

## Winter Photography Basics: Composition

### What is composition?

Composition is how we align the elements in our image and how we frame the shot. We can't move physical elements in our shot but we can move ourselves to get the best composition possible.

### Consider these tips when making your composition:

1. Keep your horizon straight
2. Use leading lines. Direct the viewer's eye to go where you want it to go
3. Rule of thirds: Place your subject on the top third, bottom third or left or right third
4. Change Your Angles: Get high or get low. We see eye level all the time. Create a powerful image by changing the angle of the point of view
5. Keep it simple: You don't need to include everything in the simple. Just choose what's important to the shot and leave out the rest
6. Plan your shots: Make sure you do your homework before hand. Look at sunsets, sunrises, and weather forecasts to get the most out of your light and conditions.

### Exercises for home:

Open Instagram or Youtube and find your favourite photographer. Analyze their photos taking note of their point of view (were they above or below eye level?), leading lines, rule of thirds and other composition techniques.

### Exercises for the Field:

Leave your tripod at home so you're mobile and free to move around. Walk around the landscape testing different compositions, trying to implement the tips listed above.