

NEWER LOCATION! PLUS SMALLER GROUP SIZE - LIMITED TO TEN!!  
ULTIMATE AUTUMN FORESTS AND LAKE SUPERIOR SHORELINE - ADVANCED TOUR  
PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK AND ENVIRONS  
SEPTEMBER 25- SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

TOUR LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Autumn is a special time in northern Michigan. Cooling temperatures and decreasing daylight bring forth the spectacular annual transformation of the area's lush deciduous forests. The cool greens of summer quickly give way to a rainbow of warm colors: fluorescent orange, neon yellow and vibrant crimson.

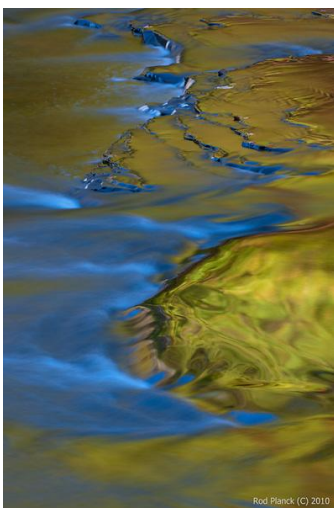


This special autumn tour is based out of the town of Silver City. This strategic location in Michigan's northwest Upper Peninsula puts us within easy reach of thousands of acres of state and federal public land. The colorful beech/maple forests of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Ottawa National Forest, and the Lake Superior shoreline will be a major focus of the tour.

At 60,000 acres, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest.

Towering virgin timber, secluded lakes, and miles of wild rivers and streams make a visit to the Porcupine Mountains a photographer's dream. The Overlook at the Lake of the Clouds is one of the most popular spots in the Porcupine Mountains State Park. Easily accessible, the overlook offers expansive views of the Lake of the Clouds and the forest below.

In addition to deciduous forests, we'll explore other exciting habitats – northern coniferous forests where mature stands of white and red pine tower over a colorful understory of young maples. This mingling of bright fall foliage with the deep dark greens provides a patchwork of color from which to seek out great compositions. We may also have the privilege of viewing a spectacular autumn storm out over Lake Superior, with beams of sunlight penetrating through dark gray clouds, and whitecaps gleaming brightly against dark green water. We'll also take time to photograph along her cobblestone, shale or sand beaches. In addition, we'll seek out small, hidden streams that harbor many photographic opportunities, including an abundance of colorful fallen leaves.



Several spectacular waterfalls are located within easy walking distance of trailheads. Within the National Black River Scenic Byway lie the Great Conglomerate Falls, Potawatomi, Gorge, Sandstone, and Rainbow Falls.

At the Presque Isle Park you will find Manido, Nawadaha and Manabezho Falls. Bond Falls, another beautiful waterfall is located on the middle branch of the Ontonagon River. We'll attempt to visit several of these falls during the tour. There is so much to photograph in this area that we can only offer a small sample in this tour description.

Autumn weather in northern Michigan varies considerably. We could encounter balmy, summer-like days with cool, frosty nights, or it could be sweater or jacket weather most of the time. We could also have rain, or even an early snowfall.

Participants must be advanced photographers who should arrive with a clear understanding of photographic fundamentals and a thorough knowledge of their *camera system* as it relates to their photographic goals. The emphasis will be on enhancing your creativity and photographic vision through extensive fieldwork. While we will try to spend most of our time together in the field, Rod may present instructional programs during inclement weather. These programs emphasize time-honored photographic field techniques along with instruction in digital capture and workflow.

This unique tour format begins with a brief introduction/orientation meeting at 6:30PM Sunday, September 25 and ends after an afternoon field trip on Friday, September 30th. If you're not sure if this advanced tour is right for you, please contact us. We've had many requests for this type of offering for advanced photographers, so we recommend registering soon!

#### SEASONAL VARIATIONS

The timing of fall color is unpredictable. The tour dates were chosen to coincide with the typical beginning of the peak fall color period. This is based on years of photographing and conducting workshops in northern Michigan. However, since the timing of fall color is unpredictable, we can extend no guarantee regarding foliage conditions.

#### FIELD GUIDE

Larry Lowell will be assisting Rod in the capacity of guide during this tour. Larry has been photographing in the "Porkies" for years and has generously offered to share his knowledge of this area for the tour. Larry, a passionate and gifted photographer, will also be photographing along side others during the tour.

#### HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

This tour requires the capability of walking uphill for a few miles on trails – all while carrying camera equipment. All hikes are within the capabilities of an average person in good health. If you have health concerns contact our office so we can discuss the compatibility of the tour with your level of fitness.

#### VEHICLES

High clearance four-wheel drive vehicles are a must to reach some of our backcountry destinations. If you are willing to use your vehicle during the tour, please let us know. If we do not have enough participants bringing their own four-wheel drive vehicles, some participants will be required to subsidize the rental of additional four-wheel drive vehicles in addition to splitting the cost of fuel for the tour. (Costs have ranged from \$65 to \$125 p/p in the past.)

#### GROUP LODGING RATES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Excellent accommodations are available at the [Mountain View Lodge](#) for \$89.95 per night **including tax** per person. This is based on two people sharing one, large two bedroom cabin. These are very nice cabins. Each one includes a fireplace (wood provided), WIFI, DVD player, cooking utensils (pots, pans silverware), microwave, coffeemaker, stove and refrigerator. The resort is located on the shore of Lake Superior and has a restaurant nearby. Please contact our office regarding shared lodging; but participants are responsible for providing a deposit and final payment for accommodations to the resort. Mountain View Lodge's cancellation policy takes precedence regarding accommodations. We will provide more information after you sign up. This shared cabin arrangement generated rave reviews in 2009 and 2010.

#### TUITION / PAYMENT

\$995 per person (includes: park permits, entrance fees, in-the-field instruction, slide critiques, and workshop handouts CD). To reserve a space, please send a deposit of \$250. The balance of \$745 is due 90 days before the tour begins. If you cancel with less than 90 days notice, we will issue a refund only if we are able to fill your space. *All tour cancellations incur a \$50 processing fee. Separate cancellation fees apply at Mountain View Lodge.*

**REGISTRATION**

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\_\_\_ September 25 – September 30, 2011 (Advanced Tour)

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Reservations: Early reservations are recommended. By phone: Call (906) 293-3339. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. We accept credit cards (for deposits only) or we'll hold your space for 7 days while awaiting your check. Send your form and payment to:

Rod Planck Photography  
PO Box 100  
McMillan, MI 49853

Lodging: \$89.95 including tax, per night (two people sharing one cabin with separate bedrooms). Please plan to make a deposit to the lodge and final payment prior to the workshop. Please confirm Mountain View Lodge cancellation policy, as it differs from ours.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_I have a high clearance four-wheel drive (four-door) vehicle and am willing to use it for car-pooling during the workshop. Vehicle make and model: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: \_\_\_Check \_\_\_ Visa/MasterCard

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Enclosed: \_\_\_\$250 Deposit/Person \_\_\_\$995 Full Tuition

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