## Location, Location, Location

Keith Truman 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

"I never know in advance what I will photograph, ... I go out into the world and hope I will come across something that imperatively interests me." – Ansel Adams

### I beg to differ

- "A great image is planned, it rarely comes about by accident"
  - Keith Truman, Feb 2019

### To be covered

- Working out where and what you want to photograph
- Resources available to help you plan your shoot
- Getting some ideas from work of other photographers
- Importance of Gear and Clothing

Working out where you want to photograph, what you want to photograph and when you want to photograph

- Landscape
  - Coastal
  - Inland
  - People
  - Street
  - Still Life
  - Etc
- Don't plan to do too much in a day
  - 2 or 3 well-researched locations in a day is more than enough

### Resources available

- Melbourn Locations Database
- The Photographers Ephemeris (TPE)
  - Online
  - Phone App
- PhotoPills (Android and iPhone users)
- Photo Guides (e.g., FotoVue Guides)
- Google Earth
- Flickr (or other online images)
- Weather Forecasts
- Tide Tables

### Melbourn Locations Database

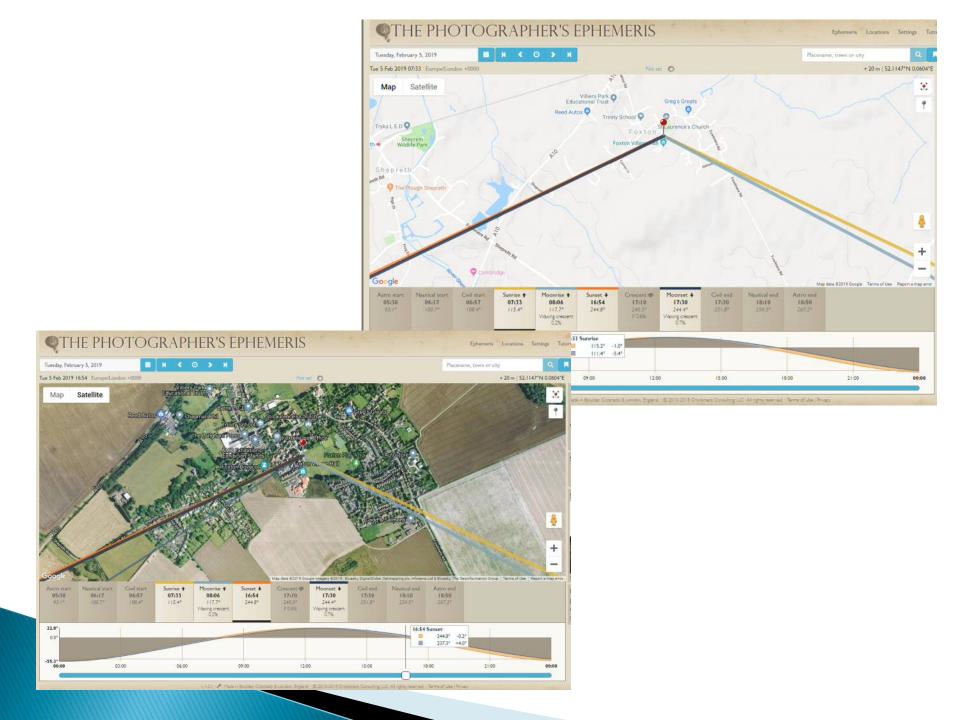
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	Ogwen Valley, Snowdonia	Gwynedd	Bethesda	LL57 3LZ	53.1299, -3.9954	Free road side parking available or Pay & Display at Ogwen Cottage.	Llyn Ogwen runs along this valley and there are numerous vantage points depending on your willingness to walk/climb. Tryfan is also a notable peak to photograph. You can spend all day here.	Good at any time of day but probably best early morning or at dusk	Weather is very unpredictable here - check the forecast and let someone know where you are hiking. Uneven ground at times, even on paths.	Kath Watson
	Howe Wood	Hertfordshire	Littlebury	CB11 3JT	51.9884,0.25221895	Park on narrow country lane near to entrance gate to woods	Fabulous Bluebell Woods	Any time of day will work. Plenty of dappled lighting	Traffic, Over-enthusiastic game wardens	Keith Truman
	Above Therfield Heath	Hertfordshire	Royston	SG8 5BJ or at layby on Therfield Road just as woods start	52.226, 0.0326	Best parking is on layby on Therfield Road alongside woods	Beautiful Beach Woods. Great in mist/fog or autumn	Good at any time of day but probably best early morning or at dusk	Traffic	Keith Truman

http://melbournphotoclub.com/members-area/locations-database/

If you want this idea to be successful you need to contribute to it

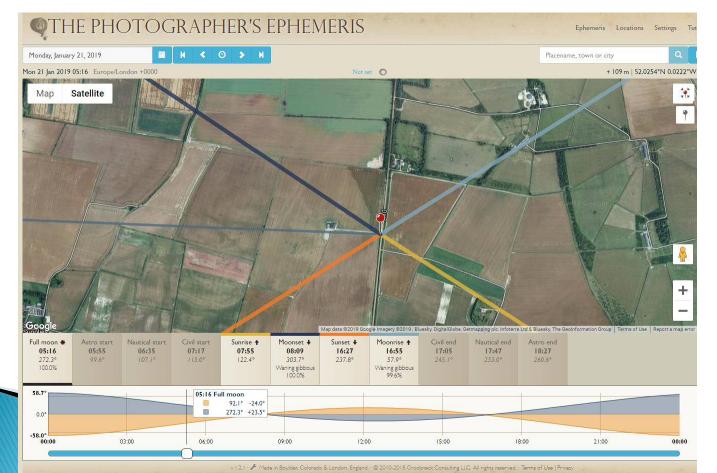
## The Photographers Ephemeris (TPE)

- Sunrise and Sunset times
  - Moonrise, moonset
- Direction of light at any known date, time of day
- Web App (<a href="https://www.photoephemeris.com/">https://www.photoephemeris.com/</a>)
- Phone App



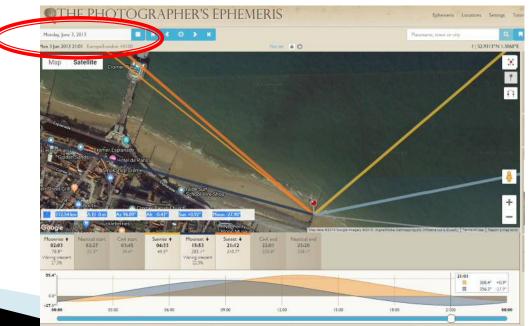
## Example - Photographing Blood Moon on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019

- ▶ Total eclipse 5.15am
- Location old barn south of Royston on A10





June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 9pm



### PhotoPills (phone app)

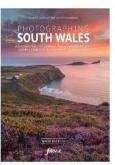
 Similar to TPE but also allows 3D visualisation from a particular location



### **Photo Guides**



Photographing the Snowdonia Mountains **& & & &** £25.00

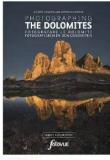




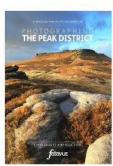
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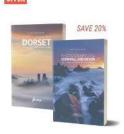
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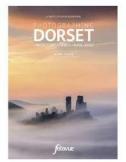
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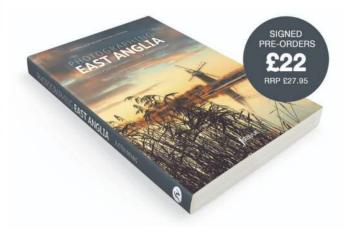
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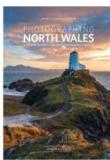


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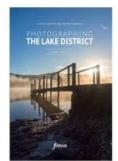
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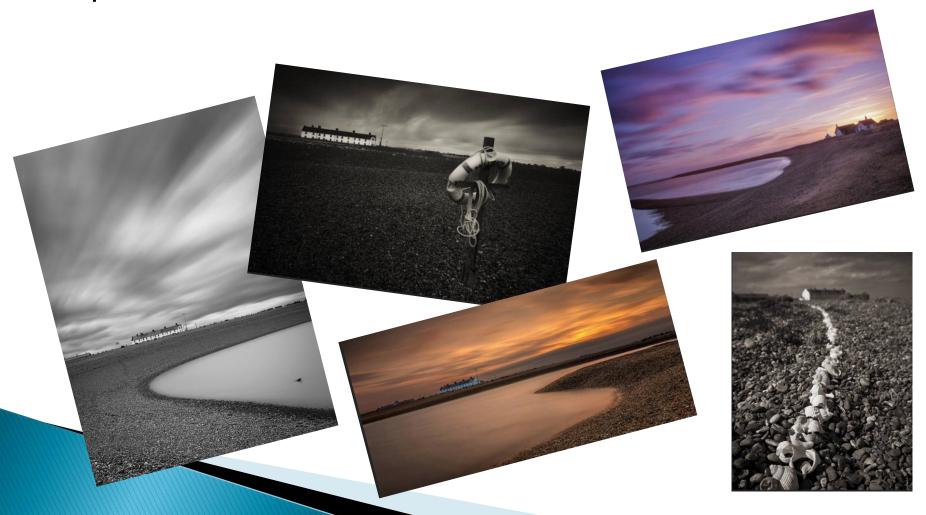


# Using Google Earth to pinpoint a location (turn on photos to see what everyone else has shot in location)

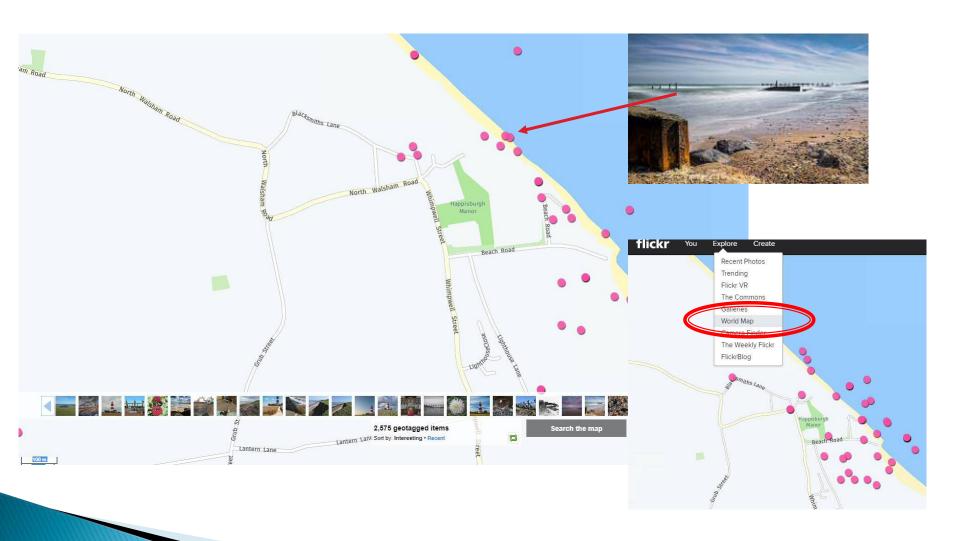


### **Flickr**

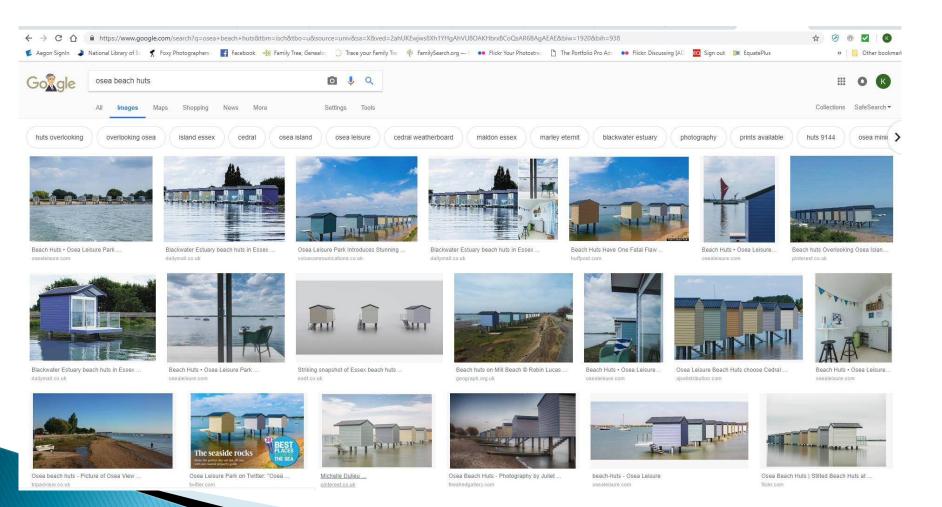
 Once you've decided where you are going, search for other peoples images of location to help develop your plan



### Flickr - Explore>World Map>Search

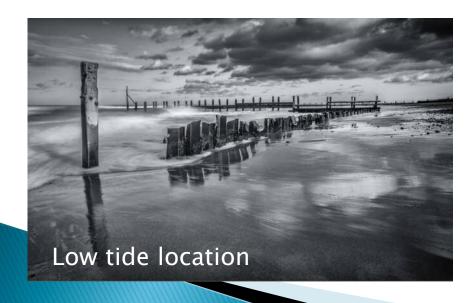


### Google Search location for images



### Coastal Photography

- Is the location best at dawn or dusk
  - i.e., Hunstanton at Dusk
  - i.e., Happisburgh at Dawn
  - i.e., Cromer at both Dawn and Dusk
- Is the location best at high or low tide?





### Tide Tables

- On web, Tide tables generally only look forward 5 days
- Lots of Apps can be purchased:
  - Tides Near Me
  - My Tide Times
  - UK Tide Times

#### Tuesday 22nd January, 2019



Cromer on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019



#### Weather Forecasts

- No two weather Forecasts ever agree
- 2. Do you know what weather you would like (sometimes bad is good)
- 3. Try these:
  - Met Office
  - Accuweather
  - BBC
  - Weather Underground app
- 4. Predicting Radiation Mist (estimate temp and find the predicted dewpoint)
  - Dewpoint must be within NGT 2C higher than predicted temperature, high humidity, low winds, generally after a clear night

### Obvious other stuff

- Be clear what time you need to get to the location to allow set-up
  - How long will it take to get there and Park?
- Are you taking the right gear
  - Which lenses?
  - Do you need filters?
  - Do you need a tripod?
  - Do you need a cable release?
- Are you taking the right clothing (keep dry and warm)
  - Wellies for the coast
  - Phone if you are alone

### The End

Questions?