

Light and Shadow, Form and Texture—An Exploration of Macro in the Garden

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Check-in: Each registrant will hand in a fully completed *PSA Indemnity Form* including “UC Botanic Gardens” as the name of the activity. The form must be signed. Once the Indemnity Form has been received from a participant, they will receive a color coded sticker or label unique to this Photo Walk.

Orientation and Shoot: The UC Riverside Botanic Gardens is a 40-acre oasis located in the foothills of the Box Springs Mountains on the east side of the UC Riverside campus. There are more than 3500 plant species and over 10,000 plant accessions in a diversity of horticultural and geographic gardens. Wander over four miles of scenic trails or just relax on a bench and enjoy the beauty. The Gardens are also a wildlife habitat, so please enjoy and be alert for birds, reptiles (including snakes), and occasional coyotes and bobcats. The Gardens is situated between 1100' and 1450' in elevation, and many of the trails and paved roads are ‘no nonsense’, preferring to go straight up the slope, rather than contouring around to gain elevation more gradually. It should be understood by all those contemplating undertaking this Walk-About that we rate it **Moderately Strenuous**, and recommend that appropriate footwear, e.g. hiking shoes, be worn. Because of the hilly or uneven trails and roads, wheelchairs and walkers are **not** an option. To put it another way, this Walk-About is (literally) not for the faint of heart. The reward, however, for a bit of effort, will be some beautiful images!!

While the main focus will be on Macro, the use of close-focusing general purpose lenses is recommended for those who don't already own a macro lens. Because of the terrain to be covered, it is recommended that you **not** bring a large bag with all your bodies and lenses. This will be an exercise in exploring the scene with one, or, at most, two lenses. A tripod is recommended, but is an option, depending on how much you wish to carry. Drones are not allowed.

Nancy and Paul Speaker will lead this Photo Walk and be available to describe techniques, suggest locations, and answer photography questions. The group will be able to proceed through the Gardens at a leisurely pace, but must exit in time to avoid any parking violations.

All parking on the UC Riverside campus is metered. Each participant is responsible for their own parking pass purchased at nearby kiosks. Visa or cash (no change returned) is accepted. Select the 2-hour option (maximum allowed), pay \$4, and place the ticket on your dashboard. Parking at the Botanic Gardens entrance is limited to about 20 spaces. The next nearest parking lot is Visitor Lot #10, located a couple hundred yards further down the entrance road, near the junction with North Campus Drive.

Date: Friday, March 15, 2019. This Photo Walk will be cancelled if it is raining in the morning, due to muddy conditions for most of the trails, which would severely limit shooting locations. The Gardens will open at 1 pm and close at 5 pm on this date.

Hours: This Photo Walk is scheduled to begin at 2 pm and will conclude at 4 pm.

Meet: We will gather inside the entrance gate (near the restroom building) to the left side at 1:50pm. The Leaders will be eating lunch at Applebee's, 3820 Mulberry St, Riverside, CA 92507, beginning at 12:30 pm. They will distribute brochures and directions prior to leaving for the Gardens at 1:40 pm. All attendees for this Photo Walk are invited to join Nancy & Paul at Applebee's in order to maximize everyone's time in the Garden.

Cost: The Gardens are free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. Parking is \$4 for 2 hours. Lunch is optional.

Group size: 8