

Code of Ethics

For recreational activities along the Lower Maitland River Valley

Many people are attracted to the Lower Maitland River Valley for year round recreational activities due to the beauty of the area and its many natural features. In order to ensure that resource features and access to the area remain available for all to enjoy, (both in the near future and for future generations) we encourage you to carry out your activities according to the following Code of Ethics:

Have Respect for Landowners

- Ensure you have permission to enter private property
- Confine activities to those that are permitted (if you don't know what is permitted, find out first)
- Don't litter (in fact, carry out litter that others may have left behind)
- Express your thanks to landowners for their willingness to allow you access to their property
- Respect the privacy of Valley residents

Have Respect for Resource Features

- Don't pick or remove any plants or other natural items
- Avoid site disturbances, e.g. damage to trees or other plants, rutting of the soil, etc.
- Avoid disturbance to wildlife, e.g. stay away from nests, do not bother young animals, etc.
- Obey game laws
- Report any issues to the appropriate authorities

Have Respect for Other Users

- Be polite to others
- Don't interfere with the activities of others
- Report inappropriate activities (along with as many details as possible) to the appropriate authorities