

MAINE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MMGS Field Trip Rules and Procedures

A signed copy of this form must be in the possession of the Field Trip Director before you are eligible to participate in any MMGS field trip. *Participation may be denied or terminated by the trip leader for failure to follow these rules and procedures.*

1. You participate in MMGS field trips at your own risk. MMGS liability insurance covers the property owner/operator, not you.
2. Some mine roads are not accessible to all vehicles, and lengthy walks may be required to reach some collecting sites. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the collecting site.
3. Check in with the trip leader at the appointed place and time. Latecomers will not be admitted unless PREVIOUSLY arranged with the trip leaders.
4. Check out with the trip leader if you leave before the scheduled end of the trip.
5. Proper attire. *Participation in the trip may be denied for inappropriate or unsafe attire.*
 - a. Long pants only. NO shorts, swimsuits or pedal pushers will be permitted.
 - b. Footwear: boots, ankle-high lace-up required; preferably leather; steel toes recommended. Absolutely no sneakers, flip/flops, open-toed sandals or bare feet will be permitted.
 - c. Sun hat or hard hat is strongly recommended.
 - d. Suitable gloves are recommended.
6. Eye protection must be carried, and must be worn when required for safety.
7. Participants must stay at least three feet away from any area or feature that is designated as off limits by the property owner/operator or trip leader.
8. Tools must be appropriate for working with stone and must be in good repair. Carpenter's hammers and woodworking chisels are dangerous and are not permitted.
9. Most sites have limited or no facilities. You must provide for your own food, water, sunscreen, insect repellent, personal medicines, tissues, etc.
10. *Maintain situational awareness and keep safety in mind at all times.*
11. Follow all safety instructions and ground rules from the property owner/operator and the trip leader.
12. You must not endanger yourself, other trip participants, the collecting site, or MMGS's relationship with the property owner/operator through your actions or your failure to take necessary precautions. *Unsafe or inappropriate conduct on a field trip will be addressed by trip leadership and may be cause to terminate your participation in the trip.*
13. No littering. Please CARRY IN and CARRY OUT.

I have read the MMGS Field Trip Rules and Procedures and understand that my participation in MMGS-sponsored field trips is conditional upon my following those rules and procedures. By signing this agreement, all members of my membership also agree to the above Rules & Procedures.

Printed name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

These rules have been put together by several different clubs across the US and [American Federation of Mineralogical Societies](#).

We need it on file or you may not be able to go on the Field-Trips. Return this page only.
Please sign and email it to mmgsmembership@gmail.com or snail mail it to:
MMGS-Membership, PO Box 1637, Saco, ME 04072-7637

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