

FIELD TRIP BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Please go over the rules with your group before the field trip. Have your students describe what behavior they think will be appropriate and help them fill in the points they miss. In this way, students will "come up with" their own rules and will be more likely to follow them. Please remember that a National Wildlife Refuge is a protected area, a special place for plants and animals, and a place for people to learn. When discussing rules with the students, emphasize that they are visitors and should act as if they were in someone else's home.

ONLY TAKE AWAY MEMORIES

All plants, animals and artifacts are protected. Students can only take drawings, pictures, rubbings and memories.

SHOW RESPECT FOR WILDLIFE

Do not disturb animals in their habitats. **Do not touch or disturb bird eggs or chicks** found on the ground in the marsh or salt pond levees.

REPLACE WHAT YOU PICK UP

If you investigate rocks, sticks or logs, please put them back as you found them. Otherwise, you would be rearranging the "furniture" of many animals' and plants' homes.

STAY ON TRAILS

Please stay on designated trails. Avoid stepping on or disturbing plants and animals. Salty's key gives permission to get off the trail in designated areas.

LISTEN

Pay attention to the activity leaders.

WALK AND TALK QUIETLY

Walk and talk quietly. This increases your chances to observe the wildlife.

STICK TOGETHER

Stay with your group! Each group must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



DON'T BE A LITTER BUG!

Litter doesn't belong on the refuge. Put trash and recyclables in designated containers.

TASTE IF GIVEN PERMISSION

Taste only those plants you are instructed to sample. (Some plants are poisonous.)

RESPECT THE EQUIPMENT

Be careful with all the equipment. It must be returned in good condition at the end of the day.

ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Go exploring and use all of your senses!!