



midway bonsai society

Collecting Code

- Obtain permission, preferably in advance.
- Follow instructions from those in the know.
- Always regard access as a privilege and respect it with good behaviour.
- Explain your interests and intentions.
- Be seen to be using the countryside responsibly.
- Seek local knowledge.
- Remember to shut gates and leave no litter.
- Seek permission before entering private land.
- Don't interfere with any machinery.
- Don't leave rock fragments that could cause injury to animals, livestock, people or hazards to vehicles.
- Keep any excavation or hammering to a minimum. If possible collect from areas where the impact will be least noticeable, fill holes.
- Keep collecting to a minimum. Aim for quality not quantity.
- Don't dig up species that cannot be identified.
- Don't remove protected species.
- Don't remove species that will not survive in your climatic conditions.
- Restrict collecting to areas where there is a plentiful supply.
- Avoid disturbance to wildlife. Plants and animals may inadvertently be displaced or destroyed through careless action.
- Be cautious whenever stones are lifted in areas that can be a habitat for dangerous species.
- Research the likelihood of encountering poisonous snakes, scorpions, spiders etc. Take all reasonable precautions.
- Take precautions in mosquito and tick infested areas.
- On coasts consult tide tables and the coastguard about tides and local hazards such as unstable cliffs.
- When working in the mountains or remote areas follow normal wilderness practices. When working in desert areas follow sensible
- precautions such as traveling in four wheel drive vehicles preferably with a companion vehicle, carry ample water, and include emergency rations.
- Never collect from environmentally, ecological or geologically sensitive areas such as caves, geological and game reserves etc.
- Don't take risks on loose cliffs. They can collapse without warning. Take care not to dislodge rocks, as there may be others below.
- Be considerate. Tidy up so that the area is not unsightly or dangerous for those that come after you.
- Never collect from walls or buildings. Take care not to undermine fences, walls, bridges or any other structures.