



Biography and Teaching Philosophy

Dusty brings a unique perspective to the world of wilderness photography that comes from his background in outdoor adventure, sports, and travel. He continues to be inspired by the work of many photographers past and present including David Muench, Galen Rowell, Art Wolfe and artists working in different media. The landscape itself, especially wild areas are what inspire him most and photography provides a way to share some of that experience with others. His artistic vision involves photographing areas that are wild and beautiful while expressing the surreal nature of the landscape with a sense of mystery and adventure.

Connecting with others has been a common thread throughout Dusty's work life and he enjoys helping photographers achieve their artistic goals. He brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to field workshops and digital darkroom training and seeks to help his clients achieve stronger, more expressive photographs. He enjoys taking complex subjects and simplifying them into core principles in order to enhance the learning curve quickly and help clients develop creatively.

Photographic Location Knowledge and Experience:

Iceland: Circumnavigated the island and explored the interior including Landmannalaugur, West Fjords, Myvatn and Hverir, the Kjölor Route including Hveravellir and Kerlingarfjöll, Skaftafell and the South Coast.

Sweden: Led a hiking partner through Padjelantaleden from South to North (220K). Hiked Sarek National Park (backcountry wilderness) starting in Tarraluoppal and finishing in Saltoluokta (160K). Led two hiking partners on a backpacking trip on the Kungsleden between Nikkaluokta and Abisko (120K).

Arizona/Utah: Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Petrified Forest National Park, Canyon de Chelly, Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon, Canyon X, Paria Canyon/Vermillion Cliffs National Monument (White Pocket and the Wave)

Nevada: Valley of Fire State Park

Colorado: Gunnison National Forest, San Juan Mountains and Sneffels Range, Uncompahgre National Forest

Washington: Olympic National Park including the Hoh Rain Forest, Hurricane Ridge and Rialto to Ruby Beach on the coast

Tennessee: Great Smoky Mountains, Big South Fork, South Cumberland State Park, Virgin Falls, Roan Mountain, Walls of Jericho

California: Death Valley National Park

Additional Travels Include:

Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Belgium, Holland, France, England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Guatemala, Canada, and Hawaii



Photographic Teaching Deliverables:

- ◆ Able to teach professional level image capture techniques in the field
- ◆ Extensive digital darkroom skills and able to communicate a cohesive workflow for image optimization
- ◆ Craft of fine art printing
- ◆ Improving creativity through advanced composition and darkroom strategies
- ◆ 10 Years of experience in Adobe Photoshop and 7 years of experience in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom

Teaching/Leading Credentials:

- ◆ Delivered field workshops in the Great Smoky Mountains and National Forests of Colorado
- ◆ Taught Digital Darkroom workshops to groups as large as 50 with a wide range of ability levels
- ◆ 25 years of experience teaching workshops to corporate and university audiences (taught college coursework in 4 academic departments)
- ◆ Wilderness First Aid certified through the National Outdoor Leadership School
- ◆ Presented “Composition: Art in the Landscape” to Louisville Photographic Society, Nashville Photography Club, Huntsville Photographic Society, Photographic Society of Northwest Arkansas, Sunny 16 Camera Club

Professional Network:

250 million+ image views on Google + and 18,000+ followers
1000+ connections on LinkedIn including internationally recognized photographers
North American Nature Photographers Association

Publications:

- ◆ Trail Groove Magazine Issue #22, “Kungsleden: Jewel of the Swedish Arctic” (Photos and Article)
- ◆ Tennessee Conservationist (2 covers)
- ◆ Iceland e-book
- ◆ Great Smoky Mountains e-book
- ◆ Southwest Dreams e-book and print folio

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