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Collect environmental evidence responsibly

Your observations can help protect the envinvonment

Follow these **5 simple checks** to collect and share environmental data safely and reponsibly:

01 CHECK ACCESS

Is the area openly accessible?



- ✓ Use public or openly accessible areas whenever possible ?
- ✓ Stay on public paths and access routes

Fence, wall, gate, lock or restriction sign ?
→ Ask for permission before entering

In a protected area? Check the specific site rules first!

02 OBSERVE WITH CARE

Leave the environment as you found it



- ✓ Prefer photographs, observations and other non-invasive methods
- ✓ Stay on existing paths where possible
- ✓ Avoid disturbing wildlife and sensitive habitats

Observe first. Minimise your impact.

03 CHECK BEFORE YOU SAMPLE

Taking a sample may require permission

Before collecting plants, animals, soil, water or other material:

- ✓ Check whether a permit or permission is required
- ✓ Take extra care in protected areas
- ✓ Use the least invasive method possible

When in doubt, check before you collect.



04 PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE'S PRIVACY

Document the environmental issue: not the individual

When taking photos or videos, focus on the environmental issue and avoid identifying people where possible

Before sharing:
→ Check for identifiable people or personal information
→ **Blur faces and other identifying details where appropriate**



05 KEEP NATURE SAFE

Don't carry invasive species from one site to another



- Clean footwear, tools and field equipment between sites
- Remove soil, seeds or biological material before moving on

Arrive clean. Leave clean.

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Some places need extra care...

Restricted/private property
Permission before entering

Protected areas
Check local access and sampling rules

Military areas
Prior **written authorisation** is required



COLLECT
the environmental evidence

CHECK
access, impact and privacy

SHARE
responsibly

Not sure ? Check before you act!

These are general practical guidelines. Rules may vary by coutry, location and activity.

Scan the QR code to read the full ENFORCE Legal Compliance Memorandum & FAQs or access it here.

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