



Project Availability: December to February



Mt Kosciuszko Conservation Project

Kosciuszko National Park is part of the Snowy Mountains, located in southern New South Wales, bordered by both Victoria and the ACT. The park is home to its namesake Mt Kosciuszko, which at 2,228 meters, is Australia's highest mountain. The unique environment has been internationally recognised as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Additionally, the endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum and critically endangered Southern Corroboree Frog call the area home.

Orange Hawkweed is a small European daisy that grows in alpine and mountain regions. Introduced as a domestic garden plant, its seeds are very small and are easily caught and spread by the wind. It is very resilient and can easily outcompete native plants, drastically changing ecosystems and diminishing food sources for native fauna.

Our partner, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, runs a volunteer-based campaign during the plant's flowering season to identify as many areas of growth as possible. Wild Mob is proud to assist in the program in order to protect the native vegetation and pristine Australian Alps habitat, including the Sphagnum bogs, habitat of the Southern Corroboree Frog.

Project Work

Volunteers will work in several areas of the remote alpine reaches of Kosciuszko National Park, directly contributing to the prevention of further Orange Hawkweed outbreaks. The activities include field surveys and the use of GPS units to mark Orange Hawkweed locations, for later treatment by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Staff will provide training for the required conservation work. The work is suitable to anyone with a good level of fitness. Long hikes in remote alpine bush on uneven ground are part of the daily itinerary. Wild Mob believes that happy volunteers are productive volunteers – we aim to create an enjoyable and educational working environment each and every day.

Educational Components

Mt Kosciuszko offers numerous learning opportunities. Volunteers will find out how invasive vegetation impacts a fragile environment and have the opportunity to explore the truly unique ecosystems. Experienced Wild Mob staff have backgrounds in environmental management and education, they love to share their knowledge with volunteers in a practical learning experience.

Additional Activities

There are several attractions in and around the Snowy Mountains. During the project Wild Mob will organise additional activities including:

- Hike to Mt Kosciuszko summit, Australia's highest peak
- A trip to the nearby Snowy River Hydro power plants

Living Conditions and Facilities

While participating in the Mt Kosciuszko conservation project volunteers will share a fully furnished, self-contained cottage in the town of Khancoban, NSW. Volunteers may be required to share twin style rooms. Wild Mob will provide all bedding and linen. Toilet and hot showers are available. We recommend bringing sufficient clothes for seven days, as there are limited laundry facilities.

There is no access to internet. There is electricity available in the cottage. Telstra and Optus receive service in Khancoban.

Health and Safety

All Wild Mob staff are senior first aid trained and Blue Card holders. Our experienced project leaders ensure a safe working environment for all volunteers by providing safety briefings prior to commencing all activities as well as adequate training and supervision. Wild Mob has carried out extensive risk assessments in order to minimise exposure to any dangerous situations. In the event of an emergency, project leaders carry satellite phones to contact emergency services. The nearest medical treatment is the Corryoung Medical Centre, thirty minutes by car.



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Food

Wild Mob believes in a balanced diet, containing a mix of fresh fruit and vegetables, locally sourced meats and a few treats for good measure. Volunteers share responsibility for meal preparation and cleaning. We supply breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea and all drinks while on site. Wild Mob staff aim to shop in a socially responsible manner, which can include organic and local produce. Wild Mob will cater for special dietary requirements when notified in advance.

Transport

Volunteers are encouraged to make their own way to Khancoban. Alternatively project leaders can pick up volunteers on route from Sydney or from nearby town centres. If transport assistance is required please discuss with Wild Mob when making your booking. While on the project, volunteers will move about the site either in 4WD vehicles or on foot.

Regional Sights and Attractions

Kosciuszko National Park has a lot to offer visitors. Why not take time to visit Thredbo resort area or the small historic towns along the Murray River. Or go white water rafting, explore the Yarrangobilly Caves and take a dip in natural thermal pools?

To find out more about what Kosciuszko National Park has to offer visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au>.

Traditional Acknowledgement

Wild Mob would respectfully like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners, their Elders past and present, as well as the important role Indigenous people continue to play on the Land where we carry out our conservation projects.

Project Partners

Wild Mob is proud to partner with the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water and the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service as part of the Mt Kosciuszko conservation project.



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Project Specifics

- Accommodation: shared fully furnished self contained cottages
- Facilities: full kitchen, bathrooms and laundry
- Equipment: all necessary operational materials are provided, including bedding, linen and project related gear
- Services: no internet. Electricity and limited laundry available. Mobile phone reception. Telstra and Optus have sound coverage in Khancoban, other providers offer limited service. Some nearby shops.
- Food: all meals, snacks and drinks supplied by Wild Mob. Volunteers share cooking and cleaning responsibilities, under supervision of project leaders
- Skills required: good level of fitness
- Duration: 7 days and 6 nights
- Group size: maximum 10, minimum of 5 volunteers per camp
- Age limits: 14 years and over. Minors not travelling with a School group, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Meeting point: Khancoban, NSW
- Contribution: \$500 per volunteer

Additional Notes

- Wild Mob provides all necessary operational materials during the stay.
- Volunteers will require fully closed, comfortable shoes for hiking.
- Gators are a good option for those who wish to protect their shoes and clothing when walking through scrub

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