

# Code of Good Practice for Site User Groups on Sites of Special Interest (SSI) in Jersey

As outdoor users you are asked to adopt the following code of good environmental practice when undertaking any activity/event/race on protected semi-natural sites in Jersey.

- Identify an activity/event/course which is challenging yet safe to the participants and minimises risk to the environment.
- Liaise with the Department of the Environment on environmental issues in order to minimise any potential damage to local wildlife, flora and fauna, by walking the area beforehand with a Natural Environment Officer, providing a risk assessment and adhering to any legislation affecting the area.
- Encourage good practice and raise awareness through educating the participants on environmental issues relating to the area prior to the event. Also explain: Any legislation and/or locally-agreed conditions that have to be respected, particularly with regard to
  - *Conservation of Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2000*
  - *Planning and Building (Jersey) Law 2002*
  - *Policing of Parks (Jersey) Regulations 2005*
  - the need to respect wildlife and the environment
  - any private or out-of-bounds areas which they are not allowed to enter
  - any specific risks or dangers they are to be aware of
  - the penalty for failing to adhere to rules and restrictions
  - the need to show courtesy to residents and others they meet during the event
  - the need to avoid unnecessary noise
- Ensure the activity/event/race meets the needs of participants whilst at the same time minimising any risk to the site.
- Use marshals and signage to ensure relevant legislation, advice from the Department of the Environment and codes of conduct are observed at all times.
- Use tape, course marshals and signs to ensure the route is adhered to and individuals do not stray off course.
- All signage is to be in a placard style and not inserted into the ground, unless agreed prior to the event
- Where possible, walk the participants through the course prior to the event race.
- Ensure the area is left in good condition after the activity/event/course event, ie: All litter collected, all markers and signs collected in
- Never use any kind of substance that could be the cause of pollution in the activities.
- Be considerate to other site users.
- Never use dangerous articles such as live ammunition
- Vehicles must only be parked in designated car parks and are not permitted on site.
- All materials must be stored off site and not left overnight
- Follow the Jersey Country Code at all times (over page)
- Any publicity must be previously agreed with the Department of the Environment, and promote good environmental practice, and the importance of the site for nature conservation
- Any proposed deviation from these guide lines must be discussed and agreed beforehand with officers from the Department of the Environment.

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- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Keep to footpaths, particularly on cliffs.
- Keep dogs under control and remove waste.
- Take your litter home, plastic and glass is dangerous to wildlife.
- Do not pick wild plants. Leave them so that others can enjoy them.
- Do not disturb bird nests or remove eggs.
- Trees take years to grow, do not damage them by climbing those too small to take your weight or by breaking off branches.
- Keep all ponds, streams and reservoirs clear of pollution.
- Respect the peace and quiet of the natural habitats and avoid disturbing others.
- Shut all gates.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Do not ride bicycles on footpaths.
- Take great care when walking along the foreshore at low water. Always check tide tables prior to exploration.
- After searching under rocks, replace them as you found them.
- Wear appropriate boots and clothing.
- Above all, enjoy Jersey's unique environment and try to learn more about the many different habitats and species.