

Before the Photograph

A Solflora Readiness Checklist

Field Edition

A simple pause to prepare, notice, and arrive before the photograph.

1. Before You Leave

- ☐ Camera batteries charged
- ☐ Memory cards cleared & formatted
- ☐ Lens(es) chose for today's purpose
- ☐ Essential gear checked
 - ☐ Camera
 - ☐ Tripod or support (if needed)
 - ☐ Weather protection
- ☐ Cleaning tools included

2. Location Awareness

- ☐ Access permissions confirmed
- ☐ Permits or fees checked
- ☐ Current and forecast conditions reviewed
- ☐ Personal & environmental safety considered
- ☐ Sun position considered for timing

3. Lighting Check

- ☐ Direction of light
- ☐ Quality of light (soft, harsh, filtered, reflected)
- ☐ Shadow patterns observed
- ☐ Highlight areas checked for distractions

4. Subject & Scene

- ☐ Main subject identified
- ☐ Background checked for distractions
- ☐ Foreground elements noticed
- ☐ Color relationships considered
- ☐ Distance adjusted before changing settings

5. Camera Readiness

- ☐ Shooting mode appropriate for the scene
- ☐ ISO set intentionally
- ☐ Aperture chosen for depth, not habit
- ☐ Focus mode matched to subject behavior
- ☐ Stabilization considered

6. Composition Check

- ☐ Subject placement feels balanced
- ☐ Frame edges checked
- ☐ Negative space allowed to breathe
- ☐ Vertical or horizontal orientation chosen

7. Stillness & Final Look

- ☐ Pause before pressing the shutter
- ☐ Watch for subtle movement or change
- ☐ Explore one more angle
- ☐ Take fewer frames with intention