# Warning – Death Valley Specific

**Dirt, dust and sand**: Camera's and Tripods need to be protected.

- Be very, very careful when changing lenses and filters. Check and clean often.
- Tripod legs can be damaged or paralyzed by sand particles, check & clean often.
- You & your equipment will collect a lot of sand at the sand dunes: protect.
- Bring plastic bags or rain protection covers to keep clean, especially if a breeze is wafting the dust or a strong wind is sandblasting everything.

**Hiking & Walking**: Some photo locations may be a hike or long walk away from your car.

We often intend to just walk a short distance, then we wander far away as we keep finding interesting subjects. Next thing Search & Rescue is called out!

- Always carry a bottle of water with you.
- Carry your Emergency Whistle in your camera bag + small flashlight.
- Take your detail map in your camera bag.
- Hiking, especially the sand dunes can be difficult, measure your energy.
- Travel light, don't overload your camera bag/backpack.
- **Wear a hat, sunscreen, lip balm & sunglasses.**
- **<u>Headlamps will be required if you will be walking in the dark.</u>**

**Clothing:** Weather conditions during our trip are normally in 50' to 80' range.

Very pleasant but remember to layer your clothing for the time of day as we will be out in the early mornings and evenings. Happy hours will be outdoors as well. Boots or sturdy walking shoes are recommended as we will be hiking/walking over some rough, sandy, rocky and uneven hostile surfaces.

**Cellphones, Maps, Water & Snacks**: **Always carry these in your car and whenever** you hike away from your car. See the separate handout **"Safety & Security Reminders"** for more details.

Make wise choices, they call this "Death Valley" for a good reason.

## Remember…It's an ADVENTURE!

**Be alert, be safe, create positive memories**