



SCOP VISITING FARMS

This SOP outlines guidelines to ensure that all farm-based and agricultural visitor activities are conducted in a legal, safe, responsible, and environmentally sustainable manner, while protecting participant wellbeing, maintaining farm integrity, and supporting local communities.

Guidelines

1. Ensure applicable legal permits & permission to access activity area are in place.
2. Ensure insurance for participants & team is in place.
3. Ensure farming practices are safe & compliant, identify potential risks (including through chemical use), implement management systems & apply appropriate safety measures.
4. Ensure farm is clean, orderly & in a good state of repair.
5. Provide toilet facilities for visitors.
6. Ensure enough team members are available in case of emergency.
7. Monitor activity area conditions (including weather) in advance & during the activity.
8. Be familiar with activity area & ensure that navigation & communication tools are in good working order.
9. Maximise local economic benefits through employment & purchasing.
10. Avoid single use & disposable items, provide adequate waste collection facilities for safe disposal (or pack out what you take in) & pick up any rubbish found along the way.
11. Be waterwise & take proactive measures to use water sparingly.
12. Minimise energy used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy.
13. Provide information in advance about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect & what to bring.



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14. Manage group size to minimise impacts & ensure a safe guide/participant ratio.
15. Brief participants about do's & don'ts, safety, what to expect, applicable etiquette / conduct to be respectful of & logistical considerations before the activity starts.
16. Show respect for the land, waterways, wildlife & other users in the activity area
17. Screen participants to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability.
18. Participate in conserving activity area integrity; notify authorities of concern & participate in relevant rehabilitation projects.
19. Share information about local nature, culture & social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support.