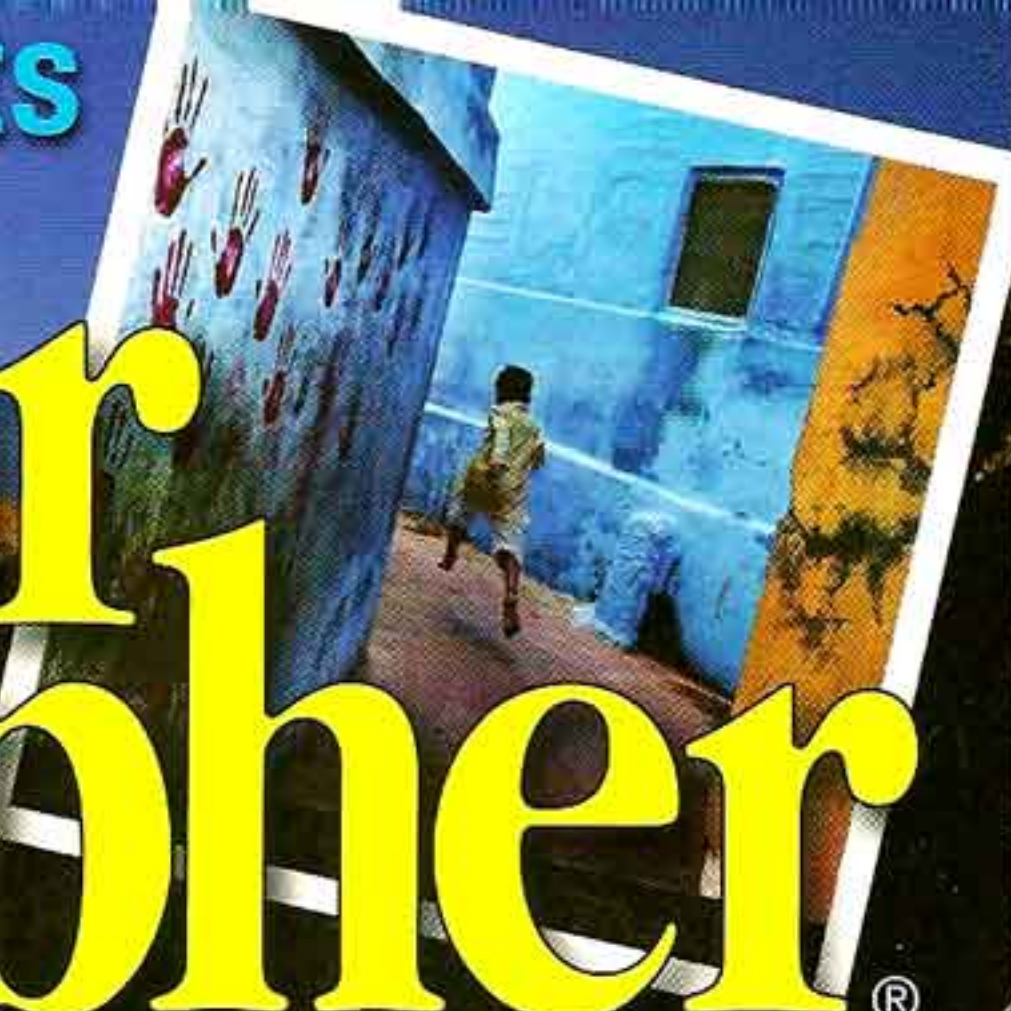


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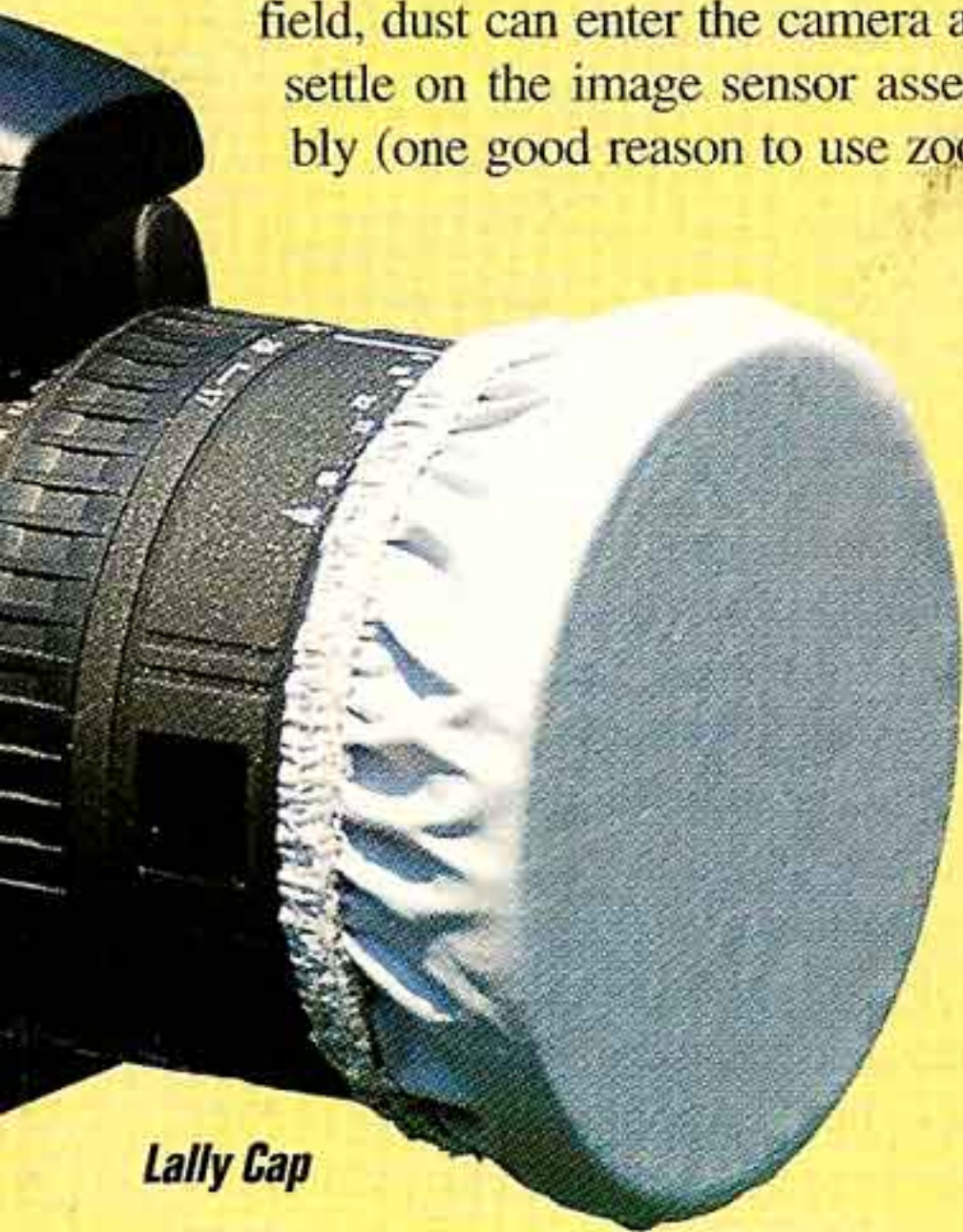
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Cleaning Gear

Field use is much tougher on camera gear than indoor use so you should bring some cleaning gear. A powerful bulb air blower removes much dust from cameras and lenses safely. After removing dust with the blower, use a microfiber cloth to clean lenses and another to clean LCD monitors and viewfinder eyepieces.

Each time you change lenses in the field, dust can enter the camera and settle on the image sensor assembly (one good reason to use zoom



Lally Cap

lenses when possible). Once there, the dust will appear in every shot you make. Many current DSLRs come with built-in sensor-dust removers, which use high-frequency vibrations to shake dust off the sensor assembly. But eventually, even these cameras will start showing sensor dust spots. You can use a bulb blower to remove some of this (follow the instructions in the camera manual). When the dust spots persist, you can send your camera to a repair shop for professional cleaning or use a cleaning kit such as one of the Arctic Butterfly rotating sensor brush kits from VisibleDust (again, carefully following the kit's instructions; the camera warranty doesn't cover any damage you do when cleaning the sensor yourself). Sensor cleaning should be done in a dust-free environment (your hotel room's bathroom or your vehicle in a pinch), not in the field. For more on cleaning, go to www.digitalphotopro.com and search for *DPP Solutions: Defeating Dust*.

Good cleaning kits are available from Delkin Devices, Dust-Aid, Giottos, Kinetronics, Photographic Solutions and the aforementioned VisibleDust.



Hoodman HoodLoupe

Other Useful Items

There are additional items that can make your national park photo visit more enjoyable and productive. A GPS unit can help you find sites and mark them for easy return when the light is better. The HoodLoupe from Hoodman makes it easy to see images and menus on the camera's LCD monitor in all lighting conditions. And a white-balance aid can help you get perfect white balance in just about any lighting situation—with the Lally Cap and the ExpoImaging Expo Disc, you don't even need to carry a gray card. **OP**

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