

RULES AND GUIDELINES

For BNHS Programmes Camps Trail and other events

1. REGISTRATIONS

- 1.1. BNHS camps/trails conducted by the BNHS programmes Department are solely for educational purposes. BNHS members and non-members can join any of these camps/trails, however, non-members join at an additional cost.
- 1.2. Registration of all camps and outings will take place on a pre-determined date.
- 1.3. Registration for the camp or outing will be on a first-come basis on payment of full or part (as indicated) of the camp fees.
- 1.4. The booking for any camp is not confirmed until the full payment has been received by BNHS and a confirmation sent via email by BNHS for the same.
- 1.5. BNHS holds the right to cancel your registration if the balance is not paid on time as mentioned.
- 1.6. Bookings for the camps and outings should be made by the members themselves or by authorizing a representative.
- 1.7. Except for special camps for children, members below 18 years should be accompanied by an adult. The Society absolves itself from being responsible for any member below 18 years participating in the camp or outing.
- 1.8. Participants are required to sign a declaration form absolving the Society of any liabilities in case of a mishap or any such incident.
- 1.9. It is assumed that all participants are medically fit to participate in the camp. Participants may be required to submit a certificate of medical fitness before confirmation of their registration.
- 1.10. The BNHS holds the right to cancel any camp, at any point in time.
- 1.11. BNHS should receive all payment for the camps at least 45 days before the date of the camp, or as mentioned.
- 1.12. Tentative blocking of seats for camps requires a payment of 50% of the total camp fees or the first instalment as mentioned.

2. CANCELLATIONS

- 2.1. For day-outings, cancellation for booking will not be eligible for a refund.
- 2.2. For over-night camps, cancellation of a booking will be eligible for a refund on the following basis of the list given below, unless extra expenses are incurred by the BNHS:
 - 2.1.1. Cancellation before **120 days** will be eligible for a full refund unless mentioned otherwise.
 - 2.1.2. Cancellation between **120 to 89 days** of the commencement of the camp- Deduction will be **5%** of the camp fee.
 - 2.1.3. Cancellation between **90 to 60 days** before the commencement of the camp- Deduction will be **10%** of the camp fee.

- 2.1.4. Cancellation between **61 to 45 days** before the commencement of the camp– Deduction will be **20%** of the camp fee.
- 2.1.5. Cancellation between **44 to 30 days** before the commencement of the camp – Deduction will be **50%** of the camp fee.
- 2.1.6. Cancellation between **29 to 16 days** before the commencement of the camp – Deduction will be **75%** of the camp fee.
- 2.1.7. Cancellation within **15 days** before the commencement of the camp – No refund will be given.
- 2.2. BNHS has the right at any time for any reason to cancel any programme before the date of departure and if it does so, its liability shall be limited to refunding all monies paid by the Client without payment of any interest.
- 2.3. BNHS has the right at any time for any reason to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any programme that has been advertised or published or to substitute an independent contractor (including hotel) of a similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary.
- 2.4. In the case of any cancellations BNHS shall not be liable for any damage, additional expense or consequential loss suffered by the participants or for any compensation claim.

3. LODGING BOARDING & TRAVEL

- 3.1. Unless specified, meals and other refreshments will not be provided by the Society while travelling. The camp fee usually includes meals and refreshments provided at the campsite.
- 3.2. Accommodation will always be on sharing basis as per the facility available. Two or more persons will always share a room/tent. Single accommodation can be arranged on prior request if the facilities are available at extra cost.
- 3.3. Sharing basis (or single accommodation) may be changed under circumstances not under BNHS control, in which case the participant may be asked to share a room with more people than mentioned before. We will try and inform you regarding such changes as early as possible.
- 3.4. Simple vegetarian/non-vegetarian food will be provided during all camps/outings unless otherwise specified. No separate arrangements will be made to suit the special dietary requirements. The menu will be common to all participants.
- 3.5. Cost for Food & beverages not part of the group menu will be borne by the participants
- 3.6. Travel, if arranged by the Society, will be inclusive of the Camp fee. Otherwise, members will be advised to make their own arrangements to travel for reaching the reporting place.
- 3.7. Local travel will be arranged in, either a bus or smaller vehicle at capacity and participants may have to occupy the last seat in the vehicle.

3.8. Seating for any trail is not fixed nor can be blocked or promised by the group leader or any BNHS staff.

4. CAMP DISCIPLINE

- 4.1. The camp itinerary is planned with the objective of the Camp. Participants are required to attend all sessions and activities as per the itinerary. Participants will not be permitted to leave the camp midway unless there is such an emergency to do so.
- 4.2. Littering or burning of garbage is strictly prohibited at the campsite and on the trails. Any behaviour contrary to the rules governing visitors in protected areas will be treated as a serious offence.
- 4.3. All decisions regarding the camp and its participants will be taken by the Group Leader/s. Members are requested to co-operate with the Group Leaders and observe the rules.
- 4.4. Group Leaders are authorised to take remedial measures to ensure discipline in the Camp. Any indiscipline in the Camp may lead to the expulsion of the participant from the camp.
- 4.5. Feedback for the camp/trail or regarding the group leader can be directed to the email of communication, or can be filled in the feedback form given at the end of the camp and /or the link for the same can be requested via email.
- 4.6. Serious complaints regarding the Camp or Group Leaders should be addressed to the Head of Programmes/ Director/ Honorary Secretary of the Society.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY AND OTHERS

- 5.1. Photographs/Videos of groups and participants taken during the camp will be posted online for promotional/report or other purposes by the BNHS Programmes. If any individual does not agree with the same, I request you to kindly inform us via email (programmes@bnhs.org) before the commencement of the camp.
- 5.2. Photographs/videos of wildlife/landscape/group activity during the camp taken and shared with the group/BNHS on email/WhatsApp/social media may be used for promotional/report or other purposes by the BNHS Programmes with due credit to the photographer. If any individual does not agree with the same, I request you to kindly inform us accordingly before sharing the photographs.
- 5.3. Please adhere to the rules regarding flash photography during the camp. Especially with large mammals.
- 5.4. Do not take photographs/videos of other participants or locals without their permission. Nor share them on social media/groups/other individuals without their permission.
- 5.5. BNHS will not be held responsible in cases of any legal action in the case of the above-mentioned point.

- 5.6. The group leader holds the right to ask any participant to withhold from taking photographs/videos of any animals if they feel that the same is unethical or the animal/wildlife is under stress due to the same.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.1. BNHS cannot be responsible for any improper services provided by any agency, Airline, Transport, Hotel, or guides, for any injury, death, loss or damage which is caused by the act or default of the management or employees of any Hotelier, Airline, who are BNHS's independent Contractor arising outside our normal selection and inspection process or acts of Government authority, wars, civil/political disturbances, natural calamities (landslides, floods, earthquakes etc), strikes, bandh or any delay or changes of itinerary including extra expenses which the Client may incur as a result of any of the foregoing causes.
- 6.2. The cost mentioned for the camps/trails have been calculated at the rate prevailing at the time of announcing said camp/trail. BNHS reserves the right to amend the cost in case of currency fluctuations, increase in the cost of fuel, changes in current tax structure, ticket cost increases, transport cost increases due to change of route necessitated by factors beyond our control, before the date of departure or even during the tour and to surcharge accordingly. Whenever applicable all such increases must be paid in full before departure. This holds good for an increase in costs by independent contractors.
- 6.3. Itineraries are subject to change with or without prior notice on account of factors like weather, bird/wildlife activities and movement, civil unrest, comfort, safety and convenience of participants, or other factors not mentioned above. We will try and inform you of these amendments before the start of the camp/trail or on the camp/trail.
- 6.4. BNHS does not guarantee sightings of any wildlife.
- 6.5. BNHS, the group leader or any associates shall in no circumstances be liable to the participants or any person travelling with them for:
 - 6.6. Any death, personal injury, sickness, accident, loss, delay, discomfort, increased expenses, consequential loss, and/or damage or any misadventure howsoever caused.
 - 6.7. The temporary or permanent loss of or damage to baggage or personal effects howsoever caused. In this condition, the expression "howsoever caused" includes negligence on the part of any person.