



YELLOWSTONE FOREVER

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: YELLOWSTONE BABIES

Itinerary & Details

FIELD SEMINAR - SUMMER 2023

INSTRUCTOR: Kate Ochsman

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY: Kate Ochsman is a naturalist and wildlife photographer based outside of Yellowstone. Kate believes in art for a cause – hers being conservation. Her artistic “why” is to help people connect with the wild, both within and outside of themselves, for we protect what we know and love. Building her fine art photography portfolio, Kate travels globally to photograph wildlife and wild places. Before her move to Yellowstone, Kate, a certified South African Safari Guide, ran an innovative program in the South African bush for college-aged participants that taught them photography, filmmaking, marketing and how to use these along with social media to spread awareness for wildlife conservation issues. She has also worked in human-wildlife conflict in Namibia. These days, Kate is focusing on American wildlife and conservation issues through wildlife guiding and photography.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Be prepared to hike up to 1 mile per day, comfortably, through relatively flat terrain on maintained trails.*

**All field activities will be conducted as a group. If you cannot meet the activity level expectations during your program, you may be restricted from participation in daily outings. We will not alter program itineraries or activities to accommodate participants who cannot meet the expectations of the stated activity level.*

LOCATION: Course begins at the Yellowstone Forever classrooms located in Gardiner, MT.

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES: The program begins at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, and ends on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

LODGING CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT: No lodging is provided for this course, however, there is limited lodging available through Yellowstone Forever at the Yellowstone Field Overlook Campus. For more information, please contact the Institute at institute@yellowstone.org. You can also find more information on Gardiner based lodging here: [Gardiner, MT - Lodging](#). (Yellowstone River Motel will grant you 10% off their rooms if you mention that you are taking a Yellowstone Forever Field Seminar)

MEALS: You will need to bring your own food; lunch should be able to travel in the field with you.

For general information about the facilities, preparing for classes, what to expect, cancellation policies, and more, please see the [Gardiner Field Seminars - Summer General Information](#) document.

FROM THE INSTRUCTOR

Calling all baby lovers! This adorable multi-day photography workshop focuses exclusively on spring babies. After the spring thaw, Yellowstone blossoms with new life everywhere. Green paints its way up the hillside as wildflowers decorate the landscape. Buzzing insects return and the songs of birds stir the morning air. Babies are everywhere. From the darling, red bison calves, to the spotted elk calves, to the fast pronghorn lambs and their zoomies, ungulate babies rule the landscape. Stumbling around and learning to be a predator, wolf and coyote pups roll around as they follow their parents. Baby black bears and their gangly bodies clamor up trees, and adorable grizzly cubs follow close on their mom's paws. Nesting birds needily beg for food from their parents. Up in the Beartooths, pika jet from rock to rock, and mountain goat kids leap behind their parents.

There is so much new life in the mountains and this workshop will focus on the babies! We will photograph the babies themselves being their curious, new little lives in the world, as well as focus on parent-baby relationships and behavior. The workshop will be adorable and fascinating! We will explore our way through Yellowstone, visiting my favorite places while searching for wildlife: two+ days in Lamar and along the Northern Range, Hayden and the Yellowstone Lake area for one day and the Beartooths for a half day.

Shots we could get:

- Babies
 - Elk
 - Bison
 - Black bear
 - Grizzly bear
 - Mule Deer
 - Pronghorn
 - Coyotes
 - Wolves
 - Osprey
 - Blue Heron
 - Pika
 - Mountain Goats
 - Squirrels
 - Marmots
- Babies and Moms
- Babies and Dads
- Babies playing together
- Babies curious in world/landscape

This course is for intermediate+ photographers, who know the fundamentals of their camera and how to use it, in addition to basic knowledge of post processing.

Please reach out with any questions you may have and hope to see you on the range!

- Love and Roars, Kate

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions, wildlife activity, holidays, and road construction. *The details and timing of the agenda are subject to change.*

- Day 1** **5:30 p.m.** Welcome!
Introduction to Course, schedule and course specifics. Introduction to wildlife we hope to see, examples of photographic series and moments to capture.
- Day 2** **Lamar Valley**
Safari schedule: morning and afternoon in the field for photography. Midday lunch and picnic in the field or Gardiner.
- Day 3** **Beartooths in the Morning and Lamar in the Afternoon**
Safari schedule: morning and afternoon in the field for photography. Midday lunch at LBR or in the field.
- Day 4** **Hayden Valley and Yellowstone Lake**
All day down South. Picnic lunch in the field. Evening photo critique at Classroom in Gardiner before final day in the field.
- Day 5** **Canyon and Lamar**
Safari schedule: morning and afternoon in the field for photography. Midday lunch picnic in the field. Photo critique midday.

PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

For a full list of recommended equipment for all courses see the [Gardiner Field Seminars - Summer General Information](#) document.

- ☐ Camera Body
- ☐ Lenses of your choice. Have lenses for reach. I will have:
 - ☐ 24-70mm
 - ☐ 100-400mm
 - ☐ 400mm
- ☐ Other recommended lenses:
 - ☐ 24-105mm
 - ☐ 70-200mm
 - ☐ 200-600mm
 - ☐ 150-500mm
 - ☐ 600mm
- ☐ Extra batteries and charger
- ☐ Extra SD cards to make sure you can get all the images you want in the field!
- ☐ Laptop with charging cord.
- ☐ Software for editing images. I use Lightroom Classic.

As you pack your gear keep in mind that the class will be traveling through the park together on a small, but comfortable, bus. Camera equipment, except tripods, will be with participants in their seats. Many participants bring a camera bag packed with camera essentials and a separate small bag for other day essentials and personal items.

- ☐ Tripod and camera mount
- ☐ Hard drives and cords for uploading images
- ☐ Teleconverter – If you have one and like them!
- ☐ Card reader and attachment cord
- ☐ Rain cover – This does not need to be fancy, but it does need to be effective, even when the wind is blowing (lightly), for your camera and lens as they sit waiting on a tripod.
- ☐ Microfiber cloth to dry and clean your equipment with.
- ☐ Gloves that you can photograph in.

WHOM TO CONTACT

For any questions, concerns, or additional information please contact the following:

- Program itinerary, health forms, payment, and activity questions please contact Yellowstone Forever at institute@yellowstone.org or 406-848-2400
- Road updates, park conditions, and general park information please contact Yellowstone National Park Service at <https://www.nps.gov/yell/contacts.htm>
- If running late for a program, please contact 406-848-2400