

PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Community Engagement Unit

Ranger-guided School Activity

Background to our Service

Parks and Wildlife 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 Engagement Rangers may be available to help out with your excursion to a local Park.

The Community Engagement 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 Engagement Ranger.

Issues to Consider when Booking a Community Engagement Ranger

What learning outcomes do you have?

Parks and Wildlife 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 Engagement 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 Engagement Rangers may be able to help you with some contacts.

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 Engagement Rangers can often be booked out so it is advisable to make plans as soon as you know your program.

Community Engagement 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 Engagement Ranger to discuss alternatives.

For further information, contact:

Community Engagement Unit
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Monday to Friday, 8am - 4.21pm

SCHOOL ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM



Thank you for your interest in booking a Community Engagement 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 Engagement Unit. You will then be contacted in regard to a booking.

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

Teacher's name: _____ Number of students: _____

Person in charge of visit (if different from teacher): _____

Number of teachers/aides attending: _____

School name: _____

Postal address: _____

Street address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

VISIT DETAILS

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

1. Date: _____ Times - from: _____ to: _____

2. Date: _____ Times - from: _____ to: _____

3. Date: _____ Times - from: _____ to: _____

Type of visit (please tick): Ranger to school visit Ranger-guided excursion

Park or Reserve you wish to visit: _____

VISIT OUTCOMES

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

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

What follow up activities will the students complete?

How would you like us to help?

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 run the activity but will not be responsible for supervising or disciplining children.

Supervising staff must ensure:

- all communication with our staff is respectful, polite and appropriate;
- that behaviour of the group or individuals does not put anyone at risk.

Teachers are also responsible for ensuring all participants in outdoor activities:

- wear a hat, suitable footwear and clothing;
- carry and drink water;
- bring healthy snacks for longer activities;
- have sunscreen applied prior to the activity.

The Community Engagement Ranger reserves the right to refuse to undertake an activity or terminate an activity if any of the above conditions are not met. This is purely for the safety of participants and staff.

I acknowledge the requirements as stated above and agree to comply with these responsibilities.

_____	_____	____/____/____
Name	Signature	Date

Please mail or email this request to the Community Engagement Unit. We will then contact you in regard to a booking.

The information that you provide will only be available to the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT and it will only be used for its intended purpose.

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