

# Photography Ten Tips

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## 1. Hold It Steady

- a. A problem with many photographs is that they are blurry.
- b. Avoid “camera shake” by holding the camera steady.

## 2. Put the Sun Behind You

- a. A photograph is all about light.
- b. Think about how the light is striking your subject.

## 3. Get Closer

- a. The best shots are simple ones
- b. Move in close to remove clutter from your picture.

## 4. Choose a Format

- a. Which way you hold your camera affects what is emphasized in your shot
- b. Consider shooting a shot both Horizontal and Vertical.

## 5. Include People

- a. Spice up your landscape photos by adding in some people
- b. Add the human interest factor

## 6. Consider Variety

- a. Don't shoot the same way or thing all the time.
- b. Include landscapes, people shots, close ups, wide angle, telephoto, etc.



## 7. Add Depth

- a. Add pointers to assist the eye into thinking it is a three-dimensional photo.
- b. Add a tree, bush, person in the foreground of a landscape photo.

## 8. Use Proportion

- a. This is another way to think of the Rule of Thirds
- b. Position your subject at the intersection of an imaginary Tic-Tac-Toe board.

## 9. Search for Details

- a. Use a telephoto lens to shoot a mountain top instead of a wide angle lens.

## 10. Position The Horizon

- a. Where you place the horizon in your shot affects what is emphasized.
- b. Be creative.