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Participants: Alana Komer, South Carolina State Parks  
at 13:02:28 on 9/07/2017 UTC



**Alana Komer**

at 13:02:27 on 9/07/2017 UTC

Good Morning,

I am part of the Face Book Group called Oconee County Kindness Rocks, we paint rocks and hide them in plain sight for others to find to make their day a little more bright/happy. Myself and all others that participate in this project (the group has nearly 5,000 members) I always buy and suggest others buy from local landscaping companies such as Palmetto Upstate, Zone 7 and Head Lee Nursery. We never suggest people disrupt or take rocks from Rivers, County or State Parks however, there is one lady that has suggested that it is OK and legal to take rocks from the above mentioned places. I have done a small amount of research and have found that this is actually illegal and punishable by fine and possible jail time. Even though I've shown her the screen shots saying its illegal she is still adamant that it is in fact legal and she stated that she has shown the Park Ranger that she took some, (he apparently did not tell her that it was illegal) and that she had called the SCDNR and asked them and they said it was OK as well. I'm uncertain as to which park she was at when she collected the rocks or which Park Ranger she showed them to.

I concerned because I do not want others to think that this is OK and go to the parks or rivers and fill their buckets up with rocks and disrupt nature, possibly get a fine or go to jail. All 4,xxx of us want this kindness project to last and not get in trouble doing so. Especially since the landscaping companies only charge \$5.00 for a 5 gallon bucket and we know this is fully legal.

Can you please shed some light on this matter? Is there any other entity that I can contact for additional information as well?

Thank you so much for your time and help!



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