



CODE OF ETHICS – Waikato Tramping Club

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Aims and Values

The aim of the club is to provide a safe and supportive atmosphere for all members within the club. Also while enjoying the natural environment we wish to spend time in, members are expected to behave in a manner to protect and respect that habitat. This code of conduct sets out some expectations we have for members.

Social expectations

- *Take reasonable care to keep yourself and others in the group healthy and safe.*
Such as:
 1. Do not perform any act or omission, which could endanger a tramping party or any member.
 2. Be properly equipped for the trip.
 3. Be physically prepared for a trip.
 4. Tell the trip leader of any relevant medical conditions or fitness limitation beforehand.
 5. Comply with safety directions and any safety policies of the club.

- *Respect for others: treat everyone with courtesy and respect; such as*
 1. Do not act in a manner where another individual within or outside the club will feel harassed or bullied. This can include verbal abuse, harassment, isolating or hostile behaviour.
 2. Members are to conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as not to cause embarrassment or disgrace to the Club or its members.
 3. All members are to behave in a manner that is conducive to an atmosphere of mutual support.
 4. Be a cooperative team member.
 5. Alcohol is permitted on club trips but must be consumed in moderation and to such a level as to not cause discomfort and ill ease to any trip members.

- *Respect the decisions and directions of the trip leader, who has the final responsibility for the safety of the group.*
 1. The decision of the Trip Leader shall be final.
 2. Regarding concerns about the behaviour of others that cannot be immediately resolved, approach the trip leader or members of the committee.



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Environmental expectations:

1. All huts, buildings, and their contents to be left in a clean and tidy condition. (in general, boots are not permitted inside a hut).
2. A plentiful supply of firewood is to be left for the next occupier.
3. No food that will encourage vermin is to be left in or around huts.
4. Any emergency rations used, are to be replaced by the user.
5. All gates are to be left as found, that is open or shut.
6. All care must be taken not to unnecessarily disturb stock.
7. Firearms and dogs are not allowed on club trips.
8. Members to ensure footwear is thoroughly clean at the start of a trip to ensure no seeds or disease (e.g. Kauri dieback) is carried from one property to another. Use cleaning stations when provided.
9. Leaders or organisers of trips will obtain permission from property owners or occupiers before tramping, using or giving any publicity about trips on such property, other than in an emergency.
10. Respect all tapu and rahui placed by the local tangata whenua.
11. Members are to see that all campfires are completely extinguished and exercise caution against starting grass or scrub fires and observe all fire restrictions.

Please refer to *DOC's Leave No Trace and Camping Care Code for further information,*

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/leave-no-trace/>
and <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/camping-care-code/>

Adopted by the Tramping Committee

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