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 snow sports.

# About this program

Competitive and fun! The incentive to participate is created by the offer of trivial prizes for the team of students that has the most correct answers in the shortest time. Students learn about the natural and cultural heritage of the park while collecting answers from the Centre's displays and watching the 'Spirit of the Snowy Mountains' DVD. All answer sheets are sent back to school with the teacher.

# **Objectives**

Students will:

- find and record appropriate answer to questions from relevant displays
- assist other students to find answers
- view a DVD featuring the heritage values of Kosciuszko National Park

## **Program outline**

Introduction to staff and program	10 mins
Students find answers to work sheets from the displays	30 mins
Students watch dvd while answer sheets are marked	15 mins
Prizes are awarded	5 mins

#### Resources

Kosciuszko Education Centre houses displays that are relevant to the school science and geography syllabus. The answers to the Trivia Quiz questions can be found on these displays.

## **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.australianalps.environment.gov.au/learn/index.html



Levels: Stage 4 & 5

#### **Key learning areas:**

Science – Living Things Geography – Investigating Australia's physical environments

#### **Key outcomes:**

Science 4.8 describes features of living things 4.10 identifies the factors affecting survival of organisms in an ecosystem 4.16 accesses information from identified secondary sources

#### Geography

5.1 identifies, gathers and evaluates geographical information 5.5 demonstrates a sense of place about Australian environments

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**Duration:** One hour

**Availability:** Week days / all year

#### Cost:

\$3.50 per student (minimum fee \$70.00). Payments of less than \$100.00 should be paid on the day by cheque or cash. A Tax Invoice will be provided on the day.

## **Equipment provided:**

Lecture room, computer, projector and screen.

Additional needs:

Everything required is provided.







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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.

Schlink Hut



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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 \$100.00 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 teacher 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.



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# **Excursion planner**



# 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	<ul> <li>Teachers will notify Discovery Coordinator of pre- existing medical / mobility conditions at least 24 hours before the visit.</li> <li>Students susceptible to asthma, allergies or other conditions to carry personal medication and the teacher will be aware of their individual health plan.</li> <li>High risk students to be identified and monitored by teachers and carers.</li> </ul>
Fire	<ul> <li>Fire extinguishers, exits, exit lights and fire hose inspected regularly. Exit and assembly area maps displayed. Staff trained in fire protection.</li> </ul>
Electric shock	<ul> <li>Electrical cables checked regularly. Cables protected and placed in positions that will avoid being trip hazards.</li> </ul>
Allergic reactions eg ants, nuts, plants	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>



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## **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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