

# Crested Butte Wildflowers: Creative Vision in Bloom

July 6-9, 2027

## Workshop Description

Crested Butte is one of the most inspiring places in Colorado during wildflower season, and this workshop is designed for photographers who want to slow down, look more deeply, and explore the landscape with creativity and intention.

During our time together, we'll photograph a range of subjects including wildflowers, aspen groves, forest details, creeks, waterfalls, and mountain scenery, with a particular focus on smaller scenes, intimate landscapes, abstracts, color, pattern, and composition. Grand scenic views will certainly be welcome when the conditions align, but they will not be the primary emphasis of this workshop.

Rather than rushing from location to location in search of obvious scenes, we'll spend more time wandering, noticing, experimenting, and learning how to respond to the landscape in a more personal way. This workshop is designed to help participants expand how they see, strengthen their compositions, and develop more creative confidence in the field.

Field sessions will be paired with classroom time at The Depot, including inspiring talks, a session on creativity and composition, and a processing session where David will share his Rethink method. Throughout the workshop, participants will receive personalized guidance from both instructors in a supportive small-group environment.

## What Participants Will Learn

- How to slow down and see more creatively in the landscape
- Finding compelling smaller scenes within larger environments
- Working with color, pattern, form, gesture, and visual relationships
- Approaches to intimate landscapes, abstracts, and wildflower compositions
- Composition strategies for both smaller scenes and select grand scenic opportunities
- Experimentation and creative play in the field
- Working with changing mountain light and weather conditions
- Depth of field considerations and focus stacking
- Thoughtful processing approaches using David's Rethink method

## Experience Level

This workshop is best suited for photographers who are comfortable with the technical basics of their camera and want to grow creatively. Participants should understand exposure, focusing, and basic camera operation so they can fully engage with the creative aspects of the experience.

## **Fitness Level**

Easy to Moderate

This workshop includes relatively minimal walking, generally short walks from the car and occasional easy trails, but participants should be comfortable walking up to about one mile at a time over uneven ground. The main physical consideration is elevation. Crested Butte sits at high altitude, and even modest exertion can feel more strenuous than expected. Participants should be prepared for mountain weather, uneven terrain, and the effects of elevation.

## **Workshop Schedule / Itinerary**

### **Tuesday, July 6**

Meet around 2:00 PM for introductions, orientation, and our first classroom session at The Depot. After an early group dinner, we'll head into the field for our first evening session.

### **Wednesday, July 7**

Morning field session, followed by brunch and a midday break. In the afternoon, we'll gather for a classroom session focused on creativity, composition, and seeing smaller scenes. After an early dinner, we'll head back into the field for an evening session.

### **Thursday, July 8**

Morning field session, followed by brunch and a midday break. In the afternoon, David will lead a processing session on his Rethink method. After an early dinner, we'll head out for another evening field session.

### **Friday, July 9**

Final morning field session, followed by brunch. The workshop will wrap up by 10:00 AM.