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Originally Posted by **Ryan93se** 
But without AF on something exactly 4 ft away i cant MF that exactly distance because it doesnt show me on the barrel. How are you achieving this? thanks again 😊

If your Depth of Field calculator has determined that you should focus at a distance of 4 feet, but your lens markings don't make it easy to determine where 4 feet is, you can use a tape measure, or a laser rangefinder to locate something, anything, that's exactly 4 feet away from the camera, and then focus on that object examining the reflex image with your eye to the viewfinder of your DSLR - just make it look as sharp as possible in the viewfinder and your lens will be focused at 4 feet. (If you had to, you could move the camera and tripod over to a position that's exactly four feet from a spot you've selected on a tree, focus on that spot, then move the camera and tripod back to where they were to re-establish your original composition.) If someone's with you, you could ask them to hold a magazine or whatever out in front of the camera at a measured distance of 4 feet while you make the image as sharp as possible in the viewfinder.

Note: Don't focus by zooming in first. Adjust the focus with the lens set to the focal length you intend to shoot with. (Most zooms drift the plane of sharpest focus at least a little bit when changing focal lengths.)

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