



SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
CAMERA CLUB

**CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR
FIELD TRIPS AND OUTINGS**

All SWMCC-sponsored field trips shall be conducted with this Code of Conduct.

Members of Southwest Missouri Camera Club shall:

- receive permission before going on person's property making sure that all permits required are obtained
- be courteous; shall avoid being a nuisance and obey rules

Regarding property shall:

- respect private property as well as the privacy of individuals
- stay on public roads, sidewalks, hallways unless specific permission has been granted by the organizer to enter private land/private areas
- leave access to property as you found it.
- respect restrictions to entry if on public land.
- not interfere, tamper, disturb, alter or otherwise manipulate the natural environment, landscape, or objects within the environment in such a way that could lead to temporary or permanent defacement or destruction

Regarding Plants and Animals, shall:

- walk on paths when appropriate
- not handle or damage plants
- not disturb animals
- not disturb the natural environment
- never let the photographer's presence cause any animal stress. (At a sign of stress, will pull back and not continue)
- not entice a wild animal with food in order to get a photograph

Photographers shall:

- share space
- try not get into another's pictures
- respect the right of non-photographers to enjoy a scene

Note: Farmers, ranchers and landowners may have legitimate concerns when allowing the public on their property for several reasons (gates left open, breached fences which may allow livestock to stray, etc.). Legal liability of people entering "attractive nuisances" may cause owners to flatten old buildings. Likewise, trampled crops or noxious weed seeds innocently carried from roadside by cars and/or clothing, have caused concern.

Suggestion: A gifting of images taken by participating photographers to hosts of property where field trips occur should be considered a "thank you" for the generosity and should not be forgotten.

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