



10 Tips for a Successful Backroads Photo Session

1. **Be comfortable!** Choose stuff you feel comfortable in and that makes you feel happy and relaxed. This will show in your photos!
2. **Flow glows!** Choose something that can blow in the wind or swirl with a twirl. A soft flowy dress, a scarf, a flowy skirt or blouse. There is nothing more natural and beautiful than capturing a soft breeze in your pics.
3. **Accessories pop!** This could be a hat, a bow tie, cowboy boots, colorful earrings, sunglasses, red lipstick, hair flowers, a camera, your musical instrument, your favorite book...you get the idea. Anything that puts that special 'you' stamp on your image. Color coordination across accessories is fabulous too!
4. **Texture rocks!** Texture comes in so many forms. Layers add texture. Lace, ruffles, different fabrics too! Wear that jacket, a vest, a scarf, a chunky necklace, your favorite sweater, ruffy boot socks, knit headband. Anything that adds an extra element or layer to your ensemble. Texture and layers are especially important if you want black and white photos!
5. **Shoes rule!** I am partial to boots. Backroads and boots just seem to go together. Loafers, sandals, ballet slippers, Vans, Converse work too! Bring more than one pair, and don't be afraid to go bare. Athletic shoes/sneakers work if we are shooting you in your athletic uniform. Otherwise, aim for Converse or Van-style casual shoes.
6. **Hair care!** If you are planning a new do, do it two weeks prior to your session, This way, you've settled into your new look. Wear your hair how you usually wear it. We want pics that look like you!
7. **Make-up moves!** Go somewhere between your every day wear and heavy-duty. We want a little more, but not Broadway-stage-levels of glamour. Bring touch-ups to the shoot! i.e. powder, maybe a little cheek blush, and always lipgloss to freshen up. Guys, a face towel and chapstick work too!
8. **Colors matter!** Aim for timeless styles that won't date your photos. My personal favorites on the Backroads are soft, neutrals - navy, black, burgundy, off-white/cream. Subtle patterns like small floral prints too! Jeans and a solid-color top are timeless. (Ladies, don't forget your favorite necklace or earrings!) Guys look fabulous in jeans and polo-style shirts. Don't forget your belts! Jackets are great too. Denim tops, layered with a lighter color tank are also classics. Solid color, subtle patterns, and lace dresses work for the ladies too! Graphic tees and large logo/branded items don't work well on the Backroads. Bright, bold colors and patterns and neon colors are never favorites for this type of shoot.
9. **Options are OK!** Bring more than one outfit, if you like. Depending on your photo location(s), you may need to change your outfit in a car or public bathroom, but feel free to bring more than one of your favorites!
10. **Ask me!** Have something specific in mind? Can't decide what to wear? Anything. Please ask - before your shoot. Planning together ahead of time, makes your photoshoot even more fun and the end result exactly what you're looking for!