

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