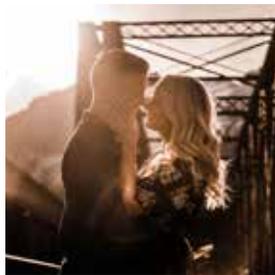




Crown Photography & Film

ENGAGEMENT SESSION TIPS & TRICKS!



PREPARING FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Chances are that you have never had engagement photos taken before, and so it's natural for you to have a lot of questions leading up to the session. With that in mind, we've outlined a few of our most common tips and tricks below. This won't answer every question you have, but it will give you a good idea of what to expect when you show up to an engagement session!

BRING TWO OUTFITS!

We often suggest that our couples start with a more dressed-up outfit and then change into something a little more comfortable to finish up the session. This will offer you two different looks when you're working on save the date cards or invitations! The second outfit is also a great chance to include a few items that are true to who you are as a couple. Do you play guitar? Bring it! Love having your coffee together in the mornings? Perfect. Popcorn? Beer? Wine lovers? Yes. Yes. Yes! These types of items add to the story of who you are as a couple and we love to incorporate them into your shoot. However, we would suggest you leave the "soon to be married" signs and other outdated props at home. Here are a few other prop ideas (that aren't too cheesy) in case you're feeling stuck: a bouquet of flowers, a favourite blanket for laying on, champagne for popping, campfires, canoes or paddle boards, charcuterie (or other favourite snacks), etc.



AVOID BULKY CLOTHING AND LAYER UP INSTEAD!

Large jackets and baggy hoodies are definitely very comfortable and warm, but they aren't very flattering. During the colder months we suggest you dress in two or three lighter, fitted layers instead of one bulky sweater. Similarly, if you have a fitted coat, we suggest you choose it instead of the warmer (more boxy) option. Don't worry, we will be sure to give you lots of warm up breaks during the session!



EMPTY YOUR POCKETS!

Nothing will frustrate you more than getting your images back and seeing the boxy outline of your cell phone in your back pocket! We suggest you leave your phones in the car and give your keys to us, we'll keep them safe in the camera bag for the shoot!



CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION ARE KEY!

Remember that the reason we're photographing you is to celebrate how much you love each other! It's natural for everyone to be a little nervous in front of the camera (we get nervous when someone photographs us too), but it's so important that you work to let go of that fear and focus on connecting with each other during the session. That choice to connect with the person you love most in the world will shine through in the photographs and is way more important than your clothing, the location, or the weather!



WHEN SHOULD I SCHEDULE MY ENGAGEMENT SHOOT?

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE SHOULD THE SESSION BE SCHEDULED?

If you are hoping to use your engagement photos for save the date cards then we recommend you book your session about a year before your wedding date. This will give you enough time to receive your images and send the cards out to your family and friends.

If you don't need them for invitations, then we suggest that you pick the season you love the most! We're more than happy to schedule a session even just a couple months before the wedding if that's the season you love most.

WHAT TIME OF DAY WORKS BEST FOR THE SESSION?

The most beautiful light of the day is the hour before and after sunrise or sunset. By planning your session as close to sunrise/sunset as possible, you give yourself the most flattering and gorgeous light. We often use google to calculate the sunset hour for a session months in advance, so even if you're a ways away from your session you can book the time with confidence based on the sunrise/sunset times posted online.

HOW LONG WILL THE SESSION BE?

Every photographer is different. But we plan to spend about an hour and a half photographing you for your engagement session. This gives us a chance to move to a second location and make an outfit change. It's also long enough that we feel like we can get to know you both a little better (which is really important to us). But it's not too long, so you won't feel exhausted afterwards!

LOCATION(S)

Just like incorporating meaningful props into your session, we suggest that you choose a location that has meaning to you as a couple. This might be a family property, or first date location or even a beautiful spot in the mountains if you love to explore that area together. If you're hoping to have your session in a location that is further away just be aware that you'll need to schedule it a little bit further in advance to ensure we can accommodate the travel. Often, we will have recommendations for you based on the setting you like best and we're happy to help in any way we can!

ABOUT US

We're Mark and Tracey Crown, the owners of Crown Photography & Film. We hope this booklet has helped to provide you with lots of useful information and inspiring images as you plan for your engagement session!



If you're looking for a wedding photographer or videographer we would love to hear from you!

Contact us today to book your engagement shoot or wedding

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