Plan a sunset shot from time to viewpoint

Work backward from sunset, compare two bearings and record what the horizon hid.

01 Work backward from a sunset shoot

In this example sunset is at 6:18 p.m. You want to be set up 25 minutes early, and the walk from your car takes 12 minutes. When should you leave the car?

Time (p.m.)

02 Choose the viewpoint with the smaller bearing error

In a fictional shot plan, sunset is at bearing 242°. Two candidate viewpoints frame the subject at 238° and 255°. Which is closer to the planned alignment?

- ▢ 255°
- ▢ 238°

03 Leave a useful note for your next sunset shoot

Your example view had the right direction, but a treeline hid the sun early. Write one note to save with the viewpoint for a return visit.

Draft a viewpoint note

Worked answers
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