

# ELK CREEK: THE JOY OF DISCOVERY

PHOTOGRAPHS

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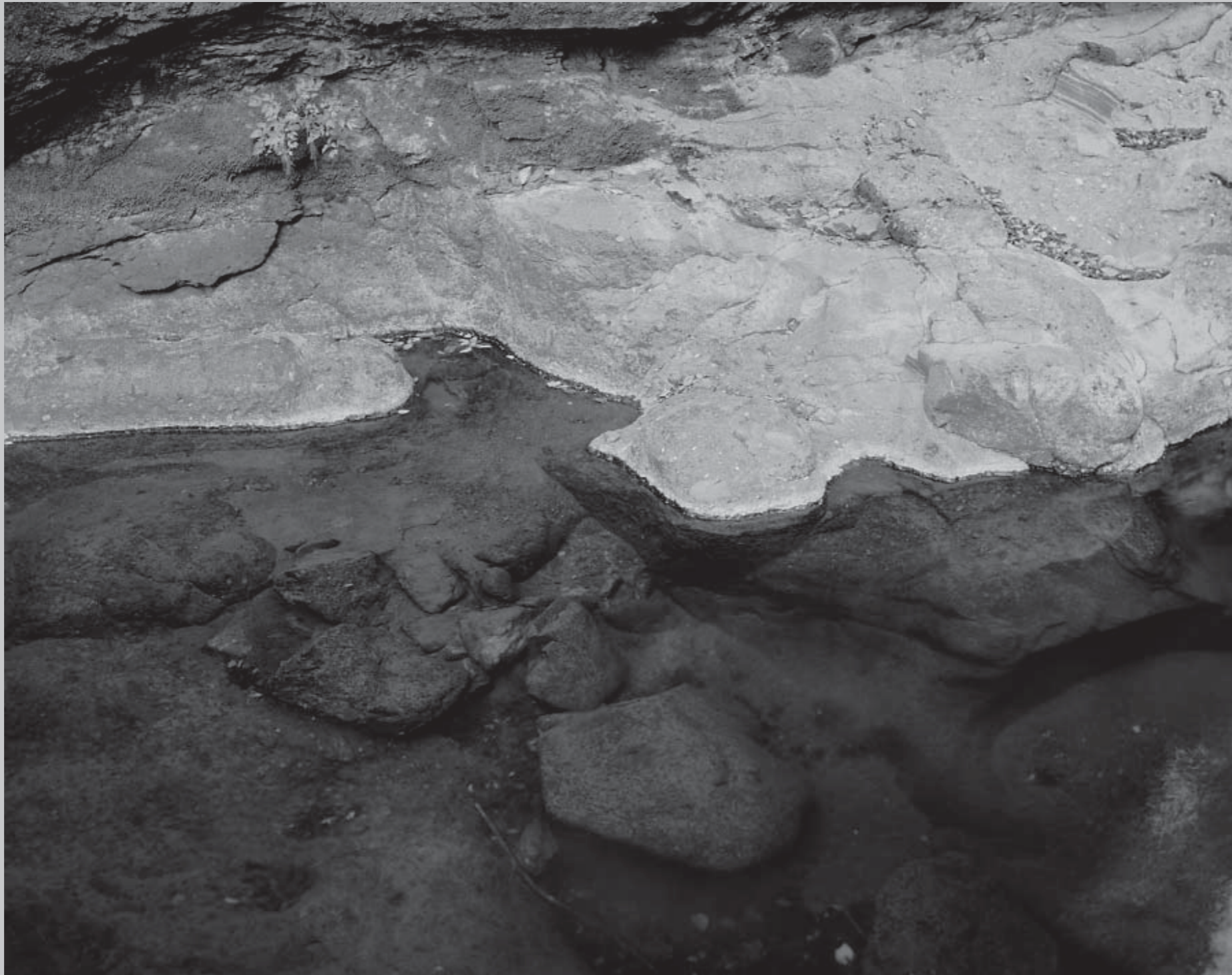
FINDING A SPOT THAT HAS BEEN “UNTOUCHED” PHOTOGRAPHICALLY IS A HIGHLY UNLIKELY ENDEAVOR. WHEN WE HAPPEN UPON A SPECIAL LOCATION, WE CAN ONLY FANTASIZE ABOUT BEING THE FIRST TO DISCOVER A WONDERFUL PLACE TO PHOTOGRAPH. THE FANTASY IS OFTEN QUICKLY BETRAYED BY CIGARETTE BUTTS, EMPTY BEER CANS OR PLASTIC BOTTLES FOUND UNDERFOOT. OUR DREAMS OF BEING THE “FIRST” TO PHOTOGRAPH THAT SPOT, ARE JUST AS DISPOSABLE AS THE PLASTIC BOTTLES LEFT BY THE LAST CARELESS VISITOR.

NONE THE LESS, THERE IS PERSONAL JOY IN THE DISCOVERY OF A SPECIAL PLACE. ONE IS FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS IN FINDING, EXPLORING AND PHOTOGRAPHING THAT SPECIAL PLACE. I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO DISCOVER A SMALL CANYON AT A TIME WHEN THE SUBJECT MATTER, LIGHT AND MY FRAME OF MIND WERE ALL READY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

DURING THAT WONDERFUL AFTERNOON, NOTHING OUTSIDE THIS SMALL CANYON MATTERED. AND IN THE CANYON, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERED WAS MAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. FEW KNOW THE JOY AND CONTENTMENT OF CREATING ART IN SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE. PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THAT AFTERNOON.

THE PRESENTATION OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ALSO REFLECTS THE JOY IN DISCOVERING A NEW METHOD OF WORKING. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE CREATED USING DIGITAL IMAGING SOFTWARE, A TECHNOLOGY FAR REMOVED FROM THE SIMPLE VIEW CAMERA USED TO MAKE THE NEGATIVES. THIS METHOD OF PRESENTATION WAS A PLEASURE TO CREATE. I HOPE YOU ENJOY DISCOVERING THE ELK CREEK CANYON.













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