THE CONTEMPLATIVE LANDSCAPE MODEL (CLM)*

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	Layers of the Landscape	Landform	Biodiversity	Colour & Light	Compatibility	Archetypal Elements ⁴	Character of Peace & Silence
5	Far-distance view (≥400m) Fore, middle & background visible Layers greatly enhance the visual quality	·Undulating ·Natural lines ·Stimulation to look up to the sky	·High diversity of plant & animal species ·Vegetation seems native & spontaneous ·Visible changes & motion ¹	·Harmonious, natural, broken or warm colours ·Visibility of light & shade ³	Physical & visual relations between elements are worked out Explicit spatial order, simplicity, harmony between natural & created	·Strongly influence overall perception	·Explicit ·Contrast to urban environment ·Accessible & safe ·No technology ·Invites to rest and relax ·Gives sense of solitude
3	·Layers moderately enhance the overall visual quality	·Landform is not very significant to the setting OR ·Hard to say	·Moderate diversity of species ·Moderate changes & motion	·Moderate amount of contrasting colours ·Moderate amount of light & shade	Physical visual relations are unclear OR Some elements disturbing the harmony & balance	·Are present but not important for the overall perception	·Moderate AND/OR ·Moderate sense of solitude AND/OR ·Less contrast with urban environment
1	·Layers are not visible OR ·Layers do not enhance the overall visual quality	·Flat OR ·Rugged	·Low diversity of species ·No visible changes or motions OR ·Presence of bio-phobic phenomena²	·Lots of vivid contrasting colours ·Light & shade not visible	Physical & visual relations not worked out well or not at all OR Chaos, clutter, lack of harmony	·No archetypal elements	No character of peace & silence Busy No contrast with urban environment

¹Dynamic natural phenomea, e.g., seasonal diurnal changes of vegetation, flying birds, bees, etc. Ignore this point for photo evaluation.

²Biophobic phenomena include, but are not limited to, snakes, spiders, darkness, etc.

³In case of overcast weather, imagine the sunny conditions.

⁴Archetypal elements include water (still or running water body, waterfall, sea), path, clearing, mountain/hill, single old tree, stone, forest, desert, grave, circle, dome, arc.