

TIPS ON TAKING PICTURES OF SNOW AND ICE

- Winter is cold, stay warm, wear enough clothing
- Wear a tight mitt first, followed by a pair of loose gloves, preferably one with finger tips exposed -- this will make it easier to press those little buttons and shutter
- Stay safe on the road, stop on shoulder, make sure other cars can see you, use hazard blinking lights, avoid ditch
- Some snow drifts can be interesting, look for scenery that highlight winter, or how life changes in winter
- Many cameras' light meters can be fooled by the glare of snow, so pictures can appear dull and uninteresting
- Use 'P' or Program Mode (instead of 'Auto' Mode) -- Program Mode let you change certain settings
- Find where you can change EV (Exposure Value), this over-rides the camera's meter decision, increase EV by +0.7 or more, take several pictures with different EV (many cameras allow EV variation from -2.0 to +2.0. When you increase EV, you increase the amount of light getting into the camera (e.g. from 1/100s, F/16 to 1/60s, F/5.6), making the snow whiter
- You need the right balance, too much increase in EV can over-expose the picture, too little the snow will be grey in colour
- You can still increase the brightness in the computer if you want