

RULES FOR FIELD TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

The following Rules are meant to provide for the education, enjoyment and safety of members on field trips.

Participants should:

1. seek knowledge from those who have it and share knowledge with those who do not;
2. follow directions of trip leaders;
3. conduct themselves in a manner that does not disrupt the field trip or activity or disturb others;
4. control the conduct of children or guests for whom they are responsible;
5. carry out all materials carried in, leaving no litter behind;
6. wear appropriate clothing and footwear and, when appropriate, use protection for head, hands, and eyes, and bring plenty of fluids.
7. respect and protect public and private property and obey regulations controlling their use; and
8. stay on designated trails where possible and minimize disturbance of plants, soils, and animals.

Participants should not:

1. Pick flowers or plant parts without the field trip leader's permission or otherwise injure the area;
2. carry firearms, smoke, consume alcohol, or discharge fireworks;
3. bring pets without the advance approval of the trip leader;
4. leave, fall behind, or advance ahead of the activity group without the approval of the trip leader.

PARTICIPATION BY MINORS:

Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult, who is responsible for the minor's conduct.

TRANSPORTATION:

The Society urges participants to carpool on field trips. Riders should share in the expense of operating carpool vehicles. If necessary, trip leaders may limit the number of vehicles on the field trip. The Society is not responsible for determining whether carpool drivers are properly trained, insured, and licensed nor whether vehicles are safe and in compliance with the law.

NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

Non-member guests are welcome to participate in all Society events if they sign a Release of Liability form.

TRIP LEADERS:

Outings, field trips or other activities will not be held without the presence of a Trip Leader designated by the Society.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

A signed Release is required from each participant before they are allowed to participate in a field trip or other activities. All participants are bound by the terms and conditions of the Release. An electronic copy of a Release shall be effective and binding.

FIELD ETHICS:

Field Ethics further explaining these Rules may be found in the Policies in Effect under "Administration" on the NPSNM web site (npsnm.org).