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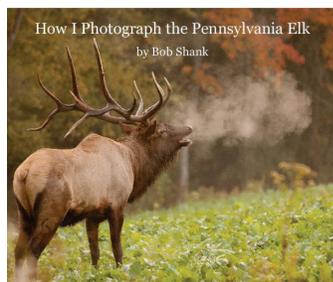
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My New Photography Book

Here is some exciting news! I just recently wrote a book on wildlife photography. The title of the book is "How I Photograph the Pennsylvania Elk." In the book, I share tips and techniques to first find the elk and then provides some helpful information on selecting appropriate camera equipment to photograph the elk while remaining at a safe distance. I also walk the

reader through some other tidbits of important information that will make wildlife photography more successful and fun.



**Cover of the new
Photo Book**

This book does focus on photographing the elk of

Pennsylvania, but there are plenty of photo tips and suggestions for any wildlife photographer. Along the way, I also share some entertaining stories from my encounters with the elk over the past twenty years. You can check out my book and view it online [here](#). The book also features some of my favorite photos I have taken of the elk in recent years.

Holiday Boutique

The 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique is scheduled for November 6th at Stroudsburg United Methodist Church from 9am to 3pm. This craft fair features a number of creative and fascinating

items that make great holiday gifts. My display will feature wildlife photographs, postcards, and my new book. You will be able to browse through the new photo book and see a variety

of wildlife photographs available for purchase. You will also be able to ask digital photography questions. I always like talking about one of my favorite subjects—photography!

Pennsylvania Elk Photography Experience



Bull elk crossing the Sinnemahoning Creek.

Dick McCreight and I hosted another Pennsylvania Elk Photography Experience this fall. The photo trip featured quite a bit of rain, but this didn't deter the participants on this trip! We had a great time photographing the elk, sometimes even opting to shoot in the rain. We saw a lot of elk each day and even were able to photograph a small herd of elk crossing the creek!

This time of year is my favorite, although Dick

prefers the Winter Experience because the elk range is much less crowded in late February.

I like the Fall Experience because it features the elk in the rut, or breeding season. We saw a lot of action and heard plenty of bulls bugling on this photo trip. The highlight of the action was late one evening when two bulls engaged in a fierce fight. They locked antlers and pushed with incredible force against one another. It was a challenge of dominance and the encounter lasted for over six minutes. There were a few times when they separated momentarily but then crashed together again with brutal impact. It was a sight to see and hear!

Our Winter Experience is scheduled for late February 2011. These photo trips are becoming more popular with the opening of the Elk County Visitor Center attracting a lot of attention on the elk range. Check out my website and consider joining us for an exciting photo trip of a lifetime! We provide all the meals and lodging during this 3-day photography experience. You will also participate in three photography workshops so you can learn how to take better photos and learn more about wildlife photography. And we always have a lot of fun on these exciting trips! It is an incredible experience!

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The next Pennsylvania Elk Photography Experience is schedule for

February 21-24, 2011



The Pennsylvania Elk Photography Experience is a great chance for you to get incredible photographs like this!

Elk County Visitor Center



Nice bull on the Elk County Visitor Center property.

The newly constructed Elk County Visitor Center opened in September. The

Center features a display of wild animals, including elk; a gift shop; some interactive displays; and an engaging movie that is well worth the wait to view. I have some of my elk postcards available at the Visitor Center. The Gift Shop also has a variety of elk souvenirs. You

definitely want to see the Center when you are next up on Winslow Hill. I was reluctant at first, to see what it would be like, and I have to say it definitely surpassed my expectations in many ways. This is a must-see for anyone coming to Benezetette!

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Holiday Ideas

Do you have someone special to buy gifts for this holiday season? Why not think about some photographs as a gift idea. Maybe your son played in a baseball or football game I photographed this year.

Or maybe your daughter was in a musical. Perhaps you could give a wildlife portrait to a friend to hang on their wall.

Another possibility is to set up a photo session to have new photographs

made of your family for a greeting card or portraits to share with your family. Photographs make great gift ideas and I believe photographs help make memories last for a long, long time!

Follow my Photo Blog

Each day, except for Sundays, I try to post a short photography blog entry. I simply share a few photo tips or share what I am up to on a recent photo shoot. It is not a long entry and is a quick

read, but you might enjoy seeing and hearing what I am doing and thinking in terms of photography. Along the way you will also gain some helpful photography tips that should help improve your

photography as well. The blog is a fun way for me to share my photography adventures!



Large bull looking right into the lens.

New Photo Buying Option



A cow slowly makes her way across the creek.

Purchasing photographs from my website is quick and easy. All of my sports galleries have a PayPal/ Credit Card option, so you can purchase a variety of print sizes and other photo products of any photograph in these galleries. Print sizes include 4x6, 5x7, 8x10, 8x12, 11x14, 12x18, &

12x20. Other available photo products include 3" Buttons, 4x6 Magnets, 5x7 Magnets, 12 Trading Cards, & 8 Wallets.

The newest product is a PC Image. This digital image of the photo is perfect for use on Facebook and many other computer applications and is only \$1 each.

“The newest product is a PC Image— perfect for use on Facebook”

PA Elk Photo Experience Collage



Two bulls lock horns during the 2010 Fall Rut. It was quite an experience to witness this firsthand!

2nd Photo Free

This coupon is worth 100% off the second print (8x10 & smaller) that you purchase at Bob Shank Photography between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It does not have to be the same photo as the first one either.

It is simply a buy one, get one free deal. Limit one per customer.

Use code #2ndfree when ordering and [email](#) me first!

Bob Shank Photography

Wildlife Photography Tip

Many photographers stay indoors when it rains. They figure the wildlife won't be very active, their equipment might get too wet, and they will just be miserable. For me, nothing could be farther from the truth. I won't say I particularly enjoy rainy days, but I know that wildlife is sometimes just as active when it is raining. For example, this bull you see to the right was eating acorns in a steady rain. He didn't seem

to mind the rain one bit. He just kept browsing through the acorns and eating to his heart's content. If I had stayed in bed that morning when the rain was falling steadily on my roof, I would never have been able to get this shot or the many other photographs I captured of this bull. A little later I also saw a small herd of elk walking through the creek, too! None of this would have been part of my experience if I had rolled

over in bed to stay warm and dry. The next time it rains, tough it out and see what photographs you can capture!



Small bull resting after eating lots of acorns.