

# OFFICIAL FIELD TRIP CODE AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTRA COSTA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

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One of the principal objectives of the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society is to help others now and in the future, to share our hobbies of collecting, displaying interesting jewelry and mosaic craftsmanship. Now we are faced with the fact that many collecting areas are being closed, not only because of urban expansion, water & power development, extension of government preserves etc., but also because of misbehavior of some collectors.

**For this reason the Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society and each of its individual members pledge observance of the following code:**

1. On a field trip or personal visit by a member, the collecting area and or campground shall be left as neat as it was found.
2. All excavations shall be filled in fully to prevent possible injury to livestock or persons and to prevent erosions by rain.
3. All regulations and requests of the owner or manager of the property shall be observed fully and graciously.
4. A collecting area of a field trip will not be revisited privately more than once or twice between field trips unless the area is open to the general public, with or without a fee, and unless collected material is plentiful and/or is being replenished by chemical action, wave action, etc.
5. Each member will keep "leave some for the next person" as their own personal motto.
6. Members shall collect only in areas designated for that trip, if that trip is on private property.
7. No guns shall be carried by members on field trips.
8. Rocks should never be thrown or rolled down hill under any circumstances.
9. All dogs and/or other pets should be kept on a leash on private property, unless otherwise specifically permitted.
10. All members congregate in specific parking or central areas to receive directions before starting to collect.
11. All members shall be responsible for the behavior of their invited guests conforming to these rules.
12. A copy of this CODE shall be given to each member and to each new member accepted in the Society; and it is declared a part of the working rules of this Society and binding upon all members.

**Adopted by the Board of Directors on March 18, 1960.**