

# Lightroom, BVCC hints at basic processing.

We have, previously, observed that lots of people have the following standard, starting procedure for processing an image in Lightroom. It produces an excellent start with a RAW file and it displays a lot of detail hidden in the highlights and shadows without producing too many colour and other artefacts.

1. Crop as desired,
2. Adjust the exposure (Basic) to centre the Histogram a little. Be conservative.
3. Highlights to -100
4. Shadows to +100
5. A little clarity to your taste
6. A little Dehaze (Effects) to you taste.
7. Sharpening to about 100 (Detail) and masking to about 80.
8. A little increase in Vibrance and/or Saturation as desired.
9. Here is a before and after using just that.



Here is an alternative that produces a different result that may be better at times.

1. Crop as desired.
2. Centre Histogram a little if needed.
3. Adjust Sharpness as before
4. Whites -100
5. Blacks +100
6. Adjust Clarity to more than in the first case. eg +75
7. Adjust Dehaze to more than in the first case.
8. Go back to Basic and adjust Highlights and/or Shadows a little as desired.
9. Add Vibrance and/or Saturation to taste.
10. Of course, adjust anything else you want to.
11. Here is a before and after.

