



PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS



Northern
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COMMUNITY EDUCATION UNIT

DESIGNING A RANGER-GUIDED SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Background to our Service

Parks and Wildlife, as part of the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts manages around 93 parks and reserves in the Northern Territory. These natural areas offer a variety of habitats to explore and experience.

If you plan to visit one of our parks or reserves as a part of your curriculum and you would like a little help interpreting the park environment and its features to your class, then Community Education Rangers may be available to help out with your excursion to a local park.

The Community Education Unit has designed a range of activities to support school-based learning. These programs are a balance of fun and challenging activities which require the students to investigate and discover for themselves. Ideally a mix of Ranger-guided and self-guided activities will make your day in the park a valuable experience.

If you are unable to make it to a park or reserve, a visit to your classroom can be organised with a Community Education Ranger.

Issues to Consider when Booking a Community Education Ranger

What learning outcomes do you have?

Parks and Wildlife Service requests that you have a focus for the Ranger's visit and that the visit relates to what your class is studying. We ask you to consider what you want your students to achieve and how a Ranger's visit could be integrated to support your teaching program.

Use the visit as an opportunity to enhance your students understanding of the biodiversity of the Territory, rather than an isolated experience.

Which activity best meets your needs?

We are aware that many schools have individual requirements. Community Education Rangers are happy to discuss your requirements and look at providing an activity to suit your individual needs, where possible.

If the request is not related to the Parks and Wildlife areas of responsibility it may be worthwhile considering an alternative activity provider. Community Education Rangers may be able to help you with some contacts. The Unit has produced an "Environmental Education Contact" list available on our web page, www.nt.gov.au/nreta/parks/kids/teachers/index.html to assist you.

Have you allowed enough time to prepare and plan for the visit?

We request that all bookings be made at least three weeks in advance.

Due to the large number of schools in the Territory, Community Education Rangers can often be booked out so it is advisable to make plans as soon as you know your program.

Community Education Rangers are available to conduct activities weekdays between 9am and 3pm.

All activities are free and activity duration is usually 1 - 1.5 hours. If you have different needs please speak to a Community Education Ranger to discuss alternatives.

For further information contact:

Community Education Unit
Darwin, Ph: 8999 4565
Katherine, 8873 8865
Alice & Tennant Ck 8951 8247
Monday-Friday, 8am - 4.21pm

SCHOOL ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM



Thank you for your interest in booking a Community Education Ranger. We want to help your class gain the maximum benefit from the Ranger's visit. To do this we need to know your plans well in advance.

This is a request form only. Please complete this form and return it to the Community Education Unit. The School Bookings Coordinator will then contact you in regard to a booking.

Contact Details

Class Details

Today's date: Age of class: Year level:

Teacher's name: Number of students:

Person in charge of visit (if different): Number of teachers/aides attending:

School name:

Postal address:
..... post code:

Street address:

Phone No: Fax No:

Visit details

Date you require a Ranger:
(please give alternatives in case we are already booked)

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| 1. | from: | to: |
| 2. | from: | to: |
| 3. | from: | to: |

Type of visit (please tick):
Ranger to visit school

Ranger-guided excursion

Park or Reserve you wish to visit:



Visit Outcomes

What do you want the students to gain from the visit?

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What type of pre-visit activities will the students have completed?

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What follow up activities will the students complete?

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How would you like us to help?

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Please remember:

Rangers are not trained teachers and cannot teach sections of the curriculum. However they can provide opportunities for your class to be involved in observing, recording, discovering and generating an interest in the environment.

Throughout the activity, discipline and supervision remain the responsibility of the teacher. Rangers will manage the group but will not be responsible for supervising or disciplining children.

Please mail or fax this request to the Community Education Unit. The School Bookings Coordinator will then contact you in regard to a booking.

The information that you provide will only be available to the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts and it will only be used for its intended purpose. For further information this Department's Privacy Statement can be viewed at www.nt.gov.au/nreta/

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