



## What to expect for your portrait session....

1. **How long will it take?** You can plan on 1-2 hours for a Portrait session.

2. **What will we do?** When we meet at our location, we'll chat a bit about some ideas you may have, some ideas we have, and other important details. You may be nervous, but you really don't have to – We are *very* easy to get along with and will make you feel comfortable soon enough. :) We'll walk around a bit to different parts of the location. We may ask you to stop once in a while, ask you to do "something" or stand a certain way, and we'll snap some photos. You don't need to be worried about what to do, how to smile, or how to stand – We got you covered!

### 3. **What should I/we wear?**

- Bring a variety of color, don't bring 3 blue outfits even if it is your favorite color.
- A lot of people avoid plaid or stripes but we find plaid can totally work in couples shoots so long as only one of you is wearing it! If one of you do decide on plaid, make sure your partner is wearing a solid complimentary color of the plaid shirt!
- Avoid clothing that has wording on it.
- If you are doing an engagement/proposal, DRESS UP! You will love the pictures that much more in a nice outfit!
- Choose muted tones that are a bit subdued
  - Choose similar tones for your top and bottom (both dark or both light)
  - Choose 1-3 colors for your group portrait, ones with similar tones that go nicely together and have everyone work within that color palette. For example: dark green, navy, and burgundy – all dark jewel tones. OR tan, a lighter olive green, and denims – all lighter, softer tones.
  - Choose dark socks and footwear (unless it's a barefoot photo)

- Keep jewelry simple and minimalistic
- Do your hair the way you'd normally do it while wearing these clothes
- If getting a haircut or new hairdo, make your appointment at least 2 weeks prior to your portrait session

#### 4. **What about the weather?**

Let's face it, we are at the mercy of mother nature. If it rains, no fretting, we can simply reschedule. Don't worry about clouds, they actually HELP! But rain falling IS a problem. Just simply contact us if worried about the weather, but most the time, we play it by ear until a few hour before the shoot.

#### 5. **What if my child or pet is a little hyper/can't sit still?**

That is ok! We actually can capture a lot of candid shots of you with them. This makes for great photos and also genuine emotions. :) Sometimes just letting them "play" makes for the best photos.

### **What comes after your session...**

1. **How long until you can see your images?** Your entire album will be ready to view within 2 weeks of your session. With your permission, we will post some of our favorite previews on our **JCM Photography Facebook page**. We will send you an email letting you know that your images are posted.
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