Kosciuszko National Park



Kosciuszko Education Centre

Program

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

Gather and record information about the natural and cultural heritage of the Snowy Mountains from the information displays in Kosciuszko Education Centre and use information to compete in a television–style game show. The students on stage are supported by their team. Work sheets are sent back to school. After the Gameshow the students explore the hands-on, interactive displays in the Kosciarium.

Objectives

Students will:

- locate and record information from displays
- participate, cooperate and assist in an activity
- support team members as they recall and relate information
- arrange information, assemble models and solve puzzles

Program outline

Meet at Kosciuszko Education CentreIntroduction to staff, Centre and program5 minsStudents record answers to their work sheets15 minsStudents compete in the Kosciuszko Gameshow50 minsIntroduction to the Kosciarium activities10 minsStudents explore the Kosciarium displays40 mins

Resources

Kosciuszko Education Centre houses displays that are relevant to the school HSIE and science syllabus.

Additional references

www.wilderquest.nsw.gov.au 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.australianalps.environment.gov.au/learn/index.html

Levels:

Stage 3

Key learning areas:

Science & Technology

- Living Things
- Earth and its Surroundings HSIE
- Change and Continuity

Key outcomes:

Science

LTS 3.3 Identifies, describes and evaluates interactions between living things and their effects on the environment

ES S3.6 Recognises that the Earth is the source of most materials and resources, and describes phenomena and processes, both natural and human, that form and change the Earth over time.

HSIE

CC3.1 Explains the significance of particular people, groups, places, actions and events in the past in developing Australian identities and heritage

Location:

Kosciuszko Education Centre, Kosciuszko Road, Sawpit Creek

The centre located 14 km from Jindabyne towards Perisher.

Duration:

2 hours

Availability:

Week days / All year

Cost:

\$6.00 per student (Minimum fee \$120.00)
A tax invoice will be forwarded to your school or excursion organiser after your visit or if payment is made during your visit a Tax invoice will be issued on site.

Equipment provided:

No equipment required.





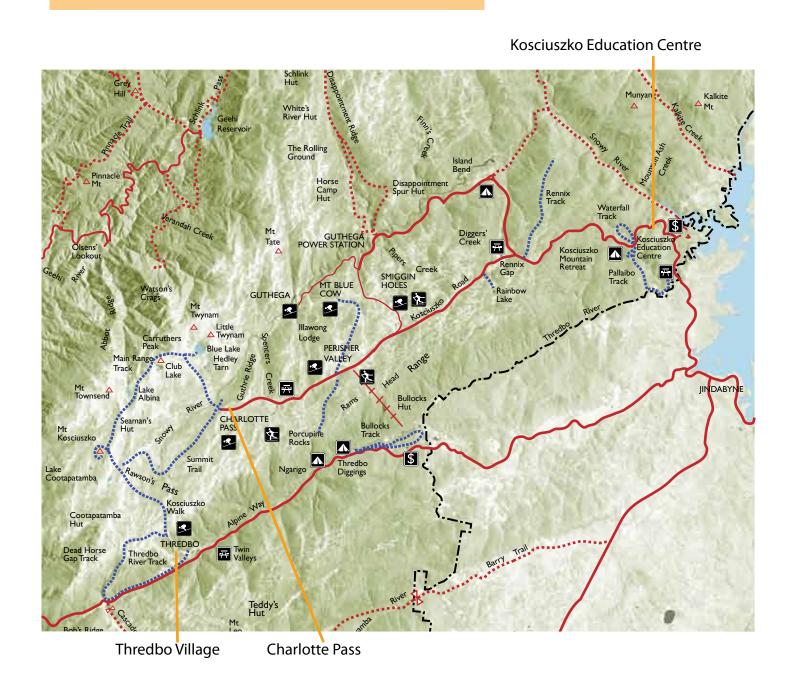
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Location map

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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Level of difficulty

Easy - Indoors.

Access

The lecture room, car park, picnic area, displays and toilets are wheelchair accessible.

Cost

The fee is \$6.00 per student including park use fee while you are with a Discovery Ranger. The minimum fee is \$120.00. Teachers and parents are free of charge. A tax invoice will be forwarded to your school or excursion organiser after your visit

Park facilities

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

What to bring and wear

Everyone should wear comfortable clothes and shoes

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.



Kosciuszko Education Centre at Sawpit Creek.



Excursion planner



The rare Mountain Pygmy Possum endemic to Kosciuszko National Park

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.

Potential risks	Suggested control strategies
Pre-existing medical conditions	 Teachers or tour organiser will notify Discovery Coordinator of pre-existing medical / mobility conditions at least 24 hours before the visit. 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	Fire extinguishers, exits, exit lights and fire hose inspected regularly. Exit and assembly area maps displayed. Staff trained in fire protection.
Electric shock	Electrical cables checked regularly. Cables protected and placed in positions that will avoid being trip hazards.
Allergic reactions eg ants, nuts, plants.	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.



Safety information

Location:

Kosciuszko Education Centre Kosciuszko Rd Sawpit Creek

Staff Accreditation:

Discovery Rangers have current Senior First Aid accreditation, are competent in the activity they are leading, experienced working with groups of students in the natural environment, have excellent knowledge of the specific areas they are working in and are 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. The emergency evacuation area is located at the Kosciuszko Education Centre.
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.

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