

# SENIORS

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**5** SESSION MISTAKES TO AVOID

**6** FUN LOCATION IDEAS FOR YOUR SESSION



# WELCOME

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR SENIOR PHOTO SESSION

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**BEFORE** *your senior session, give yourself time to get your look together. Thoughtfully prepare your outfits (iron, ensure fit, use proper undergarments), and yourself (hair, makeup, nails). Even if you don't normally wear makeup, a little mascara and lip gloss can help bring out your natural beauty. Our beauty partner is "The Crown" in South Berwick, ME, if you'd like a professional experience.*

*On the day of your session, we'll meet on location to start capturing your images. We can typically squeeze in 3 or 4 outfits during a one-hour session; it's good to have a variety to choose from!*

*We take advantage of the golden hour, shooting before sunset, which gives us soft, pretty light. Shooting outdoors offers so many gorgeous natural backdrops.*

*If you wish to be photographed in your prom gown, sport uniform, or with a prop, please bring it with you. Let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly. This won't dominate your session, just something fun to add at the end.*

*Finally, don't worry about being photographed at the same location as someone else, we can make locations unique. Please express any concerns you have with your photographer. Our goal is for you not only to have the very best senior portraits, but to have a fun and memorable experience to kick off an amazing senior year!*





# LOCATION:

## SIX FRESH SENIOR PHOTO SHOOT LOCATION IDEAS

**IF** you're in the process of planning your senior photo session, you're probably looking for a few theme and location ideas. Of course, there's always the beach, but everyone does the beach, if you want something fresh, below are a few fun ideas to give you some inspiration:

### HEAD DOWNTOWN.

*Our local cities have so much to offer! Take advantage of the variety and texture of Portsmouth or Dover. From brick buildings, to graffiti alleys to floral areas, and waterfronts. Cities have it all and are just magical.*

### FRESH, FUN & COLORFUL.

*If your senior is fun-loving, why not use an amusement park or arcade as a location? York & Hampton offer fun, colorful and unique options!*

### UNCHARTERED TERRITORY.

*Take us to YOUR favorite spot. Maybe someplace we've never been: your grandpa's farm, your favorite bookstore, a greenhouse, coffee shop, antique store, etc.*

### GO FOR THE GREEN.

*If you would prefer a beautiful backdrop of trees, flowers, and wide open spaces, use one of the local parks as a location for your shoot. Prescott Park has a gorgeous flower garden that blooms all summer & fall.*

### GET NAUTICAL.

*Since we're blessed to live near the ocean, why not get nautical! A marina is a great location, or let's go for a boat ride!*

### ON CAMPUS.

*Most colleges & high schools have great buildings & landscaped areas that are perfect for photo sessions. Even your own high school campus can be a great option!*







# MISTAKES:

## THE 5 SENIOR SESSION MISTAKES TO AVOID

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### 1 WEARING THE WRONG OUTFIT.

*If you want your photos to look great, make sure your clothing fits and suited to your body type. Try on your outfits prior to your session. Have a friend or parent snap a phone pic of you in your outfits to ensure you like how they look on.*

*The obvious: Iron, use a hanger*

*Quick tips: Avoid neon colors, remove tags*

*Most Important: wear a nude colored bra & underwear*

### 2 DRAMATIC HAIR CHANGE.

*We don't recommend trying a dramatic hair change right before your senior session. We want your photos to feel like "you". And please don't try any DIY hair (or skin) processes before your shoot.*

### 3 WAITING TOO LONG.

*Book your senior portraits early. Once school starts, schedules get filled with commitments. The sun also sets earlier in the fall so we have less hours of daylight. If you have always dreamed of a fall session, with sweaters and foliage, book early so you'll be able to get in with us on a day your schedule is open.*

## **4** GETTING TOO MUCH SUN BEFORE YOUR SESSION.

*Having a summer glow is great, but don't overdue it by getting too tan or sunburned right before your senior session. You want your skin tone to look healthy and natural.*

## **5** FORCING A POSE OR A SMILE.

*Natural posing is best and it's our job to help put you at ease and guide you into poses that flatter you. Beyond posing, we'll actually "unpose" you with verbal prompts so that you look authentic. You can practice your smiles in the mirror before your session; try to come up with a few expressions you like and we'll work through those during your session.*

*It's normal to feel nervous before a photoshoot, but trust us, it's going to be great. That feeling melts away quickly. We've helped thousands of people through photoshoots. You are in the best hands!*





“I just have to thank you for making my girl feel on top of the world yesterday for her senior photo shoot.

The minute we got back into the car, she couldn't stop gushing about how much fun she had with you, and how very kind you were.

To top it all off, your post of one of her photos on your Facebook page put her on top of the world, and then all of the kind comments were the icing on the cake.

My daughter feels beautiful thanks to your expertise.”

-Laura (class of 2020 mom)



# PROFESSIONAL

## WHY HIRE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER FOR YOUR SENIOR SESSION?

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**THIS** is your senior year, which is a very special time in your life. And while you could probably get a friend or family member to take some photos of you, they simply won't be able to produce what a professional photographer can.

*When you work with a professional photographer, you get to benefit of years of training and experience, which includes knowing how to work with natural and studio lighting, how to read locations to produce amazing images, how to pose according to body type, how to balance color and compose great shots. Not to mention the fact that we are skilled editors and know how to make you look like your best self in every photo.*

*A professional will also know how to bring your unique style and personality through in each and every image and will be there to guide you on how to pose and smile in order to get the best photos..*

*The images we create together will last a lifetime. They are not going to get buried on your phone, they're high enough resolution to print and they're going to be given as gifts, used in the yearbook, at graduation, and they're be the ones you look back on and share with your kids some day. (They'll probably make fun of your outfit).*

*You only get to be a senior once so don't miss the chance to have a professional capture some great photos of you, that you'll be proud of for years to come.*





# PRICING:

## FIND A PRICING PACKAGE TO SUIT YOU

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### **MINI SESSION. \$235/285/335**

*Perfect for those who prefer a quick session and those on a budget. Mini-sessions are held on specific dates, at a location of our choosing. The sessions are 10 minutes and include 4/6/8 high resolution digital images that can be used for the yearbook, prints, or anything else. Space is limited & sessions fill up quickly.*



### **CLASSIC SESSION. \$250 +**

*Designed to celebrate the essence of who you are at this incredible milestone, this session includes a 1-hour photoshoot at a location of your choosing with up to 3 outfit changes. Galleries typically include 25+ edited images. Prints and digital images are sold separately. This session is customized to your vision.*

### **ULTIMATE SESSION. \$595+**

*Our ultimate senior portrait experience is tailored to ensure your senior feels pampered, confident and celebrated. It includes a pre-shoot consultation, professional hair & makeup, 2+ hours of photography, multiple locations and unlimited outfit changes. We also provide a proofing gallery - so you get to choose the images that are edited and placed in your final gallery! Prints & digital images are sold separately. This is a once in a lifetime experience, the perfect capstone for your high school years!*



**BRING THE THING**



*The sport, the hobby,  
the instrument, the  
thing that uniquely  
represents you.  
Just bring it.*





*Reminder: YOU are perfect. Just as you are. Literal perfection.*



## **EDITING**

*During the editing process, we touch up each photo and remove minor imperfections (ie: acne). We prefer our edits to look natural and timeless. We do not apply filters to our work and we do not “over edit” skin & hair . Fly away hair is a natural consequence of being at the beach on a windy day, we recommend bringing a comb or brush to fix hair, if you wish to have it perfect.*

## **ORDERING**

*We will load the images into an online gallery within 2 weeks of your session. You’ll be able to view and order images as prints or digitals. Most of our clients choose a digital image package so they can print images whenever they want, and use them in the future for gifts, holiday cards or graduation banners and announcements.*





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