How to Capture Sharper Landscape Photos

The Photo is Not Focused

A photo can not be sharp if it hasn't been correctly focused. Check where you are focusing in the scene and ensure you don't make any other adjustments.

The Camera is Moving

Develop a strong Hand-held technique to reduce the camera's movement or mount the camera to a tripod.

The Camera is Shaking

Check the tripod is stable. Reduce camera vibration by weighing the tripod down and using a remote shutter or timer. Remove the camera strap.

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The Depth of Field is too small

Only parts of the scene that are within the Depth of Field are in focus, so use a large depth of Field with an Aperture between f 1/11 and f 1/16.

Diffraction was Introduced

Selecting an Aperture above f 1/18 on a Full-Frame camera can introduce diffraction, softening the detail in an image. So keep your Aperture below f 1/18.

The ISO is set too High

A high ISO can introduce noise. Select a low ISO below 800 for a clean image.



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Limitations of the Lens

Some lesser-quality lenses can seem softer around the edges and corners of the image. Invest in high-quality lenses that provide a sharp image through the frame.

