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I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The Fall/Winter issue of [Nature Photographer](#) magazine was released this month. I'm very pleased that nine of my photographs were selected to appear in a special photo gallery entitled "Yellowstone in Winter". I plan to feature a couple of the published photographs in my February 2013 Newsletter. If you're interested in obtaining a copy, the magazine can be purchased at most major bookstores or [click here on Nature Photographer](#).

Featured Photograph No. 1



The Narrows at Zion National Park, Utah

This month I spent 11 days with a few other photographers in southern Utah and northern Arizona. We spent time at some of the more popular spots like Zion National Park, but also visited some very remote areas such as Toroweap and Hot Pocket. I've only been home a few days, but have selected a couple

photographs for this month's Newsletter. These two and more will be added to my website as time permits.

Featured Photograph No. 1 was shot in The Narrows of Zion National Park, Utah. The Narrows is a section of Zion Canyon on the north fork of the Virgin River, which flows through Zion Canyon. Many consider The Narrows to be the "crown jewel" of Zion and one of the premier adventure hikes anywhere. Extraordinary beauty best describes this amazing gorge. The entire trek is about 16 miles round trip, however, you can go as far as you want before returning. The river varies in depth depending upon the time of year and recent rains. Flash floods are common when it rains. You spend a lot of time in the cold water meandering back and forth across the slippery rocks in the river; which is swift to extremely swift in some places. To hike The Narrows, it's best to have dry bags for extra clothing and supplies, water shoes, neoprene socks, wet pants and 1 or 2 trekking poles. You won't stay dry, but the shoes and neoprene socks will help keep you from getting hyperthermia from the cold water. Of course, we had all of this, plus our camera equipment, including tripod. Photographing in The Narrows can be challenging. You're always trying to guess where the sun will be and in this narrow gorge, it often doesn't last long.

Featured Photograph No. 2 is a shot at the north rim of the Grand Canyon with the Colorado River 3,000 feet below as seen from a location called Toroweap. Toroweap is a Piate Indian term meaning "dry or barren valley". It describes the area surrounding this particular view of the Grand Canyon, not the Grand Canyon itself. Toroweap is a primitive part of the Grand Canyon and offers some of the best views of the north rim together with the Colorado River looking both east and west. To get there you must drive 60 miles off the paved highway. The first 45-50 miles are bad; the remaining 10-15 miles are worse. The road has huge boulders, sharp rocks and severe drop offs. Only high clearance off road vehicles should attempt this. Obviously, it's one of the reasons this place remains so isolated. We camped at Toroweap the night of this photograph. I'd been photographing the sunset to the west, but quickly covered some ground to reposition myself to photograph this view to the east a few minutes after sunset.

Featured Photograph No. 2



Toroweap, North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Arizona

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