

TRIP ETIQUETTE

These guidelines are some suggestions to make trips more enjoyable for all participants. The environmental aspects of this guide are based on the Association's Minimum Impact Camping and Touring Guide. By following this Trip Etiquette we are protecting the environment and gaining the respect of property owners, government bodies and other interested parties.

1. Ensure your vehicle is in good order and the necessary equipment is carried.
2. Some trips cater for pets, but on most trips, they are not allowed. Pets are not generally permitted onto National and Conservation Parks. Express permission is required to take pets onto private property.
3. Some trips cater for caravans and trailers, check with the Trip Leader.
4. Be responsible for visitors you bring along. Explain the Club's rules to them.
5. People go on 4WD trips for a variety of reasons. Your behavior will affect others. Please respect other participants and follow Trip Leader's instructions. Coarse language, loud two way radio and phone conversations, music and radio broadcasts may be considered unpleasant by others.
6. Under no circumstances drive away from the group to do your own thing without permission from the Trip Leader.
7. Adopt the habit of "no trace" camping and take out what you bring in. Plan your rubbish management before undertaking the trip, i.e. rubbish containers, clip lock bags, rubbish box or a container hung on your spare wheel.
8. Food scraps are also rubbish, which must be removed. Wildlife don't eat food scraps.
9. Do not burn plastics in fires as it leaves a highly toxic residue. Acrid plastic fumes are objectionable and can cause adverse health reactions.
10. Firewood is fast becoming a scarce resource. Please consider the availability of firewood and the size of the campfire. Please obey the laws regarding the collection of firewood from public land, the roadside and private properties.
11. Disturbing a fire used for cooking may spoil the food being prepared. Wait until cooking is finished before feeding or stoking the fire.
12. Please consider the safety issues and the environment; don't waste large amounts of wood at the end of the night. Before leaving the fire unattended, it has to be made safe.