



The View Camera

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with Kent Bowser and Daniel Mainzer

September 27–October 3, 2026

Welcome to The View Camera!

Early Fall in Northern New Mexico usually has warm days, cool evenings, and cold nights, but the weather can surprise us. Check the Abiquiu weather forecast on the net before packing your clothing and footwear. The deserts' cacti have sharp spines that may penetrate tennis shoes, so it's advisable to bring sturdy leather walking shoes or light hiking boots.

We will do some hiking – usually no more than a few miles per day—carrying our cameras and tripods, which requires a pack that can comfortably accommodate film holders and your other equipment, as well as extra room for clothing, snacks, and water (outside pockets). To protect our skin from the sun, bring sunblock, a hat with a good brim and strap, headlamp or flashlight, and a bandana. New Mexico's climate is quite dry, and we will be developing film and paper, so having moisturizing lotion is a good idea at the end of the evening.



We will be providing film (Kodak TMY) and D-76 developer, as well as paper (RC to begin with and fiber on the last day). You may of course bring additional film and materials, but please contact Daniel or Kent beforehand, and with any questions you may have.

Please check your lens's shutters as well as the batteries in your meters if you're not using your smart phone as one. UV, yellow and orange filters for your lenses are quite useful as well as a magnifier for your ground glass focusing. Daniel will be sending out information on large format photography after you enroll. Check the internet for used texts on the view camera, though we will cover your questions and needs during the workshop. Lastly, review in your libraries, galleries, and museums the spectacular tradition of B&W landscape in the Southwest, for ideas and directions. Start with Naef's Era of Exploration.

Please contact Daniel or Kent with any questions. We're looking forward to meeting and working with everyone in the exquisite landscape of Ghost Ranch and Northern New Mexico.

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Tentative Schedule

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September 27 Welcome to Ghost Ranch
Day 1 Overview of our week together

September 28 Intro to the View Camera
Day 2 Darkroom Etiquette
 Library

September 29 M: Landscape Shooting
Day 3 A: Develop and Print
 E: Develop and Print

September 30 M: Shoot
Day 4 A: Develop and Print
 E: Develop and Print

October 1 M: Portrait
Day 5 A: Portrait
 E: Develop and Print

October 2 M: Print with fiber
Day 6 A: Edit
 E: Final Show

October 3 Depart Ghost Ranch
Day 7