



Field Trip Rules

The President or field trip chairperson will make sure that each field trip has a designated leader who will assure compliance with all field trip rules and safe practices and who is familiar with the location, ownership and hazards of the field trip site. Participants must comply with the directions of the Trip Leader, those who cannot comply with the Field Trip Rules and any specific onsite directions may be asked to leave.

Each person participating in a field trip agrees to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics and the club's Field Trip Rules.

In particular, participants agree to leave the area at least as clean as we find it, and not to leave open holes or other hazards where they may be a threat to people or livestock. Each participant agrees to abide by any and all restrictions and/or conditions imposed by the land/claim owner when collecting on private land/claim, **including but not limited to signing the owner's separate release of liability as a condition of participation.**

Only paid members may participate in club-sponsored field trips. Non-member Guests are no longer allowed to attend. On inter-club field trips, no guests will be allowed by either club.

All participants must reserve a spot for each field trip on the lggmcfielddtrip.com website. This is a "reservation" to attend and it is important to also include family member participants as well. Sign-in sheets will be circulated at the designated meeting place for each trip. (Unless advance arrangements have been made with the trip Leader) If a member does not sign-in, their reserved "spot" will be considered forfeited.

Please, carefully review the information/detail sheets attached to each field trip online and discuss any transportation or physical restrictions that may affect your participation with the trip leader, who can advise you about any special difficulties getting to or around the site. Special restrictions may be made for some field trips due to special hazards, collecting or weather conditions, etc.

Be prompt in meeting at the designated departure point. Field trip leaders will need to leave promptly at the planned departure time, and tardiness may result in your missing the field trip altogether. It is not fair to the on-time members to delay departure for late members.

Firearms are discouraged as they are not needed with a noisy crowd; dynamite or other explosives will not be allowed on any field trip. Power equipment is not allowed. Family Member children are usually welcomed on field trips; however, they are the responsibility of their parents or an accompanying adult AT ALL TIMES while on the trip. **Only Certified Service Animals are allowed on field trips and must be kept under control.**

If you leave the group for any reason (including exploration of the surrounding area), please inform the trip leader. The "buddy" system is strongly encouraged on all field trips.

First aid items should be carried by all members, as part of their equipment. REMEMBER! When a newly worked area is left unoccupied, but tools are in or near the hole, this is off-limits to all but the owner of the tools!

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the suspension of club membership and/or revocation of a member's rights to participate in field trips conducted or sponsored by the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club.

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