

Cobb Photographic Society

Field Trip

This is our night photography field trip to Brasstown Bald, the highest point in Georgia (4784').
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/conf/home/?cid=STELPRDB5329658>

Where

Our destination is the **Brasstown Bald (BB) visitor center area**, near Blairsville, GA.

BB is about 2 hours drive from Marietta, please use this link for info:

<https://www.exploregeorgia.org/hiawassee/outdoors-nature/hiking/brasstown-bald-visitors-center-recreation-area>

When

- Friday, 11 June 2021 (If rainy or cloudy, we will meet on Saturday, 12 June 2021)
- 2030 Meet on the lookout tower platform for sunset pictures (sunset is at 2049)
- 2130 Meet at the parking lot to set up cameras for night photography
- 2359 or later depart home at your leisure

Why

- To sharpen your skills for night photography, create star trails and photograph the Milky Way.

Who

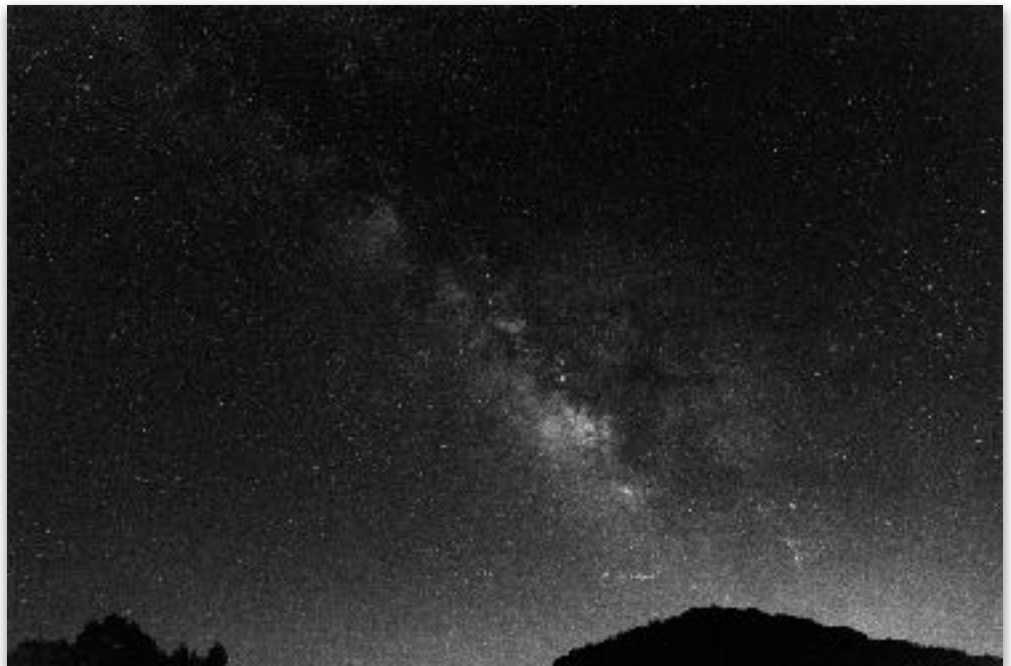
- All club members, guests welcome.

What (to expect)

- If weather permitting, dark and clear skies when astronomical twilight ends at 2152EDT to photograph the stars. Take a few foreground pictures while there is some light in the sky.
- At least 2 hours of photography - meaning you will be staying up late and driving home late. You might consider renting a room nearby.
- Camaraderie and exchange of ideas with fellow photographers while enjoying a midnight snack. Bring your own - there are no concessions.
- There are restrooms in the parking lot, however COVID-19 restrictions may affect their access.
- If you decide to go to the top of the mountain, it is a steep, 0.5mi long paved path!

What (to bring)

- Manual for your camera (the book you never read)
- For star trails and Milky Way:
 - Wide-angle lens (14-24mm for full frame camera)



Milky Way at Brasstown Bald in July (© Ümit)

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- Sturdy tripod
- Intervalometer (or remote release)
- Lint free cloth or lens tissue to wipe away the dew
- Red head lamp (or pen light covered with red gel)
- Collapsible chair
- Wind breaker and pants
- Lots of hydration (cold and warm), and snacks

What (not to do)

- Use white light
- Shine light (of any color) near or into other cameras
- Walk into people's tripods

Weather

- It is not possible to guess the weather 4 weeks in advance
- Temperatures at the top are always cooler by 10F than at the base. Bring a light jacket or wind breaker.

Fees

- BB is on U.S. Forest Service land, but the visitor center & parking area are managed by a private company.
- Parking fee is \$3, after 5pm.
- Interagency/Golden Senior or Access Pass Holders: Free entrance

Field trip lead contact

- Prior to the field trip you can contact Ümit Yüksel at 404.242.6121 or ument@aol.com
- There is cell coverage at the destination, but spotty.

Safety and Disclaimer

- Please be cognizant of and obey by all federal (CDC, US Forest Service), GA State, and local COVID-19 guidelines, rules and restrictions.
- Obey all posted sign and rules.
- This location is public place, hence the trip leader and Cobb Photographic Society rejects any responsibility whatsoever regarding COVID-19 or any other natural or manmade hazards one may encounter at these locations.
- By joining this field trip and/or arriving at this location you assume all the risk.



Partial star trails (total exposure time 10 min) at Brasstown Bald. North Star off-set on purpose.
Tower light painted (© Ümit)