

General Guide to Field Trip Behaviour

1. Obey the Country Code* and local bylaws especially Bush fire and quarantine restrictions.
2. Observe any rules which may apply such as heritage status; occupier rights
3. Always seek permission before entering private land; parks and pastoral property.
4. Leave all gates as they are found unless advised by Leader – that is; leave open if open; close if gate was closed
5. Take all rubbish, food wastes and containers and leave no litter.
6. Do not disturb live-stock, wildlife or plant life.
7. Beware of tides and cliffs on coastal sections.
8. The Leader of the Field trip has the final say in any matter.
9. If you smoke, have consideration for non-smoking members.
10. Avoid using a hammer unless necessary.
11. Children and dogs are allowed on only some trips. They must, however, be supervised and kept safely under control.

*Country Code – relates to specific Shire Council and general community expectations in rural and remote areas such as:
not driving over fence lines; complying with Road Closed notifications, avoid camping near stock watering points; carefully and vigilantly ‘drive to conditions’ especially on unfamiliar roads and tracks
using local suppliers of fuel and food where reasonable

Collecting

1. Only collect when it is permissible to do so. The MinSoc applies for permission on members behalf
2. Be considerate in your collecting and try to preserve outcrops for future visitors.
3. Do not leave exposures untidy or dangerous.
4. Keep collecting to a minimum and leave something for others.
5. Avoid removing in-situ fossils.
6. Never collect from walls or buildings.
7. Do not take meteorites as they are protected

Safety

1. Keep a look out for dangers not only to yourself but for all members of your party.
2. Always warn others nearby when you are about to strike a rock outcrop with your hammer
3. Always wear safety spectacles / goggles when hammering.
4. Always wear a hard hat when working under any cliff face or in any quarry etc.
5. Boots or other suitable footwear should be worn especially when the Leader requires them.
6. Keep well clear of plant or machinery whether it is operating or not.
7. Beware of possibility of rock falls.
8. Beware of sludge lagoons or settling ponds in quarries etc.
9. Do not dislodge rocks or throw things over cliffs etc. - someone may be hidden below.
10. Never go into the forests, deserts or mountains without suitable clothing and equipment.
11. If you go into forests, the desert or mountains, let someone know your

- route and return time.
12. Always carry a first aid kit.
 13. DO NOT ENTER a working quarry; mining area etc. without first seeking permission.
 14. Do not take risks on cliff tops or rock faces.
 15. Be aware of any blasting warnings that may be in force - always check first. Remember that they may affect an area wider than the actual quarry.
 16. These rules are designed for your safety. Please obey them. In case of any doubt, please contact the Society Secretary.

Leaders

The **Field Trip** Leader of any trip has the **MinSoc authority** to remove from the trip any member who in their opinion is not behaving correctly or is causing a nuisance to the party.

This includes members who bring children or dogs that are not acting correctly or causing a nuisance **by negligent behaviour**.

The Leader may also refuse to accept any member who is in their opinion incorrectly dressed. The rules laid down by the Leader must be obeyed.

Health and Safety At Work Act

Working quarries, mines, opencuts and similar (whether at work or idle) are subject to the above legislation as well as the Mining and Quarries Acts and Regulations.

These Acts are **LAW**, & require that anyone entering such places wear hard hats, boots and protective clothing (e.g. Hi-Vis clothing) as required.

Failure to observe these rules could result in you or others being prosecuted under these Acts. The rules laid down by any working premises being visited must also be obeyed.

Trip Insurance

Each person attending field meetings does so on the understanding that they attend at their own risk.

The **Society** has Public Liability Insurance Cover for field and indoor meetings but Personal Accident cover and Personal Liability cover remain the responsibility of participants.

Members with house insurance will probably find this **accident** included in their policy but should check carefully.

Members should also note that they will be required to take out appropriate travel insurance for any overseas events; an annual travel insurance may be the best form of cover for any member who regularly attends field events.

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