

PURPOSE of FIELD TRIPS

- Enjoy, with other like-minded people, orchids in the wild
- Learning and education
 - identification, learning the fragility & difficulty of growing, orchid/bushland etiquette, normal growing condition, training for Wild Orchid Watch
- Photograph
 - opportunities, photographic competition
- Conservation
 - develop an understanding of orchid conservation, how they fit into the environment, scientific information gathering, recording orchid distribution & phenology.

People interested in protecting the rarer orchids, need to contact the Conservation Officer for information on how they can help.

PRINCIPLES of FIELD TRIPS

- It is illegal to collect any part of an orchid
- Avoid sensitive sites
 - Field trips will **not** be planned to sites known to have threatened orchids for which knowledge of the location places the orchids at increased risk of harm/extinction.
- Respect environment and people
 - Avoid damage to the surrounding bush/plants
 - Minimal impact – as much as is possible, leave the site as found
- Minimize spread of phytophthora

LEADER'S DUTIES

Before the day of the Field Trip

- Liaise with Field Trip Co-ordinator
 - To receive the Attendees & Risk Assessment Safety Plan sheet
 - To ensure First Aid Kit & Phytosphthora Kit is available

On the day of the field trip

- Ensure everyone reads the Safety Sheet and signs the Attendance Sheet, prior to setting off on field trip
- If more than 10 – 15 people, consider dividing into two groups to reduce the crush when looking at specific orchids etc
- Phytosphthora hygiene
 - Use Phytosphthora Kit
 - Clean shoes of mud and soil and spray with methylated spirits/Phytoclean before entering & leaving site and when changing locations
- Discuss as necessary plan of action, hazards, Bush & Photograph Etiquette and private landowner's instructions
- Nominate a 'Tail End Charlie'
- Nominate who is to record the species list to accompany the Journal article
 - Species name
 - Indicate if in leaf, bud, flower or capsule
- Nominate who is to write the report for the Journal
- Sign off at the end of the trip, ensure everyone is accounted for at the end of the trip

After the field trip

- Review for improvements
- Complete paperwork
- Send start & finish time, along with list of attendees to the secretary
- Inform Editor of who will be supplying the article & species list