

GBGMC FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

Four-wheel drive, high clearance vehicles work best for the rocky, bumpy, dusty, sandy, dirt roads we normally travel.

In our vehicles, we all should have a long-handled shovel and 5 gallons of water in case of an accidental grass fire.

Walkies-talkies are highly recommended for communication with the trip leader and others in the group. **We use Channel 21.** Cell phones do not work in many areas.

Basic tools include a rock hammer, gloves, 5-gallon buckets or sturdy carrying bag, hiking boots and plenty of drinking water. Other tools you may want to bring include a shovel, digging tools, long screwdriver, whisk broom, spray bottle, hat, goggles, sun screen and first aid kit.

Dress for the weather, generally in layers. Be sure to have enough food and water for everyone traveling in your vehicle.

Please be on time to the meeting place. If you signed up and are not going, please let the field trip leader know if you will not be coming. When you arrive sign in with the field trip leader. You must have a Field Trip Waiver on file. Guests must be a current paid member and have a Waiver. This is required for insurance purposes. They may join on the day of the field trip.

The field trip leader will share information about the location we will be visiting, materials to be collected and any special instructions as well as the channel to tune in your walkies-talkies.

While traveling in a caravan, please keep up with the group. Be sure to keep an eye on the vehicle in front and behind you. When you make a turn, be sure the vehicle behind you sees you are making the turn. If you lose sight of the vehicle behind you, stop and wait for them to catch up. Occasionally someone may have a mechanical issue. Stop and radio or call the group leader.

Upon arrival at the collecting site, the field trip leader will share samples of the materials to be found and clues to help you locate good finds. The field trip leader will set a departure time. Please be ready to leave on time. If you plan to leave early or leave the area please notify the trip leader.

Please do not take more material than you can realistically use. Over collecting depletes the collecting sites for future use.

Assist new members to locate and collect materials.

Dogs are welcome but must be under the owner's control **and always have a collar.** Please clean up after them as necessary.