



Rules to Be Followed

MANDATORY RULES FOR NATURE TOURS AND OTHER AREA USES IN PROTECTED AREAS

1- Nature tours are organized activities with the purpose of exploring, seeing, learning about, and promoting all natural areas of our country. For the sustainability, effective management, and protection of resources, as well as visitor safety and guidance, and to meet visitor needs and expectations, all event organizers must obtain permission from the administration.

2- Permit applications can be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or e-mail to the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks or to the Provincial Directorates. Applications are processed within 10 (ten) business days.

3- Before the tour, the "rules to be followed in nature" must be distributed to participants/visitors by the organizers, and compliance with these rules must be ensured.

4- Within protected areas, no harm may be done to rare, endemic, endangered, or potentially endangered native plant species. Such plants cannot be collected, uprooted, or have any parts cut off. The eggs of wild animals cannot be collected, and their nests cannot be disturbed.

5- Tours are not allowed in areas designated for the absolute protection of endangered species and in regions deemed unsafe for general security reasons.

6- During tours, no activities that may harm birds are permitted (individuals must not be disturbed, nests and chicks must not be touched, and under no circumstances may tissue or blood samples be collected). Birdwatching and photography are prohibited during the breeding season.

7- Professional photography and filming are not allowed without obtaining the necessary permits from the Ministry.

8- Travel agencies that will organize hunting tours, photography, filming, or wildlife observation tours in Turkey for foreign visitors must obtain a hunting tourism license from the Ministry. (Article 15 of Law No. 4915)

9- Fees and durations applicable to tours, photography, and filming are determined and announced by the General Directorate at the beginning of each year.

10- Wild animals encountered during tours must not be startled or chased. If the tour route coincides with the direction in which an animal is moving, a suitable amount of time should be waited, and the tour should proceed slowly, taking care not to approach so closely as to frighten or disturb the animal.

11- The administration will provide necessary warnings for visitor safety, and event organizers are responsible for taking other required precautions.

12- Under all circumstances, visitors are required to take their waste back with them.

13- Making noise and listening to loud music during tours is prohibited.

14- No activities that pollute the area, damage flora, or disturb fauna are allowed.

15- Fires are not permitted in the areas.

16- Wildlife must not be harmed.

17- Any interventions that cause or may cause the degradation or alteration of the characteristics of protected areas, as well as activities that result in soil, water, or air pollution and other similar environmental issues, are strictly prohibited.

18- In protected areas where there is a certified "Area Guide," it is mandatory for visitors to be accompanied by these guides. However, day-use areas and areas outside the strictly protected zones defined in the plan can be visited according to the established rules.

19- Since natural resources in strictly protected areas and the zones defined as absolute protection in plans are to be left in their natural state without human interference, the use of these areas and random movement by visitors are strictly prohibited without the knowledge of the management.

20- Visitors in protected areas must remain within the designated zones and routes (This is crucial both for the protection of resources and for visitor safety).

21- The terms, conditions, and intensity of area use are determined by the administration, and the "carrying capacity" of the area must not be exceeded.

22- Visitor management and usage in planned areas must comply with the prepared plans, and actions outside the decisions of these plans are not permitted.

23- The means of transportation (vehicles, walking, etc.) to be used on tour routes are defined in the long-term development and management plans of the areas. Vehicles not specified in the plans cannot be used. In areas without a management plan, environmentally friendly vehicles approved by the administration must be used.

24- Services and facilities for conservation, management, research, visitor information, and guidance in protected areas must be carried out with minimal negative impact according to the plans prepared for these areas, and must be implemented following these plans.

25- No activities that may affect the water regime of wetlands are allowed.

26- Regardless of the purpose, no foreign species may be introduced or released into wetlands, and species may not be collected from these areas.

27- These rules have been prepared in accordance with Circular No. 2007/1 of the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks. Penalties stipulated in the "Environmental Law No. 2872" shall apply to those acting in violation of this circular. If travel agencies or other legal entities commit prohibited acts under the "Forest Law No. 6831" or the "Fisheries Law No. 1330" in areas where the "National Parks Law No. 2873" is enforced, the penalties will be applied with a one-fold increase. The full implementation of the above-mentioned rules is essential for the sustainability of game and wildlife management, the sustainable use of resources in protected areas, effective management and

conservation, the transmission of these resources to future generations, and the monitoring, guiding, and fulfillment of the needs and expectations of visitors to protected areas.

RULES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING MUSEUM VISITS

- Present your ID at the entrance when required.
- Take photographs without using flash to avoid damaging historical artifacts.
- During group visits, present the visit approval to the authorities proactively, without waiting for them to ask.
- Do not separate from the group during group visits.
- Follow the instructions of museum staff and comply with the posted visitor rules inside the museum.
- Do not damage or touch any artifacts under any circumstances.
- Avoid any behavior that may disturb others during the visit.
- Do not speak loudly and do not bring food or drinks into the museum.
- Thank the staff member providing information about the exhibits.

What can you do to reduce your carbon footprint?



Walk or ride a bicycle.



Do not waste food.



Avoid unnecessary water consumption.



Avoid unnecessary use of cleaning chemicals.



Turn off unnecessary lights.



Dispose of waste in recycling or reuse bins.



Hang your laundry to dry instead of using a dryer.

Preserve vitality and nature by doing more every day!

Things/rules to be followed

In a mosque or prayer hall

- We should enter with clean clothes and proper attire.
- We should be mindful of dressing modestly.
- We should not step on the mosque's carpets and rugs with dirty feet and socks.
- We should avoid shouting, yelling, or speaking loudly.

In cultural places

- We should enter with clean clothes and proper attire.
- We should not damage archaeological and cultural artifacts in cultural areas.
- We should avoid behavior that disturbs others.

On public transport

- We should always prioritize elderly, children, disabled, and pregnant individuals, offering them seats when boarding, helping with their belongings when they get off, and assisting the disabled based on their specific needs.
- We should always board from the front door and exit from the rear door.
- On metro, bus, tram, and similar stop-based vehicles, we should prepare to exit before reaching our stop and disembark on time.

In natural areas

- We should keep the environment clean and not litter.
- We should not harm trees and plants.
- We should ensure that pets do not damage landscaping areas.
- We should educate children about the preservation of green spaces.

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