

# **CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION POLICY AND GUIDELINES**

## **PURPOSE**

To protect archaeological sites (site location and site preservation) while fulfilling our goals regarding public education – to lead field trips, produce final reports, publish articles in newsletters/journals.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all CAS chapters and members and to all CAS activities (state and chapter), including but not limited to public education activities, field trips, site stewardship, excavations, surveys and posting/transmittal of site location.

This policy describes CAS's policies and guidelines regarding protection of archaeological sites.

## **POLICY**

CAS fosters responsible public archaeology by educating the public on our rich cultural heritage and the importance of preserving and protecting its fragile cultural resources. We do this by leading field trips, participating in site surveys, excavation, curation, and site stewardship. We expect our members to abide by the CAS Code of Ethics in participating in all these activities. Members leading these activities are responsible for ensuring that all participants have signed a non-disclosure/confidentiality agreement, specifying that they will not divulge any non-public information concerning the site, in any form whatever, including but not limited to website posts or any sort of social media, emails, and presentations to various public/professional groups.

In addition to adhering to the CAS Code of Ethics, CAS members are expected to:

- Treat artifacts and features with respect.
- Leave artifacts where you find them.
- Refrain from standing or sitting on the walls of prehistoric or historic structures when touring or working at sites.
- Stay on established roads and trails.
- Refrain from writing, touching, shooting at, removing, tampering with, or attempting to repair any archaeological site.
- Report any vandalism to the appropriate agency or land manager.
- Refrain from posting photographs of non-public sites. See Social Media Policy.
- Refrain from touching rock art
- Teach trip participants respect for the sites
- Keep all pets leashed to protect sites