

# In Focus: The Landscape

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Like painters and draftsmen before them, photographers turned to the landscape as a source of inspiration after the invention of the medium was announced in 1839. Since then, changing artistic movements and continual technical advancements have provided opportunities for camera artists to approach the subject in diverse and imaginative ways. This exhibition, drawn exclusively from the Getty's collection, brings together the work of more than twenty-five innovative photographers who have left their mark on the history of the genre. Chosen from hundreds of prints to represent key moments in the history of photography, the works on view here explore transcendental approaches linking nature to the divine, Modernist notions of pure form, and contemporary ruminations on the environment. They are organized roughly chronologically to make the progression of aesthetic and technical developments apparent.



1. Unknown maker, French

[Study of Rocks](#), about 1845

Daguerreotype

Image: 10.4 x 14.7 cm (4 1/8 x 5 13/16 in.)

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2. Platt D. Babbitt

American, died 1879, active Niagara Falls, New York

1853 - 1870

[Scene at Niagara Falls](#), about 1855

Daguerreotype

Whole plate

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3. André Giroux

French, 1801 - 1879

[The Ponds at Optevoz, Rhône](#), about 1855

Salted paper from a paper negative print

Image: 26.7 x 33.5 cm (10 1/2 x 13 3/16 in.)

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4. Gustave Le Gray

French, 1820 - 1884

[The Beech Tree](#), about 1856

Albumen silver print

Image: 31.6 x 41.3 cm (12 7/16 x 16 1/4 in.)

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5. Roger Fenton  
British, 1819 - 1869  
[View from Ogwen Falls into Nant Ffrancon](#), 1857  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 42.4 x 36.5 cm (16 11/16 x 14 3/8 in.)  
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6. Camille Silvy  
French, 1834 - 1910, active Paris, France and London, England  
[River Scene, France](#), Negative 1858; Print 1860s  
Albumen silver print  
Image (oval): 25.7 x 35.6 cm (10 1/8 x 14 in.)  
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7. Édouard Baldus  
French, born Germany 1813 - 1889  
[Entrance to the Donzère Pass](#), about 1861  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 33.7 x 43.2 cm (13 1/4 x 17 in.)  
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8. Timothy H. O'Sullivan  
American, about 1840 - 1882  
[Desert Sand Hills near Sink of Carson, Nevada](#), 1867  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 22.4 x 29 cm (8 13/16 x 11 7/16 in.)  
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9. William Henry Jackson  
American, 1843 - 1942  
[Old Faithful](#), 1870  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 51.4 x 42.4 cm (20 1/4 x 16 11/16 in.)  
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10. Edward S. Curtis  
American, 1868 - 1952  
[Canyon de Chelly](#), 1904  
Platinum print  
Image: 24.8 x 32.4 cm (9 3/4 x 12 3/4 in.)  
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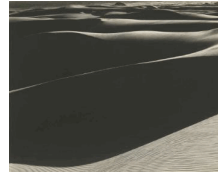
11. Anne W. Brigman  
American, 1869 - 1950  
[Figure in a Landscape](#), 1923  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 18.4 x 23.5 cm (7 1/4 x 9 1/4 in.)  
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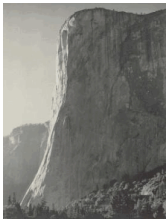
12. Alfred Stieglitz  
American, 1864 - 1946  
[Songs of the Sky, No. 2 / Equivalent, Portrait of Georgia, No. 3](#), 1923  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 10 x 12.6 cm (3 15/16 x 4 15/16 in.)  
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13. Eugène Atget  
French, 1857 - 1927  
Printed by Berenice Abbott  
American, 1898 - 1991  
[Saint-Cloud](#), Negative 1926; Printed later  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 17.5 x 22.3 cm (6 7/8 x 8 3/4 in.)  
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14. Edward Weston  
American, 1886 - 1958  
[Sand Dune, Oceano](#), 1936  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 19.4 x 24.3 cm (7 5/8 x 9 9/16 in.)  
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15. Ansel Adams  
American, 1902 - 1984  
[El Capitan, Yosemite](#), Negative 1938; Printed 1950  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 24 x 17.9 cm (9 7/16 x 7 1/16 in.)  
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16. Dorothea Lange  
American, 1895 - 1965  
[The Road West / Highway to the West, U.S. 54 in Southern New Mexico](#), Negative 1938; Printed 1965  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 18.7 x 23.8 cm (7 3/8 x 9 3/8 in.)  
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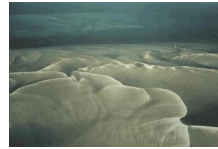
17. Frederick Sommer  
American, born Italy 1905 - 1999  
[Colorado River Landscape](#), 1940  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 19.1 x 24.1 cm (7 1/2 x 9 1/2 in.)  
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18. Harry Callahan  
American, 1912 - 1999  
[Detroit](#), 1941  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 8.1 x 11.4 cm (3 3/16 x 4 1/2 in.)  
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19. André Kertész  
American, born Hungary 1894 - 1985  
[Washington Square, Winter](#), 1954  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 24.7 x 19.6 cm (9 3/4 x 7 3/4 in.)  
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20. William A. Garnett  
American, 1916 - 2006  
[Sandbars, Cape Cod, Massachusetts](#), 1966  
Cibachrome print  
Image: 39 x 51.7 cm (15 3/8 x 20 3/8 in.)  
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21. Eliot Porter  
American, 1901 - 1990  
[Red Tree, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee](#), October 7, 1967  
Dye transfer print  
Image: 59.7 x 47.5 cm (23 1/2 x 18 11/16 in.)  
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22. James B. Irwin  
American, 1930 - 1991  
NASA  
[Astronaut, Lunar Surface](#), August 1, 1971  
Gelatin silver print  
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23. Jerry Uelsmann  
American, born 1934  
[Navigation without Numbers](#), 1971  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 20.7 x 20.3 cm (8 1/8 x 8 in.)  
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24. Robert Adams  
American, born 1937  
[Quarried Mesa Top, Pueblo County, Colorado](#), 1978  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 38 x 47.5 cm (14 15/16 x 18 11/16 in.)  
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25. Roger Minick  
American, born 1944  
[Woman with Scarf at Inspiration Point, Yosemite National Park](#), 1980  
Chromogenic print  
Image: 50.8 x 40.6 cm (20 x 16 in.)  
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26. Shibata Toshio  
Japanese, born 1949  
[Shimogo Town, Fukushima Prefecture](#), 1990  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 44.8 x 55.8 cm (17 5/8 x 21 15/16 in.)  
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27. Virginia Beahan  
American, born 1946  
and Laura McPhee  
American, born 1958  
[Apple Orchard, Manzanar Japanese-American Relocation Camp, Owens Valley, California](#), 1995  
Chromogenic print  
Image: 75.3 x 95.3 cm (29 5/8 x 37 1/2 in.)  
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