

CODE OF CONDUCT AND GOOD PRACTICES

Algarvensis Geopark

Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark

PRESERVE YOUR SAFETY AND THAT OF OTHER VISITORS

- Prepare properly and in advance for all outdoor activities.
- Inform someone of your itinerary and expected return time when undertaking walking routes.
- If you are unfamiliar with nature-based activities, consider hiring a certified guide.
- Be aware that mobile phone reception may be limited in remote areas.
- Respect all existing signage throughout the territory.
- Camp only in designated and authorized areas.
- Practice nature sports only in marked and permitted locations.
- Do not light fires – use the designated cookers provided in picnic areas.
- During the rural fire risk season, consult official warnings and restrictions on access to forest areas.
- Most wildfires in Portugal are caused by human negligence – always act with caution.
- Respect the passage of animals on roads and paths.
- Avoid approaching domestic or wild animals.
- Park your vehicle only in the designated areas.
- Contact the authorities if you detect any irregular, dangerous, or suspicious situation.

RESPECT AND PRESERVE THE NATURAL HERITAGE

- The sale of geological heritage is strictly prohibited.
- Preserve the integrity of geosites.
- Do not collect samples of rocks, minerals, or fossils.
- Do not paint or write on rocks or on any natural surface, including trees.
- Do not feed any animals and always maintain a safe distance.
- Do not disturb wildlife, especially during nesting or breeding seasons.
- Do not pick plants or trample vegetation.
- When using motorized vehicles, always stay on public roads.

- Do not build cairns or stone piles (known as “mariolas”).
- Take all the waste you produce with you – and if possible, pick up what others have left behind.
- To remember the beauty of this heritage, take only photographs.
- Respect the silence of nature.

RESPECT AND PRESERVE THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Preserve the integrity of cultural heritage (museums, churches, mining complexes, burial mounds).
- Respect the rules and regulations in place at monuments and heritage sites.
- Respect local residents and their private properties.
- Respect the traditions and way of life of the local population.

SUPPORT LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- Enjoy the activities and tourism experiences available in the territory.
- Visit museums and interpretive centres.
- Make use of local accommodation and restaurants.
- Purchase traditional products and crafts.
- Take part in the cultural and community events offered throughout the territory.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS (EXCEPT IN AUTHORIZED AREAS)

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Together, we protect the Algarvensis Geopark – for today and for future generations.