

Guide to taking HDR photos on iPhone

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If you have never heard of High Dynamic Range (HDR), you just need to know that HDR images have more detail in bright and dark areas, so there will be no excessive exposure. This article will show you how to take HDR photos on iPhone.

What is HDR on iPhone?

When shooting in HDR mode on iPhone, you'll actually combine three photos together to form a single HDR image. These photos were taken in a millisecond. So this mode is not suitable for moving or action pictures. For good photos, you should use a tripod, but HDR images are still beautiful if you keep your hands steady when shooting.

How to activate HDR shooting mode on iPhone

There are two ways to take HDR photos on iPhone. If you want the device to automatically determine when to take photos in this mode, follow these steps:

Step 1 . Go to **Settings**> **Camera**> **Auto HDR** and make sure this button turns green.

Step 2. You can also enable **Keep Normal Photo option** if you want to keep the normal image, not HDR. This allows you to choose what you want to share or edit. One thing to keep in mind is that photos taken in this mode take up more space than regular photos, so check the memory capacity before taking a photo.

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For those who want to use HDR on a case-by-case basis, be sure to turn off Auto DHR settings. After that, just follow these steps as needed:

Step 1 . Launch the Camera application.

Step 2 . Touch the **HDR** option along the top of the camera, between **Flash** and **Live Photos settings** .

Step 3 . Select **Auto** , **On** or **Off** . You will know this mode is enabled if you see yellow HDR.



When should I use HDR mode to take photos on my iPhone?

You should take HDR photos for photos of natural scenes, objects in the direction of sunlight and scenes that lack light or backlight.

HDR mode is probably best for landscape photography. It makes the picture of mountains and forests erected on the blue sky look even more beautiful.



Photos are not in HDR mode



Photo taken in HDR mode

When taking a photo of a landscape, such as the photo above, you will notice that in the picture not taken in HDR mode there is a lot of contrast between the sky and the land. When using HDR to capture landscape shots, you can keep the sky intact without making the ground too dark and vice versa.

Portrait photos are also suitable for shooting with HDR mode. Although light is an important element in photography, too much light also makes the image worse. When taking photos in a high-light environment, such as sunlight shining on a person's face, it will appear dark, glare or other points that the photographer does not want in their photos. But when taking photos in this mode everything will be removed.



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Photo taken in HDR mode

Low light and backlit scenes should also be taken in HDR mode. When taking photos in reverse where the light is, the rest of the picture will look dark. HDR corrects this problem by brightening the foreground section without removing other bright parts of the scene.

In case of not taking photos in HDR mode

Although HDR is suitable for shooting in certain scenes, there are situations where you should not use this mode. As mentioned above, HDR photos on iPhone are three photos taken within a millisecond combined together. This means that if your subject moves or moves, your photo will be blurred.

Sometimes you deliberately want to take high-contrast pictures to express or convey your emotions, for this type of image, you should turn off HDR. When taking photos with vivid colors, you don't need HDR. Although HDR is excellent in giving colors in images that are too bright or too dark, if the subject is bright and colorful, HDR can only remove these vivid colors.

How to view HDR photos on iPhone



Although iPhone creates albums for quite a few other modes such as Portrait mode, selfies, screenshots, videos, but it doesn't create albums for HDR photos. Although it's a bit annoying, it's not too difficult for you to view

these photos when you need them.

To view HDR photos, you will have to go to the normal Camera Roll. It's easy to detect HDR images if you enable **Keep Normal Photo settings** , because they look like many duplicate images.

If the setting is enabled, the HDR image is always the second copy and it has HDR in the upper left corner. If this setting is disabled, you will only see a copy of the HDR image.

Best HDR application for iPhone

Although the original iPhone camera has an integrated HDR mode, this is not the most powerful option if you want stunning HDR images.

Hydra





For those who want to take beautiful HDR photos, consider the Hydra application. The main feature of Hydra is a unique HDR shooting mode. When activated, Hydra captures more light than a standard iPhone camera by capturing 60 frames and combining them all into a high quality image. When you press the shutter button, you can shoot up to 20 images, so the Hydra can handle even the most light-poor situations.

If you like video recording, Hydra also has Video-HDR mode, using monochromatic mapping along with specific device sensor mode to create great videos.

Above all, even if your camera is only capable of shooting with 8 megapixels, Hydra's High Res mode allows you to create quality images up to 32 megapixels, so no details are lost.

Download: Hydra (5 USD)

Pro HDR X

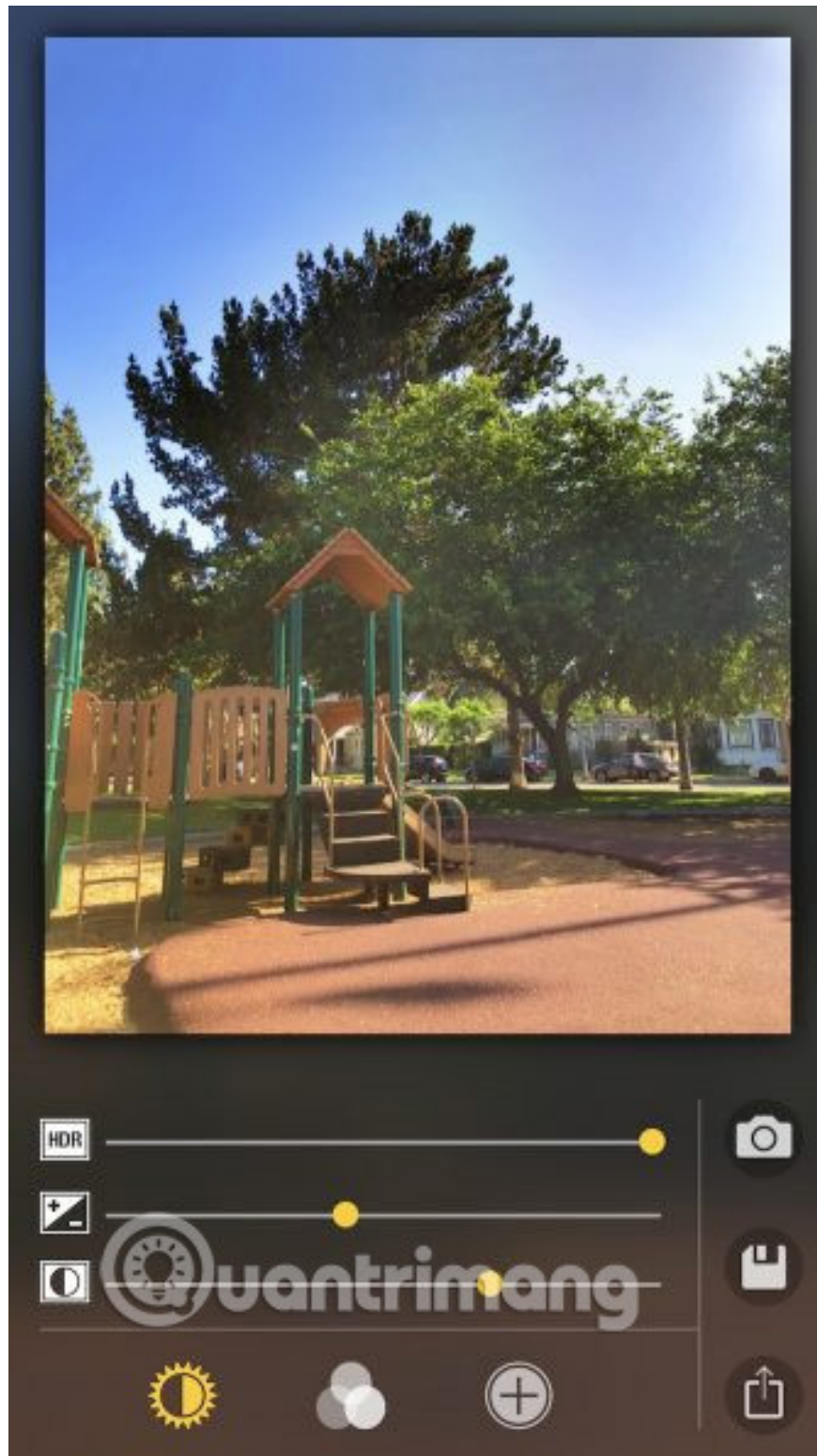


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Pro HDR X uses three full resolution exposures to create amazing HDR images. The application analyzes everything in real time and provides 10 more dynamic stops and more options.

Although you can take new photos with Pro HDR X, it also has an advanced tool to edit photos one by one or combine HDR together. In addition, it supports both front and back cameras, filters, text annotations and more.

Download: Pro HDR X (2 USD)

HDR is just one of many modes that your iPhone is capable of shooting, but it is one of the most useful modes. It is also activated automatically in the latest iPhone models, so you don't have to manually turn it on before shooting.

To take better photos, don't forget to watch iPhone camera tips for good photos.

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