

CONDITIONS RELATING TO PROSPECTING LICENCES

1. A Prospecting Licence enables the holder of the licence to prospect for minerals on some lands which are subject to the *Mineral Resources Development Act 1995*. To determine allowed areas:
 - a. Visit the [Prospecting Access Map Viewer](#) on the Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) website by scanning the QR Code provided below; and
 - b. Refer to MRT's [Prospecting and Fossicking](#) website page.
2. Prospecting private property or existing Mining Leases, Retention Licences or Exploration Licences may only be conducted with the consent of the property owner or the holder of the mineral tenement.
3. A Prospecting Licence issued by Mineral Resources Tasmania enables the holder to prospect for recreational or educational purposes only.
4. Only hand prospecting for material is allowed and only hand-held tools may be used.
5. The use of metal detectors is allowed anywhere that prospecting is allowed if you hold a current Prospecting Licence. Metal detectors are prohibited in designated fossicking areas.
6. The use of dredges, suction dredges, trommels and motorised pumps is prohibited. If in doubt, check with MRT prior to their use.
7. Hand-held and unpowered sluices and high bankers which are less than one (1) metre in length and can be easily carried in the field by an average person, may be used. The use of motor and/or battery powered assistance is not permitted.
8. The use of any explosives is prohibited.
9. Prospectors are to conduct activities in a manner so as not to cause or aggravate soil erosion.
10. Excavation on any natural stream bank is not permitted. Banks must not be undermined.
11. Prospecting in roadside gutters, or extraction from road embankments, is not permitted.
12. All care is to be taken in the prospecting of materials, and any diggings shall be restored to normal surface level before leaving the area.
13. No vegetation is to be cut or removed.
14. A person who finds a meteorite must deliver it to the Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum.
15. Discovery of mineral and fossil specimens not recognised as common should be referred to MRT.
16. No Aboriginal artefacts or site, or historic relics or site, are to be damaged or removed.
17. No speleothems (stalactites, etc.) are to be removed from caves, even if previously broken or not. Removal of speleothems is an offence and offenders can be prosecuted.
18. Excavation in any sinkhole in a karst area or within ten (10) metres of entrance of, or within, any cave is not permitted.
19. Vehicles are not to be taken off formed tracks.
20. Local camping and fire regulations must be observed.
21. Mercury must not be used in prospecting to assist with the concentration, separation, and/or recovery of gold.

