

Create your account

1. Go to www.flickr.com. Click on the **Create Your Account** button.
2. You have 2 options for creating an account:
 - If you have a Yahoo! email address, you can just sign in with your Yahoo! user ID and password.
 - If you do **not** have a Yahoo! email address, click on the **Sign Up** link and fill out the form.

NOTE: Only the items with orange asterisks (*) are required. All other fields can be left blank.

Now that you have an account, you can **upload your photos**.

My ID and Password: _____

My Flickr URL: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/>_____

Upload your photos to Flickr

1. Click on the **Upload Photos and Videos** link.
2. Click **Choose Photos and Videos**. Find your first image, click on it to select it, then click **Open**.
3. Repeat for your other photos.
4. Under **Set privacy**, click on the radio button next to **Private**. (We will change this setting later.)
5. Click on the **Upload Photos and Videos** button.

As of **right now**, your images are online in your account. Now we just need to do some detail work.

Add details to your photos on Flickr

1. Click on the **Describe Your Photos** link.
2. Type a **Title** and **Description** for each of your photos.
3. Click the **Save This Batch** button.
4. You will end up at the top of your Photostream on your account page.

What is a Photostream?




Your photostream is a history of everything you have ever uploaded in Flickr. You can view your Photostream by clicking on **You** at the top of the page and then **Your Photos** from the drop-down menu.

Changing a photo's Title and Description

1. Either in Photostream view or on the individual photo page, if you mouse over the **Title** or **Description** of a photo, a beige background appears.
2. Click on that area, and the text will be highlighted.
3. Type your changes, then click the **SAVE** button.

Changing the orientation of a photo

Let's say your photo is in a portrait (short side on top) orientation when it should be in a landscape (long side on top). To fix this:


1. First click on the image in your Photostream.
2. On the individual photo page, click on the  button at the top of the image.
3. Click on either the  or  button to flip the image to the orientation you want.
4. Click the **OK** button.

NOTE: On a rare occasion, the image will look somewhat distorted, or the orientation change will not show up in Photostream. Hit the **Refresh** button on your web browser, and the image should update to show your changes.

Editing a photo with Picnik

Is your picture too dark? Do your family portraits have red-eye? You can now make small changes to your pictures right inside Flickr using Picnik, a suite of basic editing tools. The basic version of Picnik is free, but to use all its features, you'll need to upgrade to Picnik Premium (\$24.95/year).

Here's how:

1. Choose the photo to be edited. Click the image so it's the only one on the screen.
2. Click the  button just above the image. This will activate Picnik.
3. Picnik allows you to modify your photos in two ways, **Edit** and **Create**.

"Edit" allows you to refine the image:

 - **Rotate** lets you change a photo's orientation (just like above) or straighten a crooked photo.
 - **Crop** will cut out the edges of an image. If you select "**Scale Photo**," the image will maintain its original proportions.
 - **Resize** changes a photo's dimensions. Select **Keep Proportions** to avoid stretching the image.
 - **Exposure** changes the amount of light and **Contrast** in the image.
 - **Colors** adjusts the **Temperature** and **Saturation** of the colors in your photo.
 - **Sharpen** makes solid lines appear more solid.
 - **Red-eye** takes out that pesky reflection that pops up in so many photos.

Create has all the fun stuff, but many of them require an upgrade to Picnik Premium.

 - **Effects** alters the overall look of your photo. Change a color photo to Black and White, or even old-timey Sepiatone.
 - **Text** adds, well, text. After you've written the words, click and drag the mouse to place them on the image.
 - **Shapes** lets you add preset shapes, including speech balloons.
 - **Touch-up** is a premium feature, allowing additional tweaks.
 - **Frames** lets you place a border around your photo.
 - **Advanced**, a premium lets you graph out the color and contrast levels of your photo.

Picnik is the place to really get creative with your photos. Don't be afraid to try a feature out, even if you're not sure what it does. You can always click "Undo" and get your original image back.

Tags

What are tags? They are part of the magic of Flickr. Tags are like keywords or labels that you can add to a photo to make it easier to find later. Check out the most popular tags here:

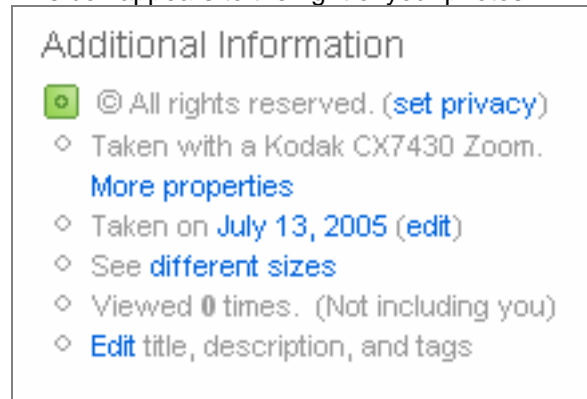
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/>.

Adding tags to your photo:

1. On the individual photo page, click on the **Add a tag** link to the right of the photo.
2. In the form field that appears, type a keyword that describes your photo, each separated by a space. If you'd like to use a phrase, place quotes around it (ex. "yellow flower").
3. Click the **ADD** button. Your tag will appear as  yellow flower [x]
4. You can add as many tags as you like to any image.
5. To delete a tag, click on the [x] next to the tag.

Additional information about your photos

This box appears to the right of your photos:



When you upload your photos, Flickr can automatically detect:

- The camera you used to take your photos
- The date your photo was taken

You can also:

- Change privacy settings
- See how many times your photo has been viewed
- See your photo in different sizes
- Use a form interface to change the details of your photo

Sharing your photos

Privacy settings

When we uploaded the photos, we set the privacy level to **Private**. Only you can see **Private** photos, and only if you are logged into your account. Other privacy options include:

- **Private Visible to Friends:** If you know other people who have Flickr accounts, you can set images to only be viewable by contacts listed as **Friends**.
- **Private Visible to Family:** These images are viewable by contacts you have listed as **Family**.
- **Public:** These images are viewable by everyone with web access.

To change the privacy settings:


1. Under **Additional Information** to the right of the photo, click on the **(privacy)** link.
2. Click on the radio button next to **Public** to allow anyone to see your image, or **Private** to make the photo available to you only (check the options under **Private** if you'd like to make the photo also available to **Family** and **Friends** on Flickr).
3. Click on the **SAVE SETTINGS** button.

Your own Flickr URL

1. Click on the **You** drop-down menu in the upper navigation bar. Select **Your Account**.
2. Scroll down to **Your Flickr web addresses** and click on the **Set up your URL** link.
3. Choose an alias, and type it in the form field at the end of the URL listed on the page. **NOTE:** The alias is permanent, and can't be changed. Also, you may need to try a few different aliases, if your first choice is taken.
4. Click on the **YES, LOCK IT IN** button.
5. Now you can share your **Public** photos with anyone by giving out the URL you've created.

Slideshows

You can view your photos as a slideshow, or even show your images to other people as a slideshow.

- To view a **Slideshow** from your main account page, click on **Your Photos** on the right side of the page. Select a photo album, then click on the [View your latest photos as a slideshow](#) link. To view the slideshow in a new window, click on the ([New window](#) ) link instead.
- To view a **Slideshow** from an individual photo page, click on the [View as slideshow](#) link in the **Photostream navigation area** in the upper right of the page.

Other features

If you don't feel like creating your own account and working with photos yet, take some time to browse through Flickr and see all kinds of interesting photos.

- Go to www.flickr.com and perform a search in the search box, or click on "popular tags," or click on "Explore Flickr," or browse through the "Interesting" photos from the last 7 days.
- Go to Skokie Public Library's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/skokiepl and have a look at all the great services, collections, and programs the Library provides to the community!
- Did you know Flickr now allows you to upload videos, too? This is different from YouTube, in that videos on Flickr can be no longer than 90 seconds. If you have brief videos to add, you may do so by following the directions listed for **Upload your photos to Flickr**.

To learn more

Flickr Help – Everything from basic help to advanced fun:

<http://www.flickr.com/help/>

Flickr Contacts – Adding and managing Contacts in Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/help/contacts/>

Flickr Groups – Create and get involved with Groups on Flickr:

<http://www.flickr.com/help/groups/>

Lifehacker Tips for Flickr Beginners:

<http://www.lifehacker.com/software/digital-photos/tips-for-flickr-beginners-031935.php>