



Apache Junction Rock & Gem Club, Inc., Field Trip Rules

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1. Each trip participant (member, non-member, guest) must sign a "Informed Consent/Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability" form each seasonal year prior to participating in field trips. Your Trip Leader has forms for you to sign if you haven't yet done so.
2. Guests and non-members are welcome to participate in field trips for a fee of \$10.00 per person per field trip. AJRGC members' fee is \$3.00 per trip.
3. Wear appropriate clothing and shoes, for example: hat, sun glasses, boots, gloves, long pants, safety glasses, etc. Tools to bring include, but aren't limited to: a rock hammer, bucket, chisel, and a small shovel.
4. Ensure you take enough water, food and sun screen. If you wait to drink until you are thirsty, or you don't have to urinate, then you are dehydrating. Also carry a first aid kit, appropriate maps and a compass or a GPS. Remember, the desert can be an unforgiving place and, ultimately, you are responsible for your own safety.
5. Ensure that you have at least one serviceable, and properly inflated spare tire and working car jack. Desert mountain roads can eat tires and being stuck out in the desert with no spare can be dangerous and very inconvenient for you.
6. The Trip Leader will lead the group, in a caravan, to the collecting site(s). Trip participants will stay with and in the caravan to and from the site(s). When caravanning to and from a destination, always use the "Buddy System" and two-way radios if possible. Each member of the caravan is responsible for the member following and the last car is responsible for those in front of them.
7. The Trip Leader is in charge of the trip but is not responsible for individual actions or choices made by field trip participants.
8. Never, ever litter. Leave your route and destination site cleaner than you find them.
9. When at the site:
 - a. **Never, ever leave a rider, a driver, or anyone else behind in the desert!**
 - b. Have fun and be safe! Don't hesitate to ask the Trip Leader for help in identifying and finding appropriate collecting material at the site(s).
 - c. Virtually all of our trips are far from toilet facilities. When nature calls, as it surely will, please respect the privacy and dignity of others by performing these necessary duties out of sight of others.
 - d. If you dig for collecting material, make sure you fill in your hole(s) before leaving. This is for the safety of those that will follow at the site and to minimize damage to the collecting site environment.
 - e. **When the Trip Leader is ready for the group to move on, he/she will honk their car horn 3 times. When you hear this signal you are to immediately fill in any holes you have made, return to your vehicle and get ready to move on. Failure to do so only inconveniences the rest of the group who have returned and are ready to go.**
 - f. If you leave the group, **for any reason**, you must inform the Trip Leader so he/she can account for all participants at all times. If you choose to leave the group, you are considered to be on your own and no longer a participant in the field trip.
10. 10. Failure to follow the above rules can result in suspension of your field trip privileges.

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!