

Kosciuszko ~ a special place

Kosciuszko National Park

Location

Kosciuszko National Park straddles the highest part of the Great Dividing Range and protects tableland, montane, sub alpine and alpine ecosystems, glacial landforms, limestone caves, the headwaters of major rivers, most of the NSW snow country and Australia's highest peak, Mt Kosciuszko. The park is home to rare, endangered and endemic plants and animals including the Mountain pygmy possum and Corroboree frog and is important for recreation especially the snow sports.

About this program

This power point presentation highlights the unique natural and cultural features of the area, interaction of the four spheres, human impact and park management. The session gives your students the opportunity to have questions answered by a National Parks and Wildlife Service Education Officer. Allow time for students to gather information from displays after the presentation. Consider combining this presentation with the *Going up the Mountain* field trip, *Strategic Planning Meeting* role play activity or *Above the Treeline* alpine walk.

Objectives

Students will:

- listen and observe a presentation highlighting the features, the interaction of the spheres and management strategies in Kosciuszko alpine area.
- read and record relevant information from the presentation and displays
- ask questions to clarify or receive more information.

Program outline

Meet at Kosciuszko Education Centre Sawpit Creek

- Power point presentation 50 mins
- Questions 15 mins

Resources

A copy of the booklet 'Beyond the Snow Gums' will be provided to each group free of charge.

Additional references

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/bioregions/AustralianAlpsBioregion.htm
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/parkHome.aspx?id=N0018
www.australionalps.environment.gov.au/learn/index.html

Program

Levels:

Stage 6

Key learning areas:

Geography - *Ecosystems at Risk*
- *Biophysical Interactions*

Key outcomes:

- P8 selects, organises and analyses relevant geographical information from a variety of sources
- P9 uses maps, graphs and statistics, photographs and fieldwork to conduct geographic inquiries
- H9 evaluates geographic information and sources for usefulness, validity and reliability

Location:

Kosciuszko Education Centre

Duration:

One hour

Availability:

Week days / all year

Cost:

\$3.50 per student (minimum fee \$70).
Payments of less than \$100.00 should be paid on the day by cheque or cash. A Tax Receipt will be provided on the day.

Equipment provided:

Lecture room, computer, projector and screen.

Additional needs:

Students required to bring clipboard, note paper and pens

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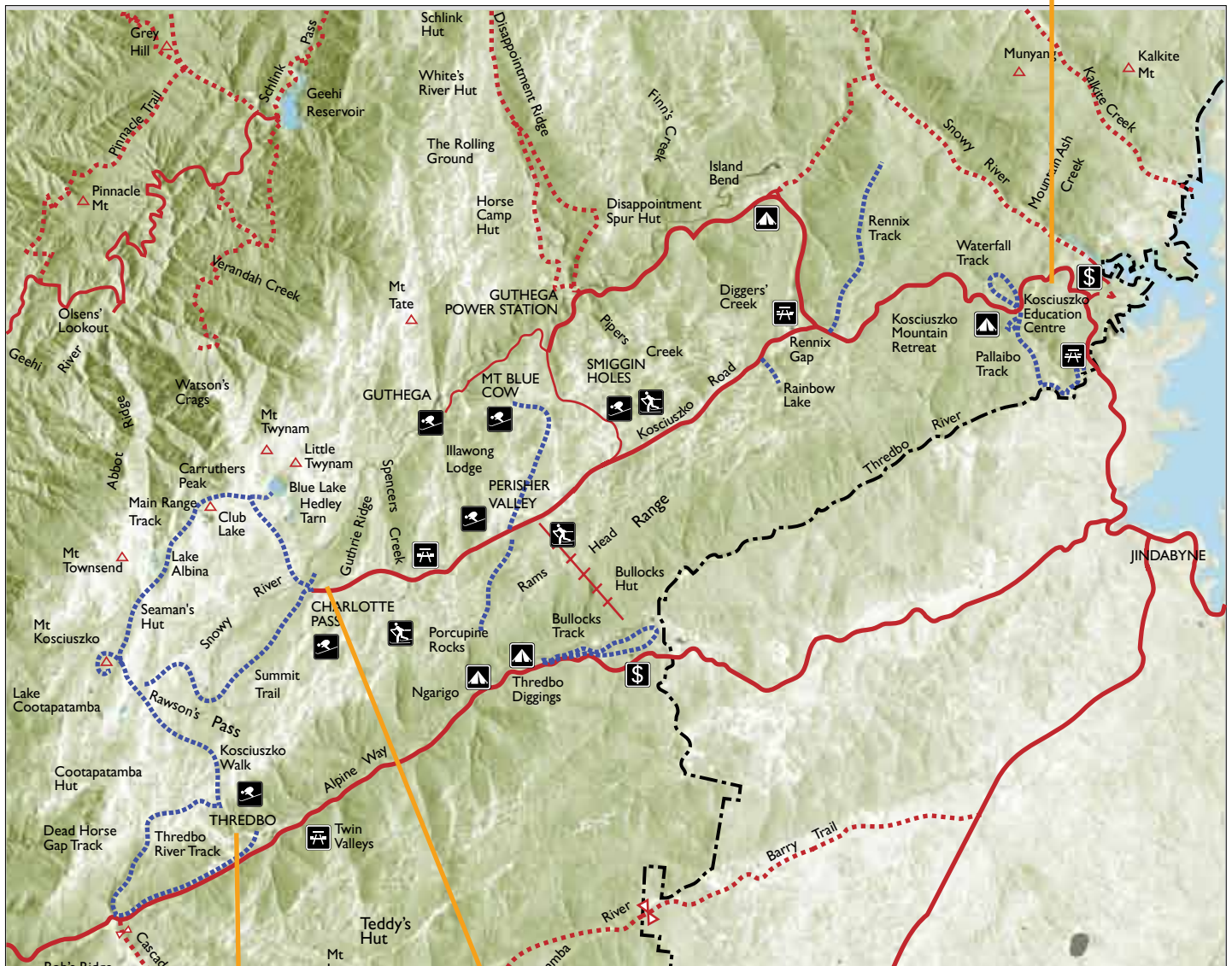
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Location map

Kosciuszko Education Centre...

Located on Kosciuszko Road at Sawpit Creek 14 km from Jindabyne towards Perisher. The centre is immersed in a mature montane forest, delivers quality educational experiences that help meet school syllabus learning outcomes. Kosciuszko Education Centre has interactive displays, coach and car parking, toilets, lecture room and picnic tables.

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Thredbo Village

Charlotte Pass

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Level of difficulty

Easy - indoors

Cost

The fee is \$3.50 per student including park use fee while you are with a Discovery Ranger. The minimum fee is \$70.00 (based on 20 students). Teachers and parents are free of charge.

A tax invoice will be forwarded to your school or excursion organiser after your visit but payments of less than \$110.00 should be paid on the day by cheque or cash.

Park facilities

Kosciuszko Education Centre has coach parking, toilets, picnic tables and tea making facilities for teachers and coach captains. Kosciuszko Education Centre holds displays relevant to senior secondary students.

What to bring and wear

Everyone should wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a jumper and adequate food and water, necessary medications, a clip board and pens.

Supervision

Discovery Rangers will guide and encourage students as they participate in activities. The control and supervision of students remains the responsibility of the teacher. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure an adequate number of adult supervisors are present.

Excursion planner



Feldmark buttercup - distinctive hairy leaves to help prevent heat and water loss.



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National Park code of behaviour

- All features in the park are protected and nothing may be damaged or removed
- Stay on the walking tracks
- Light fires only in the fireplaces provided
- No pets are allowed
- Respect the rights of others and keep noise to a minimum
- Please take all litter home

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Safety information

This document provides background information to assist teachers in their risk management planning. Please make your own risk assessment based on the information provided.

Activity description - Discovery Ranger guided indoor activity.

Pre activity briefing - Participants will be briefed on expected conditions, potential hazards, appropriate behaviour, recommended clothing and emergency procedures at the start of the activity.

Safety equipment - Discovery Rangers carry radios and first aid kits, hold current first aid certification and are aware of emergency procedures.

Safety information

Location:

Kosciuszko Education Centre
Kosciuszko Road
Kosciuszko National Park

Staff Accreditation:

Discovery Rangers have current Senior First Aid accreditation. They are competent in the activity they are leading, experienced working with groups of students in the natural environment and have excellent knowledge of the specific areas they are visiting including being aware of the potential hazards of the location.

Discovery Rangers have been screened for child-related employment and have completed a Prohibited Employment Declaration

Emergencies:

Discovery Rangers are trained to deal with emergencies and emergency procedures are in place. Discovery Rangers have been instructed to call an ambulance whenever there is any doubt as to the continued well-being of a student or other visitor. Ongoing supervision of a student following first aid treatment will be the responsibility of the visiting school.

Contact details:

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Potential risks	Suggested control strategies
Pre-existing medical conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teachers will notify Discovery Coordinator of pre-existing medical / mobility conditions at least 24 hours before the visit ie return the "Pre-existing medical Information" form.Students susceptible to asthma, allergies or other conditions to carry personal medication and the teacher will be aware of their individual health plan.High risk students to be identified and monitored by teachers and carers.
Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fire extinguishers, exits, exit lights and fire hose inspected regularly. Exit and assembly area maps displayed. Staff trained in fire protection.
Electric shock	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Electrical cables checked regularly. Cables protected and placed in positions that will avoid being trip hazards.
Allergic reactions eg ants, nuts, plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">High risk students to be identified and monitored by teachers/carers. Students at risk of anaphylactic shock to have access to own EpiPen or other medication according to individual health plan.