

Trace of Light

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Locations & Suggestions

Location	Fee*	Suggested dress	Features
Your location	Usually none	Anything	Always a favorite! Make it someplace important to you like your home or a favorite spot in a park. Look for clean backgrounds such as walls or gardens that are free of distractions like power lines. Think about what favorite props you may like; a boulder, garden, tree, piece of furniture or a tire swing, get creative!
Rippavilla	No charge after 5:00 P.M. \$50 per hour other times	Formal or casual	An antebellum mansion from the 1800's. Beautiful gardens, brick arches, covered porches, fountains, huge trees, slave house and old cabin. Tons of possibilities. Evening or morning.
Trace of Light Farm	None	Formal or casual	Pillared porches, fences, old Hackberry trees and a few friendly horses. Evening or morning.
Innsifree farm	\$25	Casual	Sharecropper's house, buggy, hay rake, barn and horses. Evening or morning.
Merriwether Lewis Natchez Trace Parkway	None	Casual	Cabin, old oaks, streams and small cascades if you want to get wet! Evening or morning.
Woodland Park/Maury Parks	None	Formal or casual	Old trees, fields, playgrounds fountain and shelter houses. Evening or morning.
Natchez Trace Parkway	None	Casual	Consider Fall Hollow, Jackson Falls, Gordon House, Tobacco Barn. Short hikes may be involved.
Polk Home	Yes	Formal or casual	Old home with exquisite gardens and fountains. Evening or morning.
Metal Ford Natchez Trace Parkway	None	Casual	Stream shots. Evenings are good, be ready to get wet!

*These are additional fees charged by location not by us!

Time of day: The best light is in the morning or evening. Direct overhead light on sunny days (midday) is usually the least flattering, so open shade is needed. Late evenings, early morning and overcast days provide the most flattering light.

Purpose of Portrait: Let me know who or what these portraits are for so we can setup a complimentary style.

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Dress, Makeup, etc: Suggestions to make the best of your portrait session. **Remember my goal is to make you look great!**

For individuals:

- Solid dark colors and long sleeves are photographically better and are more flattering , especially for anyone concerned about weight (i.e all of us)! Avoid bright colors and patterns.
- Feel free to bring several outfits for portraits. You may need to change in a vehicle or small pop up tent. For young ladies I will have at least one other lady present at sessions, but Moms are invited! As location allows bring both dressy and casual attire.
- For casual locations (farms, parks etc) jeans and casual tops work well. Again, avoid bright colors and patterns.
- Match shoes to attire. High heels for formal setting are flattering for ladies, while casual shoes or even bare feet work well or casual settings. Make sure nails are done.
- If your legs are pale, consider wearing nylons if the outfit allows. Digitally tanning your legs is an extra charge!
- Make up should be worn as if you were going out for a nice evening. Bring what you need to touch up cosmetically.
- Some poses may require you (as able) to sit or lie on the ground. I will bring plastic bags to help avoid soiling, but it is still a possibility.

For group sittings:

- See the individual recommendations above. I want each one of you to look great!
- Consider wearing the same color shirts and avoiding bright colors. Black, white, beige or soft pastels are good.
- Everyone in the group should wear the same type of attire such as casual or dressy. Keep it complimentary.
- For family reunions, consider each family wearing a different color shirt, avoiding bright colors or patterns.
- **Remember these are only suggested guidelines, this is your shoot.**

Remember: If this is a casual setting you may possibly get dirty, I will bring plastic bags to minimize the soiling where possible, however **it is still possible to get dirty** and rocks can be very slick, especially in a stream! Have fun! Bring a change of clothes if required.

Bring anything special to you that may be included in the photograph, such as sport items, books, keepsakes or pets as location allows.