

School Group and Educational Discovery Program

Rates and Charges July 2010 to June 2011

Please note rates are per Discovery Ranger, a minimum of two Discovery Rangers are required for groups in excess of 25 people, larger groups may require more Discovery Rangers to ensure delivery and participant safety. Minimum Ranger charges apply.

1 Teacher/Support staff per 10 students free of charge.

All coach drivers are welcome to participate free of charge.

Minimum Staff Charges

1 Discovery Ranger – ½ day (3 hours) = \$188.00

1 Discovery Ranger – 1 day (6 hours) = \$376.00

2 Discovery Ranger – ½ day (3 hours) = \$376.00

2 Discovery Ranger – 1 day (6 hours) = \$752.00

School Group Charges

\$5.50 per student

Number of students multiplied by per person rate must exceed minimum staff charges or minimum staff rate will apply.

All programs include Discovery staff and required learning aides to ensure quality program delivery and educational outcomes.

All staff are approved under the relevant NSW Government Working with Children Policy Guidelines and relevant risk assessments are completed for all program activities.

Additional staff travel and accommodation charges will apply if required for out of area programs

Motor Vehicle Kilometre Rates: \$0.78 per kilometre per vehicle.

Staff Meals and Accommodation:

Accommodation and meal charges will apply for each staff member required to travel and deliver the program booked if outside the local area.

All charges are set to standard NSW Government rate or less wherever possible to reduce overall customer charges. Suitable staff accommodation and meals can be arranged by the customer to reduce charges but these services must be of an agreed standard.

Charges will be added to the overall customer invoice for payment

Northern Kosciuszko National Park



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Discovery Schools and Educational Program 2010-2011



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Buy your own Aboriginal Artefacts

Plain Clap Sticks	\$45.00	per pair
Decorated Clap Sticks	\$65.00	per pair
Spears	\$75.00	Single Shaft
	\$125.00	3 pronged
	\$95.00	Barbed
Boomerangs	\$125.00	Returning
	\$85.00	Hunting
	\$85.00	No. 7
Coolamons	\$100.00	Small
	\$150.00	Large
Traditional Bark Shelter	\$550.00	Each
Bark Canoe	\$750.00	Each
Yabby Trap	\$175.00	Each
Woven Basket	\$175.00	Each
Woven Nets	\$175.00	Each

All items are hand crafted using traditional and contemporary methods. Workshops available.



These prices are for plain, undecorated items. An additional charge applies for painting and decorating.

Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal People —Traditional Custodians



The Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal people have been walking the earth for thousands of years and continue to have a strong connection to country. Their traditional practices, dreaming stories and spiritual beliefs play an important part in modern day life. Aboriginal Discovery staff are employed from the local Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal community and are encouraged to maintain a strong connection with country and culture.

As proud custodians, the Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal people have partnered with the NPWS Aboriginal Discovery Programs to deliver hands-on learning experiences that provide an insight into the Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal peoples way of life. Our aim is to educate people to ensure understanding and build appreciation of Aboriginal culture.

Please note: Delivery of Aboriginal cultural discovery tours in other tribal areas require approval from your local Aboriginal Land Council. All programs support and enhance the NSW Aboriginal Education Policy.



Discovery Programs Overview



Discovery Programs are delivered by professional, trained and qualified National Parks and Wildlife Service staff who have developed specialist skills in cultural and environmental education.

Our Discovery Programs are designed to ensure curriculum outcomes are achieved but at the same time deliver hands-on activities. This ensures an enjoyable, fun and quality learning experience for students.

Our program offers a large range of subject topics including the environment, Aboriginal culture and the pioneering history of the NSW High Country.

If the programs listed do not meet your requirements, we are more than happy to develop a specific program tailored to meet your educational and curriculum needs.

The main aim of Discovery Programs is to ensure all Australians and any visitors to our shores will have an opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation for the Australian environment, our Aboriginal cultural and pioneering heritage.

To enquire or book NPWS Discovery Activities contact the

Tumut Region Visitor Centre on 02 6947 7025

Email: tumutrc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Birrimal Waga Amphitheatre - Cultural Overview



At the Birrimal Waga Amphitheatre participants learn on country about Aboriginal culture, traditional practices, spiritual beliefs, customs and protocols of the Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal people.

Through direct participation and hands-on learning in our outdoor education centre participants will build an appreciation and understanding of Aboriginal culture.

This program includes a bush tucker walk and is available for two hour, half or full day activities which can include welcome to country, smoking ceremonies, bush tucker and bush craft demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Program Benefits:

- Outdoor education delivering hands-on learning experiences.
- Builds participants understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Educates participants about bush tucker, bush craft and traditional practices.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Provides employment for local Aboriginal people and fosters reconciliation.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.

Bush Walks

Learn about local flora and fauna with NPWS Rangers. Discover some of the hidden secrets left behind by our forefathers; such as ruins of old settlements and artefacts from Aboriginal sites.

Take a walk on a sunny day with a friendly group and learn some new things about the environment around us.

The activity of bushwalking offers many benefits. You will improve your fitness, meet new friends, learn new skills and experience adventure.



Program Benefits:

- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Pioneering history.
- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Opportunity to see some amazing and beautiful scenery.
- A great way to improve fitness levels.
- Builds participants understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture.
- Suitable for all ages – from kids to seniors.
- A guided bushwalk offers many benefits for participants as our qualified and knowledgeable staff are able to deliver interpretation through their specialised knowledge of the environment and the ecosystem visited.

Water Detectives



Learn about macro invertebrates or water bugs and how they work to keep our water clean. What are their jobs in our waterways and how do they help it?

They are interesting little creatures that spend some or all of their lives in waterways. Some are soft and squishy, some have hard crusts on their bodies, and some carry a 'home' wherever they go.

Get a close up look and see how different they are from the bugs in your backyard.

Remember to wear clothes that you don't mind getting wet!

Program Benefits:

- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Suitable for all ages – from kids to seniors.
- Participants will develop an understanding of different ecosystems and the importance of water.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Raises awareness of important environmental issues.
- Suits all age groups and can be adapted to ensure delivery is matched to educational requirements.
- Opportunity to see some amazing and beautiful scenery.
- Develop an interest in Australia's diverse flora and fauna.

Bush Tucker (Birrimal Dhungaang)

Australian bush tucker is becoming widely known for its culinary and medicinal qualities. Our bush tucker programs take participants on a journey of traditional cultural discovery as they learn the secrets of the bush through sight, touch and smell.

Enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the bush as we stroll through searching for the treats it offers. Discover how the Wiradjuri people lived in this harsh landscape. Learn how the land was traditionally used and looked after. Taste local bush food and learn how these were hunted and gathered. You will be amazed at what the bush offers!



Program Benefits:

- Education on Australian flora, fauna and the environment.
- Learning about Aboriginal peoples links with country and traditional culture.
- Discover the amazing range of plants, animals and their cultural uses.
- Suits all age groups and can be adapted to ensure delivery is matched to your educational requirements.
- Outdoor education that delivers awareness and appreciation for Aboriginal culture.

Traditional Bush Tools



Have a go at making your own bush tools or simply just sit, watch, listen and learn how Aboriginal people made their tools to be able to live in the environment.

Make a piece of rope from tree fibres or make your own traditional stone axe. See how many uses one tool had.

See how one easily made tool can be used for many different purposes.

This tour will get your imagination racing and ideas flowing on what the landscape really offers.

One hour to half day options available, suitable for older groups.

Program Benefits:

- Builds participants understanding and appreciation for Aboriginal culture.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Educates participants about bush tucker, bush craft and traditional practices.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Provides employment for local Aboriginal people and fosters reconciliation.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.

Night Stalk

Did you know that more than 80% of Australia's native animals are nocturnal, becoming most active when night falls!

Join our Night Stalk tour and hear animals of the night with NPWS Discovery Rangers. Identify frogs and water birds by their calls.

Searching for their eye shine will test your own eyesight. Compare the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals.

This program can be run in conjunction with any daytime program.



Program Benefits:

- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Participants will develop an understanding of nocturnal and diurnal animals.
- Suitable for all age groups.
- A great opportunity to see a range of animals you wouldn't usually see.
- A chance to develop a greater knowledge of Australia's unique animals.
- This tour is a fantastic way for young children to acquire an interest in wildlife.
- Raises awareness of important environmental issues.

Huts, Heritage and Homesteads

The huts in the high country were built by men from all walks of life to meet their accommodation, shelter and recreational needs at the time.

Join a Tag-Along tour and discover the history of the high country and Snowy Mountains of NSW.

Explore our history and the many challenges faced by people as they grazed their cattle in the high country.

Learn about the Wolgalu people who inhabited this area.



Program Benefits:

- Fosters an interest in local history.
- See how Australia has changed and hear about its major influences.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- See Australia's high country pioneering history.
- Outdoor education delivering hands-on learning experiences.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- A great opportunity to get out and immersed in an important part of local history.
- A chance to look into some connections in family history.

Boomerang Painting



See how a boomerang is thrown, have a go at catching a returning boomerang and then paint it and take it home. Learn how they were used for hunting small and large animals.

The boomerang was also used in music and dance, tapped together just like clap sticks to keep a beat with the didgeridoo.

Try your luck with throwing a spear, unlike the boomerang the spear won't come back!! See how a spear is made and thrown from a woomera.

Spear throwers (woomeras) were often used with spears to increase the distance they could be thrown.

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- Builds participants understanding and appreciation for Aboriginal culture.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Provides employment for local aboriginal people and fosters reconciliation.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.
- Suitable for all age groups.
- A great hand made souvenir to take home.

Didgeridoo and clap sticks

Music was an important part of Aboriginal culture, helping pass on stories to teach the younger generation.

Come along and learn the secrets of the didgeridoo, its origins and traditional uses.

Find out why they can be played only by men through a Dreamtime story. Learn the technique of circular breathing.

Learn how clap sticks are made and how to keep a beat with a pair of clapsticks while playing along with the Yidaki.



Program Benefits:

- Builds participants understanding and appreciation for Aboriginal culture.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Educates participants about bush tucker, bush craft and traditional practices.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Provides employment for local Aboriginal people and fosters reconciliation.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.

Bush Detectives

You can see a large number of Australian native animals in zoos all over the world and learn facts about the bush on documentaries. Why not get out there and experience it first hand?

You will never forget the feeling when you see a kangaroo hopping along or see the colourful native birds flying close by.

Come out with our Discovery Rangers and learn how to identify animals by just looking at their tracks and scats. Learn about our native animals life cycle, why they are important to the environment and how to protect them.



Program Benefits:

- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Suitable for all age groups.
- Participants will develop an understanding of different ecosystems and their value.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Raises awareness of important environmental issues.
- Develop identification skills.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.
- Suitable for all age groups.

Kiandra

Did you know that Kiandra was Australia's only snow-bound gold mining village?

At its peak, Kiandra comprised of a bank, post office, 25 stores, 13 bakers, 16 butchers, 14 hotels, 4 blacksmiths, a courthouse, gaol, school and a local newspaper.

People came here searching for gold, and endured real hardships trying to earn their fortune. Come and have a walk through and see what remains.



Program Benefits

- Fosters an interest in local history.
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- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- See Australia's high country pioneering history.
- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- A great opportunity to get out and immersed in an important part of local history.
- Explore some historical buildings.

Traditional Shelters



One of the most important things to have in the bush is shelter to provide protection from the elements.

On this tour you will learn how a shelter is made and the reasons why they were made differently in summer and winter.

Made using raw materials found and collected in the local area. Find out about the Aboriginal peoples way of life and how they camped.

Kits can be left in the school ground for further Aboriginal education.

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- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Provides employment for local Aboriginal people and fosters reconciliation.

Basket Weaving

See the preparation that goes into making these baskets and the different raw and everyday material that can be used.

Have the joy of making something totally natural using locally sourced grasses and reeds. You will learn the traditional indigenous weaving techniques to make a round and/or long basket.

Have a go at adding your own bit of flair to your basket, by including other material found in the bush such as feathers, seeds or even leaves and flowers.

Demonstrations only also available.



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- Educates participants about bush craft and traditional practices.
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Yarrangobilly Caves Cultural Tour

Experience the unique Aboriginal culture of the Wiradjuri, Wolgalu and Ngunawal people with a hands-on learning experience. Taste and smell the treats of the bush, make your own artefact to take home. Learn about the Yarrangobilly Caves through two different cultures, find out how the Caves were discovered and hear and experience our Dreaming stories.

Yarrangobilly Caves is a must see with stunning formations of stalactites, stalagmites and crystal caverns.

As an introductory offer available in this brochure only, combine a cave tour with the Aboriginal Cultural Program and save **10%** off the group rates per person.



South Glory Cave - Self-Guided cost \$13 adults, \$8 concession and family \$30.00. The cave is open daily from 9.30 am to 4:30 pm. Jersey Cave and Jillabenan Cave - Guided tours are held daily at regular intervals and cost \$16 adults, \$12 concession and family is \$40.00. **Castle Cave and Harrie Wood Cave tours;** a tour for those with a sense of adventure can be arranged to view these magnificent caves. Tours with helmets and lights provided cost \$25 per person for groups of 8-10 people.

Aboriginal Cultural Tag-Along Tours



Tag-Along Tours options offer a variety of programs that focus on the northern end of Kosciuszko, the early pioneering history of our forefathers and the traditional owners, the Wolgalu people, of the local area.

Suitable for any size group including coach groups, 2WD or 4WD.

As we explore this stunning landscape participants will learn traditions of two kinds such as how Aboriginal people lived and survived in the harsh environment of the mountains and about what life was like for the pioneering settlers of the NSW high country.

A charge of \$1.00 per person plus a travel charge of 0.78c per kilometre applies.

Program Benefits:

- All groups are provided with UHF radio for communication.
- Coach/Bus Tour guide is provided with 4x4 support vehicle.
- A unique experience that enables participants to learn how Aboriginal people interacted and lived with the settlers in the NSW Snowy Mountains.
- Offers groups the opportunity to experience and learn first hand about high country environments, local flora, fauna and about the spiritual and cultural connections Aboriginal people have with Kosciuszko (Tidbilliga).

Riverglade Wetlands Walk

Wetlands provide a habitat for many wetland animals as well as food and water for species that pass through. They help slow erosion and prevent flooding.

Come down to the Tumut Riverglade Wetlands. Have a look at the birdlife and identify some of the native plants, their uses and their cultural value.

Local Wiradjuri people depended on the wetlands for food sources that would come with seasonal changes.



Program Benefits

- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.
- Outdoor education delivering hands on learning experiences.
- Suitable for all age groups.
- Participants will develop an understanding of different ecosystems and the importance of water.
- Delivers tactile learning experiences to ensure educational outcomes.
- Raises awareness of important environmental issues.
- Understanding that many sorts of change can have short and long-term impacts on the survival of living things as well as the ecosystems in which they live.

Bush Jewellery



Wiradjuri and Wolgalu people wore traditional jewellery for a number of reasons. This included ceremonial purposes, cultural status or just to enhance their appearance.

During this tour you will learn how to make string from tree fibres and then search for items in the surrounding bush to decorate your freshly made string.

Have you ever wondered what could have been used as a drill? How were the materials prepared? Join us on this tour and find out how!

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- Educates participants about bush tucker, bush craft and traditional practices.
- Flexible options that can be adapted to suit required learning outcomes.
- Delivers understanding of the importance of country to Aboriginal people.
- Environmental education, native flora and fauna identification.

Artefacts Display



A hands-on learning experience through interpreting artefacts from a range of items. Learn how each of these artefacts were made and their uses.

See if you can spot how and out from what they were made of in the surrounding bush.

Taste the fruits of the bush, hear the magical sounds of the didgeridoo.

This can easily be set up in the classroom or office, or participants can enjoy it outdoors in the fresh air .

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