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July Field Trip

Balboa Island/Peninsula/Fun Zone Day/Night Photography

Date: Sunday – July 12th, 2026

Shooting Assignment: Shadows/Silhouettes

DIRECTIONS AND PARKING: Depending on where you are starting, the peninsula can be reached by either PCH or the 55 South/Newport Blvd. There should be ample parking around the area, but this will be a summer field trip, so there may be some crowds. On the Peninsula side, parking is all metered so bring your quarters. Some meters will accept credit cards. Free parking can often be found in the residential area on the Island.

TIME: This will be an evening field trip related to our next assignment of 'Night Photography'. Sunset this evening is at 8:04 PM, so we will start at 6:00 to allow for some images prior to golden hour, golden hour, sunset and blue hour, as well as night images. Golden hour will be roughly 7 to 8 PM. Blue Hour will be roughly 8:04 to 8:45 PM.

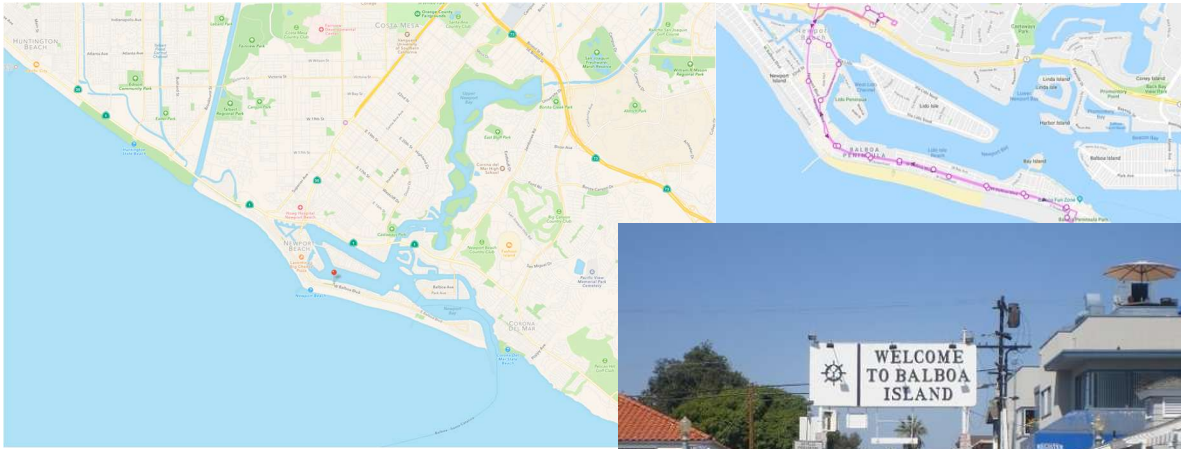
DINNER: Since for some of us this may be a bit of a late night, we will meet at 5:00 PM at Woody's Diner, 3461 Via Lido, Newport Beach before our photography sessions. When leaving the peninsula on Newport Blvd, turn right on Via Lido and it will be on your immediate right next to the Bank of America. There should be plenty of parking near the restaurant. A reservation for 8 under "PSOC" will be made for that time, but the restaurant should have plenty of room.

CARPOOL: There will be no carpool since Balboa is so close for most of us.

Google Link to sign up for the field trip to Balboa Island:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ax_dPXlg20JDKkQswMtFEVDD7POTe9FC69SubQcVLkU/edit?usp=sharing

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION: The Balboa Peninsula Trolley runs for the summer on weekends from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., is free and has 22 stops along the peninsula. See: <https://visitnewportbeach.com/balboa-peninsula-trolley/>



There are many and varied photo opportunities on the Balboa peninsula ranging from the Balboa pier and the Newport pier with the beach on one side, to the Balboa Fun Zone with their bright lights and carnival atmosphere, along with views across the channel to Balboa Island. The Fun Zone is open until 9 PM, as the Field Trip will be on a Sunday. For a unique point of view, Duffy Electric Boats can be rented for perspectives of Newport Harbor.



You can also take the ferry across the channel to Balboa Island which is a charming little town with many interesting shops and homes and a view back across the channel to the brightly lit Fun Zone. The Balboa Island Ferry has operated continuously since 1919. The trip across the bay is about a quarter of a mile and takes usually 10 minutes including boarding time. There are usually several ferry boats running back and forth to lessen the wait for a ride. The ferry runs from 6:30 am until 12:00 Midnight. Vehicles are \$3.00 for car and driver with passengers extra. Adult pedestrians or car passengers are \$2.00.

