

## **COLORADO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY FIELD TRIPS POLICIES**

The Society wishes to remind field trip participants of the guidelines for participation in Society trips. By joining a CoNPS field trip, you indicate acceptance of these policies.

1. Plant collecting is forbidden on CoNPS field trips, with two exceptions:

(1) Collecting is permissible for scientific study (with the appropriate collecting permit, if one is required for the area in question). "Scientific study" means, for the purposes of this policy, study by a trained botanical scientist with an expectation that the study results will lead to published information; collected specimens will be deposited in a recognized, publicly accessible herbarium.

(2) A trip leader or other person whose responsibility is to instruct trip participants may collect plants for immediate demonstration, explanation, or keying for full identification. Such collecting should be done inconspicuously (so that persons not with the trip group are not offended or motivated to do likewise) and with reasoned regard for any possible effect on the plant population. However, collecting of rare, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species should never be done for instructional purposes.

2. Rides and Cost-Sharing Policy: Car-pooling and ride-sharing are encouraged on CoNPS trips. All drivers who provide rides to others will graciously accept payment from passengers according to the following scale:

- 1 passenger (in addition to driver) \$0.10/mile
- 2 passengers \$0.09/mile
- 3 passengers \$0.08/mile
- 4 passengers \$0.07/mile

Passengers should pay the driver at the trip's conclusion, without being asked.

3. No pets are permitted on CoNPS field trips. Pets trample plants, disturb wildlife, and annoy other trip participants. If pets must be brought along (although this is strongly discouraged), they must remain in or restrained to the owner's vehicle (i.e., walking about on a leash is not acceptable).
4. Field trips are designed primarily for adults, unless the trip description specifically states otherwise. Parents should consider the appropriateness of a given trip to a child. If a child is brought along, the parent assumes full responsibility for keeping the child under strict control to prevent his/her damaging or disturbing the flora or fauna, or becoming a burden to the group. No child unaccompanied by a parent is permitted.
5. CoNPS' expressed purpose is to promote appreciation and preservation of our flora. Use it lightly. Take care not to damage the very features you have come to see and enjoy. Take photographs, sketches, or other means of recording the plants you see, and do not pick plants or plant parts.