

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



REGISTER FOR FIELD TRIP

- Email nossa.fieldtrips@gmail.com to register interest with the Field Trip Co-ordinator
- Information required by the Field Trip Co-ordinator when booking
 - Mobile number (the one you will have on the trip) for last minute changes
 - Emergency name and contact phone number
 - Any bush related health issues such as insect & pollen allergies, asthma, EpiPens, etc

WHAT TO BRING

- Field Trip Leader's contact phone number
 - As much as possible the leader should have the NOSSA phone
- EpiPens or relevant medications
- Wear sturdy clothing and shoes
- Hat, sun cream, water
- Snake protection – closed shoes, long trousers or gaiters
- Cameras, GPS, hiking sticks (two-way radios have their uses), whistle
- Name badge
- Lunch as arranged when registering

Children are welcome but remain under the supervision of their guardians at all times

NO dogs on field trips

ON THE FIELD TRIP

- Read the Safety Sheet and sign the Attendance Sheet
- Phytophthora hygiene
 - Use Phytophthora Kit
 - Clean shoes of mud and soil and spray with methylated spirits/Phytoclean before & after entering site and when changing locations
- Follow leader's instructions regarding
 - Tracks/trails
 - Private land owner's instructions
 - Bushland etiquette
 - Watch where you put your feet
 - Photograph etiquette
 - Caged orchids: do **not** remove the cages for any reason
- Avoid getting lost
 - Maintain ear/eye contact with others
 - Have a 'Tail End Charlie'
- Leave the sites as you find them
- Notify the leader before leaving the field trip, so that everyone is accounted for at field trip end

