

Safety

No project is so important or urgent that we cannot take time to proceed safely.

Here are two plants to avoid:



POISON OAK

(May be red or red/yellow
in the fall and winter.)



STINGING NETTLE

Snakes: Snakes should be dormant in the fall and winter, but may be hiding under rocks, brush, etc. Do not reach in where you cannot see.

Wading: Wading staffs will be provided. Use them. If the water gets up to the middle of your thigh, go back the way you came, and find a better route in the water or on the bank. If you find a salmon carcass in swift water, deep water, or other risky situation and cannot retrieve it with the frog gig, please note its location on your data sheet, take a photo if you can, leave the salmon where it is, and move on.

Insect repellent: Good brands are in the backpack. Check your clothes and body for ticks as soon as possible after the survey.

Quicksand: We have encountered some in Lincoln. If you sink in, sit down or lay down so you will not sink in any further. Slowly extricate one of your boots at a time using a rocking motion. If you cannot get the boot(s) out of the sand, get your feet out of the boots and leave the boots in the sand. Your partner should take photos of this so they can use the photos to embarrass you later.

First Aid: Basic first aid kits are in the Collection Kits. Call 911 for any emergency.

Safety with Sharp Stuff: Wear the provided “cut-safe” protective gloves. Always cut away from your body and away from your free hand.

Frog Gigs: Use the “gigs” to pull carcasses out of snags, or deep water: Points are sharp!

Video: Watch the DNA Collection video.

Homeless Folks: Walk on by. If they speak to you, say a friendly hello and keep moving. So far, we've never had trouble with homeless people.

Property Owners: You might get some questions. We have mailed info about Friends of Auburn Ravine (FAR) to all of them over the years, but some may have forgotten. Let them know that you are with FAR and that we have a permit to do Salmon Surveys along Auburn Ravine. In California, if you are in the water or right along the bank below the average high-water level, you are legal to proceed. However, some property owners do not know this, and some who know it do not like it. So....stay friendly, do not argue. Comply with their wishes if they want you to go back the way you came.