

Hellgate Mineral Society Field Trip Guidelines

- All field trip participants must be a current member of the Hellgate Mineral Society to be covered by the club's liability insurance. This does not include personal injury insurance. Each trip participant must sign a "Waiver of Liability". This means that no non-member friends or relatives can attend field trips.
- Children under eighteen are welcome on all field trips but must be supervised by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian at all times.
- Participants must follow all safety and collecting rules put forward. Failure to comply with the rules may cause the participant(s) to be asked to leave the site and result in suspension of future field trip privileges.
- **Remote areas can be unforgiving. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of your family.**
- **Please be considerate and take only as much material as you can reasonably use.** Rocks, minerals, and fossils are a limited resource.
- Wear appropriate clothing: sturdy shoes, boots, hat, sunglasses, gloves, long pants, safety glasses, etc. Ensure you take enough water, food, and sunscreen. Also carry a first aid kit, appropriate maps and a compass or a GPS.
- Tools to bring include, but aren't limited to: a rock hammer, bucket, chisel, and a small shovel.
- Ensure that you have at least one serviceable spare tire and working car jack. Mountain roads can eat tires and being stuck out with no spare can be dangerous. Come prepared with a full tank of gas.
- Virtually all our trips are far from toilet facilities. When nature calls, please respect the privacy and dignity of others by performing these necessary duties out of sight. Pack in-pack out your waste or bury it appropriately.
- Watch for others below you when climbing and around you when using hammers and chisels.
- Well behaved pets are welcome but should be on a leash any time the group congregates such as at meeting points and lunch breaks. Most field trip locations present dangers to pets including snakes, cactus, mining holes, and free-range livestock. You are responsible for any injuries to your pet or damage your pet may cause.
- Know and abide by the **AFMS Code of Ethics** to insure the future of our hobby.