

# Grandfather Mountain

## Nature Photography Weekend

### 2025 Schedule

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

**8 a.m.** | Grandfather Mountain gates open for event attendees and participants. Timeframe for the weekend contest begins.

**12 – 8 p.m.** | Berrie Smith Camera Cleaning (*outside the Classroom in the Clouds in the Wilson Center*) (*additional cost*)

**2 – 5 p.m.** | Check-in at MacRae Meadows (*located just outside the gates of Grandfather Mountain, off U.S. 221*)

**3:15 p.m.** | Classroom in the Clouds (*in the Wilson Center*) opens to event attendees and participants.

**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** | Beginner's Guide Presentation – Kyle Cook and Melissa Southern (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**4:45 – 5:15 p.m.** | Welcome, Weekend Overview, Naturalist Presentation (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**5:15 – 5:45 p.m.** | Don Nelson Winner Announced, Contest Overview and Rules (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**5:45 – 6:45 p.m.** | "The Four Things You Must Have in a Great Image" – Bill Fortney (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**6:45 – 7:45 p.m.** | Social Time/Non-Alcohol Beverages/Light Bites (*Williams Outdoor Learning Space*)

**8 p.m.** | Access to the Wilson Center closes.

**8:42 p.m.** | Official sunset time

**12 a.m.** | Event attendees/participants must be off the mountain if not camping.



# SATURDAY, JUNE 7

**5 a.m.** | Grandfather Mountain gates open for event attendees and participants.

**6:10 a.m.** | Official sunrise time

**7 – 8:30 a.m.** | Field Courses (*for registered field course attendees only*)

Georgia Walters: "Selective Focus in a Macro World"

Chrissy Donadi: "Motion in the Mountains: Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)"

Kevin Adams: "Light Painting Gear & Techniques"

**8 – 9 a.m.** | Late event check-in (*outside the Classroom in the Clouds*)

**8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.** | Classroom opens to participants. TEAM members are on hand for contest submission questions.

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.** | Berrie Smith Camera Cleaning (*outside the Classroom in the Clouds*) (*additional cost*)

**9 – 10:30 a.m.** | Field Courses (*for registered field course attendees only*)

Georgia Walters: "Selective Focus in a Macro World"

Chrissy Donadi: "Motion in the Mountains: Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)"

Kevin Adams: "Tips & Tricks for Mobile Phone Photography"

**10 – 11:30 a.m.** | Field Course (*for registered field course attendees only*)

Vinny Colucci and Bill Fortney: "Birds of Prey Photo Shoot"

**12:30 – 2 p.m.** | Field Course (*for registered field course attendees only*)

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**4 p.m.** | Contest Turn-in Deadline (*outside the Classroom in the Clouds*)

**4:15 p.m.** | Saturday Welcome Presentation (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** | "Pro Approach and Techniques in Wildlife and Landscape Photography" – Vinny Colucci (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** | Saturday Night Dinner Buffet (*access will be staggered*)

**6:40 – 7:40 p.m.** | "It's Electric" – Georgia Walters (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**8:43 p.m.** | Official sunset time

**12 a.m.** | Event attendees/participants must be off the mountain if not camping.



# SUNDAY, JUNE 8

**5 a.m.** | Grandfather Mountain gates open for event attendees and participants.

**6:10 a.m.** | Official sunrise time

**8 – 11 a.m.** | Berrie Smith Camera Cleaning (*outside the Classroom in the Clouds*) (*additional cost*)

**8 – 9 a.m.** | Optional Buffet Breakfast (*Mildred's Grill*) (*additional cost*)

**9:15 a.m.** | Sunday Welcome Presentation (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**9:20 – 10:20 a.m.** | “Level Up Your Landscape Photography” – Chrissy Donadi (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**10:20 – 11:20 a.m.** | “Photographing Waterfalls Day & Night” – Kevin Adams (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**11:30 a.m.** | Contest award presentation (*Classroom in the Clouds*)

**12 p.m.** | Event programming for the weekend ends.

**3 p.m.** | All tents need to be out of the Woods Walk picnic area.

