



Wildlife Viewing on Drives / Walks

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- Ensure applicable legal permits & permission to access activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure insurance is in place for participants and team
- ✓ Identify health & safety risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- Ensure enough team members are available to manage incident prevention and respond in case of emergency
- ✓ Monitor activity area conditions (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate waste collection facilities for safe disposal especially cigarette butts during rest stops (or pack out what you take in), and pick up rubbish found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., for cleaning purposes
- ✓ Be waterwise and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise energy used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- Provide information in advance about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- Screen participants ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability
- ✓ Manage group size to minimise impacts on people & the planet, including suitable guide : participant ration (especially on walks) and maximum number of vehicles / groups on sightings
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✓ Brief participants before the activity starts about do's and don'ts, safety, what to expect, logistics, conduct (e.g., around dangerous animals, noise, not disturbing / removing flora and fauna), 'bush toilet' etiquette, flash photography (especially at night), and deactivating geotagging to protect endangered species
- ✓ Share information about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show respect for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users
- ✓ Avoid disturbing sensitive habitats, especially during nesting, hatching / similar seasons
- ✓ Do not lure wildlife (including birds) with food / similar, and minimise playing of recorded calls
- ✓ Turn engines off and radio volume down on sightings to minimise disturbance to wildlife and others on the sighting
- ✓ View wildlife from a **distance** that does not disturb nor disrupt their behaviour; encourage use of binoculars when closer approach to wildlife is not possible













Code of Good Practice

- Do not corner or chase wildlife, nor interrupt their direction
- Do not provoke wildlife to display specific behaviours, e.g., defensive or territorial displays
- Do not handle (pick up) wildlife unless with explicit approval from conservation authorities to do so
- Do not disturb nocturnal species on night viewing activities, e.g., only use lights that cause minimal disturbance and use them appropriately
- When multiple locations to view a species are possible, rotate use to minimise cumulative impacts
- Repair and compensate for any damage caused to the activity area
- Participate in conserving activity area integrity; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects





