



NPGS Niagara Peninsula Geological Society Field Trip Health & Safety Info Sheet CCFMS Safety Rules & Code of Ethics

Printed below is the Code of Ethics adopted by CCFMS Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies to which all its members are expected to abide by:

CCFMS Code of Ethics for Rockhounds

- 1) I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
- 2) I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- 3) I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- 4) I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- 5) I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings etc.
- 6) I will leave all gates as found.
- 7) I will build fires in designated or safe places only, and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- 8) I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- 9) I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock. I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.
- 10) I will cause no willful damage to collecting material, and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- 11) I will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- 12) I will co-operate with field trip leaders, and those designated in authority in all collecting areas.
- 13) I will report to my Club or Federation Officers, or other proper authorities, any deposit of material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- 14) I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- 15) I will observe the "Golden Rule" and will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and "Public Image" of rockhounds everywhere.

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Safety for Field Trippers ~ CCFMS Safety Rules

- 1) Safety glasses or goggles must be worn whenever working with rock.
- 2) Sturdy shoes (steel toes in tips for working quarries), hardhats, and long pants are required on all field trips to a working quarry. Sneakers and short pants are not permissible.
- 3) Safety vests should be worn at all times in working quarries and are a good idea to wear on any excursion.
- 4) Never work near quarry walls or vertical cliffs. Large overhangs can give way without warning and take you with them.
- 5) Take care exploring on talus or piles of loose blaster rock. They can avalanche and take you with them.
- 6) When climbing or walking on slippery rocks, always be careful to maintain your balance. Nasty falls can be avoided if you test footholds before putting your full weight on them. Even large stones can tend to be slippery when wet.
- 7) Keep clear of all posted or dangerous areas.
- 8) If a dynamite case is found - LEAVE IT ALONE!!
- 9) Stay away from all quarry equipment.
- 10) Stop and rest when tired.
- 11) Some materials leave poisonous residues on hands. Be sure to wash before eating.
- 12) Be alert for rodents and snakes. Never reach or tread where you cannot see.
- 13) Stay clear of waterfalls, wet rock is very slippery.
- 14) Poison ivy is no fun. If unsure, remember - *Leaves of three, leave it be.*
- 15) Watch out for the other person as you hammer or roll rocks. A flying chip can blind or give a bad cut.
- 16) Let someone know when you are leaving.
- 17) Children under 16 are not allowed in active quarries.
- 18) Make sure to take any garbage you create with you as you leave.

Please remember that the leader of each field trip has the authority to refuse entry to anyone attending and also to ask anyone to leave if they break any of these rules.

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