

Explore the Kosciarium

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

Students view the 'Spirit of the Snowy Mountains' DVD featuring the natural and cultural heritage of the Australian Alps and explore the hands-on, interactive displays in the Kosciarium.

Objectives

Students will:

- watch and recall information from Spirit of the Snowy Mountains DVD
- participate, cooperate and assist in activities
- match, arrange, and assemble models and solve puzzles

Program outline

Meet at Kosciuszko Education Centre

Introduction to staff, Centre and program	5 mins
Students view DVD	15 mins
Introduction to the Kosciarium activities	5 mins
Students explore the Kosciarium displays	35 mins

Resources

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

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.australialps.environment.gov.au/learn/index.html

Program

Levels:

Stage 3

Key learning areas:

HSIE - Change and Community, Cultures
& Relationships with Place
Science & Technology - Living things

Key outcomes:

CCS3.1 Explains the significance of particular people, groups, places, actions and events in the past in developing Australian identities and heritage.
CUS3.3 Describes different cultural influences and their contribution to Australian identities.
ENS3.6 Explains how various beliefs and practices influence the ways in which people interact with, change and value their environment.
LTS 3.3 Identifies describes and evaluates interactions between living things and their effects on the environment

Location:

Kosciuszko Education Centre, Kosciuszko Road, Sawpit Creek
The centre is located 14 km from Jindabyne towards Perisher.

Duration:

1 hour

Availability:

Week days / All year

Cost:

\$3.00 per student (Minimum fee \$60.00 but payment for fees less than \$100.00 must be made during the visit)

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 Receipt will be issued.

Equipment provided:

No equipment required.

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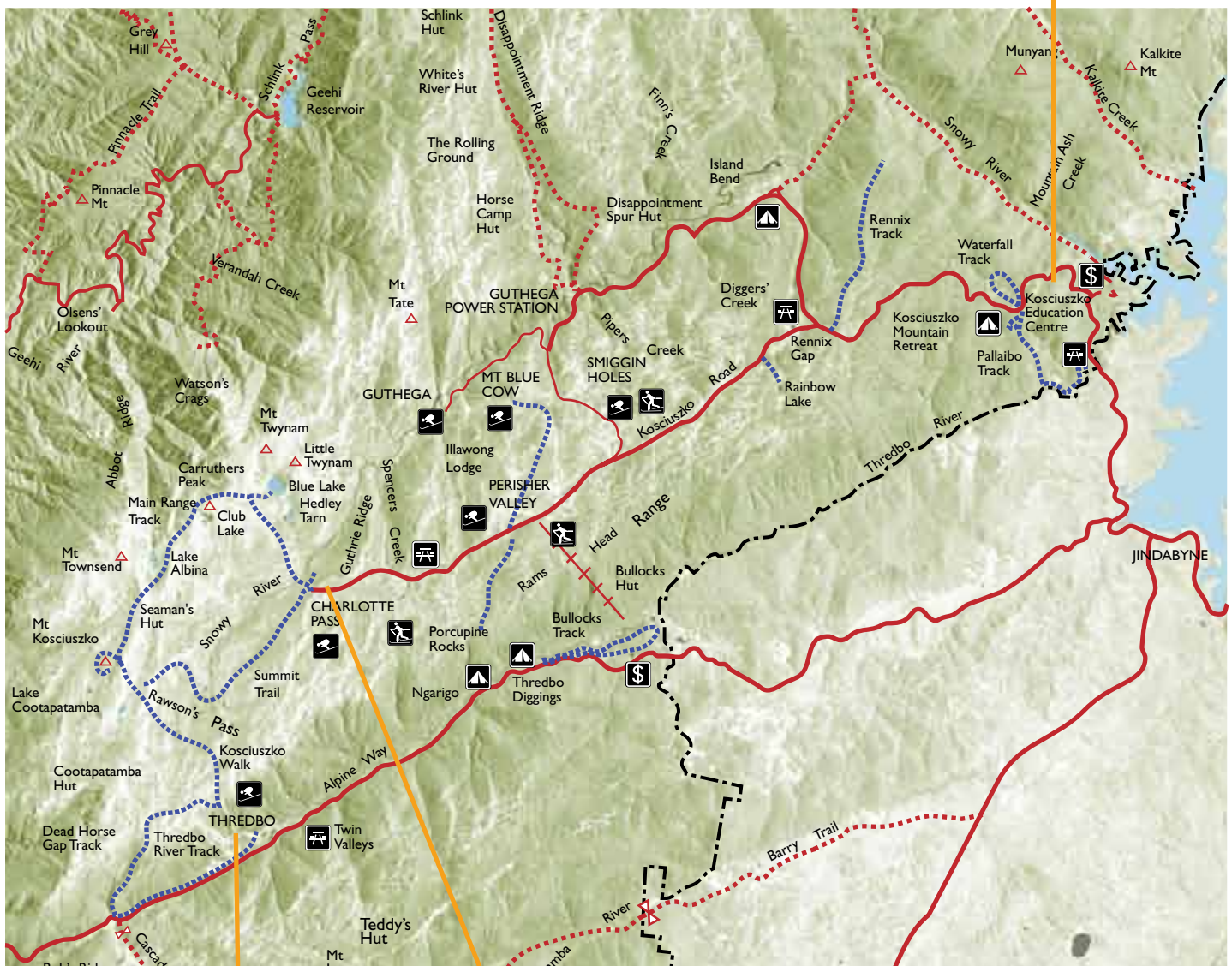
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Location map

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.

Kosciuszko Education Centre



Thredbo Village

Charlotte Pass

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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 \$3.00 per student including park use fee while you are with a Discovery Ranger. The minimum fee is \$102.00. Teachers and parents are free of charge. 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.

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.

Excursion planner



'What Rat is That' the dichotomous key traintrack in the Kosciarium



The 'Kosciarium Dinner Party' one of over 40 hands on activities and games in the Kosciarium

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 style="list-style-type: none">• 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 plans.• 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.

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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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