

Oxford: A Walk After Dark

Day One: 9-11 pm

A night photography photowalk in central Oxford, with opportunities to photograph historic college buildings, the River Thames, modern architecture and street life. On the first day we will walk out and make some images, and on the second day we will gather online to review our work.

Bring along whatever camera equipment you wish. A smartphone is fine, but for best results we would suggest a larger, 'proper' camera if you own one. This is a route where a wide-angle lens will pay dividends, so we would suggest bringing a 28mm or 35mm lens or a zoom lens equivalent. A camera flash may also be very useful for some images and/or a torch for some light painting.

Those not familiar with night photography, do not worry. We will be on hand to help you with the settings on your camera or to discuss composing and framing your images.

Our Route

We will start at 9 pm in Broad Street on the steps of the Weston Library. Please try to be there by 8.50 pm at the latest. If you are delayed, please give us a call on our mobile number.

We will follow the route set out in the attached table and map. More details of the route and the walking directions can be obtained by downloading and using the Google Map which shows the walking route we will be following. The URL is here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1qnSGOKbbjtgfukl_jjYo45u67inTjqyK&usp=sharing

We will conclude our walk in Gloucester Green at around 11 pm. Those who do not wish to complete the whole route are welcome to leave at any time, but good break points might be at 7: Pembroke Square or 8: Folly Bridge

In the event the weather turns against us, we will revise our route to take in more of central Oxford instead of walking down to the Thames.

Tripods

If you wish to use a tripod, you will be able to do so in off-street locations but please be aware that the police may move you on if you are blocking roads and busy locations. 'Tripod etiquette' is the responsibility of each photographer.

Clothing

Please bear in mind the English weather. An anorak or umbrella are advised, and a warm layer if the night turns chilly.

Food and Drink

This photowalk does not include a stop for food and drink. We will pass a late-night food van or two where refreshments can usually be purchased. Otherwise, I would suggest bringing some snacks and perhaps a Thermos with you.

Equipment

Please bring with you a fully charged smartphone, some money (enough for snacks and the journey home), spare photocards and batteries for your camera, a torch and ID such as a driving licence.

SAFETY

So that we all enjoy a safe and interesting walk, please note the following:

1. We will need your full name and contact number *before* the start of the walk. Without these, you cannot join our group. If anyone becomes separated from the group, please call the group leader to let them know where you are.
2. Please ensure that a member of your family knows where you are on the evening and what time to expect you home.
3. A short part of our walk will be along the Thames. There is no balustrade along the footpath and river banks can be dangerous, especially in the dark. Please take care not to get close to the bank or wander off on your own. It is very important that you bring a torch with you. If a street light is not working, you may easily need it.
4. If you wish to leave before the end of the walk, then you must let the group leader know so that we can be sure you are not lost.

At the end of the walk, in Gloucester Green, we will check numbers and sign everyone out.

Day Two: 6-8 pm

We will meet at 6-8 pm on Zoom to share our experiences and images from the previous evening.

Please have ready up to six images that you would like to share with the group, but if you do not have images you would like to share it is still absolutely fine to join us. We will have a round-table discussion in which you will have a chance to present your work, look at editing and sequencing an image portfolio, and to discuss photography after dark generally and its leading practitioners over the years. At the end of the discussion we will each select two of our own images. These will be added to a group image portfolio on Facebook and our website.

This photowalk will have covered only a small part of central Oxford. If people are interested, we can also discuss a second trip to a different part of the city, such as evening along the St Clements and the Cowley Road, or north towards Jericho and St Giles.

We will email or text you the Zoom address for our meeting after the photowalk on Day One.

Our Route

See attached map

STOP	POINTS OF INTEREST
1: Broad Street 9pm	We meet on the steps of the Weston Library in Broad Street at 9 pm
2: New College Lane	The Sheldonian, the Bridge of Sighs, the Bodleian Library
3: Radcliffe Square	The Radcliffe Camera, the Bodleian Library, All Souls, Brasenose, the City Church
4: Oxford High Street	All Souls, Oxford High Street
5: Merton Street	Merton Street, Magpie Lane, Merton College, Christ Church, Corpus Christi College
6: Oriel Square	Oriel College, Christ Church
7: Pembroke Square	Tom Tower, Pembroke College
8: Folly Bridge	Folly Bridge and the River Thames
9: Friar's Wharf	The River Thames, and the footbridge at Friar's Wharf
10: Thames Street	The Westgate complex
11: Paradise Street	The Mill Stream and Oxford Castle
12: Gloucester Green 11pm	Gloucester Green, Nuffield and Worcester Colleges. We end here at approx. 11 pm.

The route can be downloaded to your smartphone from Google Maps at this URL;

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Directions from 34 Broad St, Oxford OX1 3BD, UK to 103 Gloucester Green, Oxford OX1 2BU, UK

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