



## *Photography Groups and Photography Gear*

### **Local Photographer Groups:**

[Sound Exposure](#) - meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, in the evening, at the library in Gig Harbor; offers image reviews, presentations on various photo topics, and occasional field trips

[South Sound Photography Group](#) - a local online Meetup group offering many good field trips

[Puget Sound Photography Group](#) - a local online Meetup group offering photo-themed meetings

[Tacoma Photographic Society](#)

### **Photographer Organizations:**

[American Society of Media Photographers](#) (ASMP)

[American Society of Picture Professionals](#) (ASPP)

[North American Nature Photography Association](#) (NANPA)

### **Magazines:**

[Outdoor Photographer](#)

This is an excellent magazine, with very helpful articles on nature photography and on using your camera equipment in a variety of outdoor settings.

[Nature Photographer](#)

[Nature Photo Magazine](#) (free online magazine)

### **Books:**

[Amazon](#)

- **for books on any element of photography** - exposure, color, studio, nature...
- **for books about your particular camera model**
- [Books by photographer John Shaw](#) are great resources for information on Nature photography.

## Camera Stores:

Robi's Cameras in Lakewood - great selection and very informative staff

<http://www.rainierphoto.com/>

Glazer's Camera in Seattle - great selection of camera gear, and they offer [rentals of camera gear](#)

<http://www.glazerscamera.com/>

Adorama (online) - huge selection with gear specifications and reviews

<http://www.adorama.com/>

B&H Photo Video (online) - huge selection with gear specifications and reviews

<http://www.bhphotovideo.com/>

[BorrowLenses](#) - online camera gear rental

**Note:** Getting "a good deal" on camera gear is not always a good deal. Buy quality equipment from well-known companies. Even if it costs a bit more, it's worth it, since it will last longer and you'll be less likely to have to replace it in the near future.

If possible, you should get familiar with the camera gear by looking at it first-hand, in a store, and talking to people who have experience with it. Learn as much as possible about what you're buying before making a purchase.