

2 Landscapes

The best landscape photos are nicely in focus, have a point of interest and a sense of scale and (usually) don't include too much sky. They tend to work best if they're wide rather than tall. And if you can see the horizon you should make sure it's straight!


Foreground and background both well in focus

About 1/3 of the picture is sky



Plants in foreground show scale and add a focal point

Camera Settings

Set your camera on landscape setting (if you have one) or set the focus to 'infinity'. This makes sure that both the background and foreground are in focus. 

Composition

LIGHT: Don't point your camera into the sun – you'll get glare on your photo and a washed out sky. Use a different angle for your picture or wait till later in the day.

SHAPE:

- Get the horizon straight! And it usually looks best 1/3 of the way down the picture.
- Get something in the foreground to help show scale and frame the photo.
- Use the rule of thirds to get the focus of the page in the right place (p2-3).
- Try taking photos from as high up as possible to give a better feeling of depth.