



## **CCFMS Code of Ethics for Rockhounding**

All field trip leaders and participants will abide by the following CCFMS Code of Ethics for Rockhounding when attending and/or participating in field trips sponsored by CCFMS and CCFMS-affiliated clubs. We also encourage all rockhounds who are not CCFMS members, or who are engaged in independent collecting activities, to follow this Code for the betterment and public image of this hobby:

- 1) I will not collect without permission on private land or land under mineral claim, lease, patent, etc;
- 2) I will respect site owner's wishes while on private property (for example, staying away from certain areas, filling in any holes that are dug, etc);
- 3) I will, to the best of my ability, keep informed on all legislation and policies governing collecting on private or public lands, and will observe them;
- 4) I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect;
- 5) I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind (for example, fences, signs, buildings, etc), and leave all gates as found;
- 6) I will discard no burning material, including cigarettes, while walking or collecting;
- 7) I will light fires only where/when permitted, and will adhere to safe burning practices and/or burn advisories/bans as prescribed by provincial and/or local authorities;
- 8) I will cause no willful damage to collecting areas and material, and if specimens cannot be reasonably extracted, I will leave them in situ for others to enjoy;
- 9) I will take home only what I can reasonably use as a hobby mineral collector;
- 10) I will carry out my own litter; and, if reasonable to do so, remove other litter when found;
- 11) I will co-operate with CCFMS and CCFMS-affiliated club field trip leaders and those designated in authority in all collecting areas;
- 12) I will report to the relevant provincial geologist any geological feature on public lands that should be identified for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational & scientific purposes;
- 13) I will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner that will enhance the public image of rock, mineral, and fossil hobby collectors;
- 14) I will encourage and help new collectors to increase their enjoyment of hobby mineral collecting;
- 15) I will promote appropriate collecting methods, tools, techniques, and procedures that respect the land, specimens, health and safety, and other best practices of hobby mineral collecting.

**Please note, that when on CCFMS and CCFMS-affiliated club field trips, Field Trip leaders have overall responsibility and authority to refuse entry and/or ask participants to leave.**