



MID-HUDSON VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

FIELD TRIP RULES, REGULATIONS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

- 1) Each field trip is conducted by a Society member who is designated Field Trip Leader. The field Trip Leader may at his/her discretion or on a request from the site owner/operator require a person to leave the collecting site if he/she is acting unsafely or inappropriately toward the collecting site property.
- 2) Any field trip to a commercially active quarry (e.g. LaFarge Ravena) or private property is conducted subject to both Society regulations and any additional requirements made by the quarry management and/or owner, including but not limited to: additional safety gear, age limit restrictions, rules for moving between sections of the site or entering/leaving, rules on where collecting is allowed onsite and limits to what materials may be collected.
- 3) The Society does not specifically require certain safety gear be worn on all field trips, but strongly recommends that all collectors wear safety goggles/glasses, gloves, and boots. Specific field trips may require specific safety gear. Individual safety is ultimately the responsibility of the individual and that individual assumes the risk of injury associated with not utilizing safety gear.
- 4) All collectors must observe the general rules laid out in the AFMS Code of Ethics (available on request). Collectors should not take more than they need and should leave all collecting sites in the same condition as when they arrived. Collectors must carry out any garbage or other materials brought in by them.
- 5) Collecting activities are done at your own risk. The Society is not liable for any injuries or damage to your personal property during a Society-sanctioned collecting event.
- 6) Any injury sustained while on a Society collecting trip must be reported to the Field Trip Leader, who is in possession of First Aid supplies as well as a cellular phone and will know how to contact emergency personnel if needed.
- 7) In general, Society collecting trips are open to members of all ages. However, not all sites are appropriate for all collectors and therefore the Field Trip Leader for each trip has the right to impose an age limit restriction at his/her sole discretion.

8) All people attending each field trip must read and sign the attached form prior to entering each collecting site.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, in consideration of the privilege of attending field trips related to the collection and or study of rocks, minerals or fossils, or any other participation in events and activities, hereinafter being referred to individually as "Field Trip" and collectively as "Field Trips", hereby release the Mid-Hudson Valley Gem and Mineral Society (MHVGMS) and its duly elected officers, Field Trip Leaders and other members of the MHVGMS from any and all liability with respect to injury to person or property of the undersigned, free from cause whatsoever, which may occur while the undersigned or their children are attending or participating in the Field Trip.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges his/her understanding that rock, mineral or fossil collecting is an inherently dangerous activity which can result in serious bodily injury or death, and hereby confirms his or her voluntary assumption of the risk of such injury or death. The undersigned agrees to comply with any and all rules and restrictions which may be communicated to the undersigned by the MHVGMS and/or landowner with respect to the Field Trip.

The undersigned further agree and warrant that if at any time he/she believes conditions to be unsafe, he/she will immediately discontinue further participation in the Field Trip. This release is being signed with respect to this Field Trip as conducted by the MHVGMS, and shall remain in full force until such time as the undersigned shall revoke this Release by written notice to the President of the MHVGMS. This release must be signed by all field trip participants at the beginning of any field trip.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound, the undersigned has signed this Release.

