



Toowoomba Lapidary Club Inc.

CODE of CONDUCT on Field Trips

On the road:

1. Know how many vehicles are present.
2. Determine who is to be leader and who is to be tail-end Charlie. Notify everyone in the convoy of this and determine order of travel. Have a roll call.
3. Carry fire extinguisher, shovel, snatch rope, snatch block, first aid kit, snake bite kit, spare tyre, water, full tank of fuel and check you have good tyres.
4. If in convoy, leave enough space between vehicles to allow travelling public to pass safely.
5. Do not change position in the convoy unless you notify the leader.
6. Have a radio in the leading vehicle and also in the tail-end Charlie vehicle.
7. Notify the leader if you need to stop for anything, and again when you are mobile again.
8. Indicate when turning off on to a side track. The leading vehicle must wait until he sees the following vehicle's indicator signal before moving off. Tail-end Charlie will notify the leader when all vehicles have turned on to the side track.
9. Notify the leader immediately of any mishaps.

At the fossicking location:

1. Field trip participants are to wear appropriate enclosed footwear when fossicking.
2. Field trip participants must wear a high-vis jacket when fossicking.
3. Private property or leases shall not be entered without prior permission of the owner or other responsible person.
4. When permitted to enter a private property lease, all conditions laid down by the owner must be complied with.
5. Carefully check boundaries for "permitted entry" area, thus avoiding trespass on adjoining property.
6. Leave gates as found. Notify owner of any open gates.
7. Remember you are collecting rocks; do not interfere with anything else.
8. Firearms or explosives shall not be taken on field trips.
9. Dogs shall not be taken onto "permitted entry" areas unless specific permission has been obtained from the owner, then such dogs shall be kept on a leash.
10. No open fires shall be lit on "permitted entry" property without specific permission of the owner. Fires in all areas must comply with existing regulations.
11. When leaving "permitted entry" areas, if possible notify the owner of your departure. He may also be interested in what you have found.
12. Native flora or fauna shall not be interfered with.
13. Conservation is most important: do not damage, pollute, or litter. Before leaving an area, clean up any litter, even though it may not be your own. This will encourage others to do likewise.
14. Fill in any holes you have dug, otherwise leave ground surface as found. Safety first at all times.
15. Remember you have entered a "Permitted entry" area through the goodwill of the owner. Respect his property and requests, and remember to give a THANK YOU.
16. On club-organised field trips, don't go off doing your own thing or leaving the group. If you have to leave the party for any reason, arrange it with the leader. Also indicate your rejoining time and place, phone contacts, etc.

[Source: Adapted from *Mud Maps of Queensland and Northern New South Wales* - 1973 edition.]