

Tips for Preparing for a Rainy Day Shoot



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If you are an avid photographer, at sometime in your travels, you are going to end up having to take photos in the rain. Whether you are on a trip to a site that you may not be able to return to or you are photographing a one time event, rain need not stop you.



First consider creating a Rain Gear Bag. Whether you take this bag to the photo site or not, at least all your rain gear will be in one place. This bag can be an old suitcase the (kind you would use as a carry on, on a plane), an old computer bag, or just a box. It is something to keep all your gear centrally located.

What's in the Bag?

	Small umbrella – may not cover both the photographer and the camera equipment, but who cares about the photographer.		Poncho – should be a new heavy duty one that is still packaged. This makes it small and compact.
	Large Trash Bags – can be used to cover your camera system and be used to kneel on the ground.		Small Trash Bags – can be used to cover your camera and lens. Can also be used to wrap your camera and/or lens if your camera bag is wet.
	Rubber Bands – used to attach the bag to the lens.		Lens Hood – Keeps the rain off the lens
	Small Dish Towel – use to dry off your wet gear.		Moisture absorbent packets (Silica gel) – used to absorb moisture in your camera bag or lens cases.
	Chamois Lens Cloth (Clammy cloth) – used to dry off lens. It can also be used to clean a dry lens.		Rain Suit – Good idea to keep you completely dry