

Bob and Dale's Most Excellent 2015 Sierra Adventure

Sunday, Oct. 11	Monday, Oct. 12	Tuesday, Oct. 13
<p>Sunday Night Milky Way Shot</p> <p>Departure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Lincoln at 11am • Choose I-5 or Rt 99 to Rt 120 • Arrive Olmsted Pt. at 3-4pm • Scout Locations for Milky Way Shot. Look for foreground subjects i.e., trees, boulders, logs, etc. to include in photo. • If you have extra time shoot around Tenaya Lake et. al. <p>Milky Way Shot Set-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunsets - 6:26pm • Civil Twilight - 6:25-6:53 • Golden Hour - 5:51-6:42pm • Blue Hour - 6:42-6:53 • Astronomical Hour - 7:23-7:54pm • Total Darkness - 7:54-6:15am on 10/12 (approximate) • Set up for Milky Way Shot starting at 6:00pm (taking compass bearings checking equipment etc. • Milky Way Core will be visible until 9:30-9:45pm <p>Leave for Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever you are done. • Lee Vining Hotel make it easy to get to Mono Lake for Sunrise shot. • June Lake Hotel still makes it easy to get to Mono for the Sunrise. • Mammoth Lakes Hotel makes it easy to get Sunrise at Convict Lake. <p>NOTE</p> <p>The above Itinerary depicts leaving Lincoln late morning and driving directly to Olmsted Point via CA 120 and Yosemite's West Gate. (4hrs. 12min - 211mi)</p> <p>Some may choose to drive down Highway 395 on the Eastern Side of the Sierra and get to Olmsted Point via Yosemite's East Gate. This is a much longer drive, (5hrs. 240mi w/o stops) but may present some photo opportunities for Fall Color in Hope Valley, Bridgeport and Lundy Canyon. You may want to save Highway 395 route for the return trip.</p> <p>Bob and Dale are taking the West Gate approach and a late morning departure time because of the anticipated late evening photography at Olmsted Point.</p> <p>Snow Closure of Highway 120</p> <p>If a Snow Storm forces the closure of Highway 120 (it can happen) the plan would be to shoot the Sunset at Mono Lake and do some light-painting of the Tufa formations that evening.</p>	<p>Mono Lake Sunrise</p> <p>South Tufas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Parking lot at 6:15am • Blue Hour 6:35-6:45am • Civil Twilight 6:35-7:01am • Sunrise 7:01am • Golden Hour 6:45-7:37am <p>NOTE: Alternative would be to shoot Sunrise at Convict Lake. All times apply.</p> <p>Head South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After Breakfast or whenever. • Shoot Color on June Lake Loop, or Lee Vining Canyon on way to Little Lakes Valley near Tom's Place. <p>Drive Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive time from S. Tufas to LLV Trailhead is 1hr 10min. Distance is 52 miles. • Drive time from S.Tufas to Bishop is 1hrs 10min. Distance is 64 miles • Drive time from LLV trailhead to Bishop is 55min. Distance is 35-miles. <p>Little Lakes Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Map in Packet • Here's a link for great photos and info: http://calitrails.com/2014/06/03/day-hiking-little-lakes-valley/ • Here's a link to U of Michigan Professor's website with great shots taken in LLV: http://www-personal.umich.edu/~jensenl/visuals/album/2006/sierra/ • Here's a link to BING.com search results for photos of LLV: http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=little+lakes+valley&FORM=HDRSC2 <p>Bishop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive in Bishop 1-2pm - Nap - Early Dinner • Buttermilk Road Boulders Sunset. • Arrive in area at 5:00 scout out boulders. • Golden Hour - 5:47-6:38pm • Sunset - 6:21pm • Blue Hour - 6:38-6:48pm • Astronomical Twilight - 7:18-7:48pm • Light-paint boulders. Shoot Star-trails • Sunset at Bishop Ponds. Arrive in area at 6:00pm Shoot East toward White Mountains • Pray for Clouds and Alpen Glow. 	<p>Brockman Lane Sunrise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 6:15am • Blue Hour 6:33-6:43am • Civil Twilight 6:33-7:00pm • Sunrise 7:00am • Golden Hour 6:43-7:35am • Line -up Shot for Mt. Tom et. al. • Shoot until bored <p>Bishop Ponds Sunrise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 6:15am on East Side of Ponds • SEE above for times • Shoot until bored <p>South Lake Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoot Aspen Grove and Waterfall on East Side of Road. Waterfall is about 15 miles from Bishop give or take 3 miles. Might be very slight re: drought. <p>Petroglyphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Truman's Notes <p>Manzanar and Mt. Williamson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoot Mt. Williamson from Ansel's Perspective. See Map. • Shoot Manzanar Monument. See Map. <p>Arrive Lone Pine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to arrive early afternoon and take a nap • Arrive Alabama Hills 3-4pm • Scout boulder formations for light painting at night. • Golden Hour - 5:44-6:35pm • Sunset - 6:18pm • Blue Hour - 6:35-6:45pm • Astronomical Twilight - 7:15-7:44pm • Light-paint boulders. Shoot Star-trails • Shoot Sunset shots <p>Milky Way Shot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up for Milky Way Shot starting at 6:00pm (taking compass bearings checking equipment etc. • Milky Way Core will be visible until 9:30-9:45pm • Shoot Light Painting Shots until tired • Return to Hotel

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Wednesday, Oct. 14	Thursday, Oct. 15	
<p>Sunrise Alabama Hills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at previously determined location at 6:15am • Blue Hour 6:32-6:42am • Civil Twilight 6:32-6:59am • Sunrise 6:59am • Golden Hour 6:42-7:34am <p>Return to Hotel take Nap</p> <p>Leave for Bristlecones at 1pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to take dinner meal with you as there is not food service in the Bristlecones — take toilet paper! • Distance from LP to Schulman Grove is 66 miles. Drive time is 1 hour and 30 minutes. • We will be going up to Patriarch Grove which is another 12 miles beyond the Schulman Grove. Drive time is 30-45 minutes. Altitude is 11,319 feet. It will be very cold. • Total Drive time from LP to PG is approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes. • NOTE: You may want to adjust your time for a stop at Manzanar if the weather is better and/or you missed it on the way down from Bishop. <p>Patriarch Grove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at Patriarch Grove at 4pm • Scout Locations. • Find subject tree to be light painted, camera orientation. • Verify lens selection, equipment, lights etc. • Golden Hour 5:42-6:33pm • Sunsets at 6:16pm • Blue Hour 6:33-6:43pm <p>Milky Way Shot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up for Milky Way Shot starting at 6:00pm (taking compass bearings checking equipment etc. • Milky Way Core will be visible until 9:30-9:45pm 	<p>Morning in Bishop</p> <p>Follow script as outlined on October 13th plan.</p> <p>Head back to Lincoln</p>	<p>Astronomical Twilight: Darker than civil or nautical, astronomical twilight occurs when the center of the sun is a full 18 degrees below the horizon. As its name suggests, this twilight period is of most interest to astronomers. There is no color in the sky during astronomical twilight. A popular type of photograph during this time is the star trail, since it will register some background glow near the horizon during this time. But, even die hard nature photographers will probably have called it a night by then. When the moon is full, they'll come back out with their tripod, however.</p> <p>Civil twilight: Morning civil twilight starts when the geometric center of the sun is 6° below the horizon. Evening civil twilight begins at sunset and ends when the center of the sun reaches 6° below the horizon. The evening civil twilight is otherwise known as dusk. This is when the brightest stars will be visible under normal atmospheric conditions. You can capture a variety of images during civil twilight because the light changes so rapidly. Don't think that this is the end of good light though. Nautical twilight offers plenty of photo ops, too. Only the brightest stars appear during the civil twilight. You'll also get to see some planets, such as Venus. During this period there is enough light from the sun that flashes or other lighting sources should not be needed. You can always adjust your ISO to 400 or even 800, if needed, during this time, but as you'll read below, there are some limitations to this.</p>