



# Liberty's Raptors In The Forest

## Liberty's Raptors In The Forest Photography Experience Day

Your chance to take some stunning photos of these beautiful birds out in the natural surroundings of the New Forest. We take a selection of at least 5 Birds Of Prey out in to a location in the New Forest and pose them on a selection of perches for you to photograph. An experienced photographer is always on hand should you require advice or help during the course of your day with us.

Your day starts at 9.45am at Liberty's Owl, Raptor And Reptile Centre near Ringwood in Hampshire. After a brief safety talk you drive out in to the New Forest, maps are provided and we usually follow a lead car. The journey will take approximately 15 minutes, and at the location you will be required to walk approximately 100m across natural uneven terrain.

Once we are there, each bird will be taken out one at a time and set up on various natural perches for you to photograph. These days are great for natural looking shots of the birds in a natural surrounding.

The day ends around 2.30pm, after which you are free to return to the Centre if you wish.

**What you need to bring:** Comfortable clothing for the environment and for the weather conditions. The ground can be a little wet and muddy, and obviously we will be out in the open so sensible clothing and footwear is a must. Plenty of memory cards and batteries for your camera, people often find that they have taken far more images than they thought they would. A drink and snacks, but be warned that there are no toilet facilities out where we go!

**Recommended Camera Equipment:** We recommend a DSLR camera or a high end compact with a zoom of at least 200mm focal length. We have plenty of people using small pocket compacts and bridge cameras but for the most versatility a good zoom is useful. You will be able to get fairly close to the birds, around 2 meters for the bigger birds and perhaps closer to the smaller ones at the discretion of the Falconer in charge of them.

A tripod can be useful in poor light, as can a flash gun, and a bin liner can be a useful addition just in case of rain where it can be used as a quick waterproof cover for your gear.

**Cost:** The Raptors In The Forest Photo Day costs £55 per photographer to join. This comprises of a £15 non-refundable Deposit payable at the time of booking and the balance payable on arrival at the Centre on the day. Please contact us to book your day. Public Photo Days are limited to 15 photographers attending on any one day.

**Private Bookings:** We can take private bookings for these days from clubs and private individuals, which is a great way of enjoying the day in the privacy of your own group. The basic rate is £250 for up to 5 photographers, comprising of a £50 non-refundable Deposit payable upon booking your day with the balance payable on arrival on your day. Any further photographers are charged at £40 a head.

Photographers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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