

11. Who is using the park?

Aim

To understand that a diverse range of people visit parks for a wide variety of activities.

Materials

- Resource sheet 11: Who is using the park?
- Green and red pens/pencils.

Activities

1. After reading through the visitor case studies in Resource sheet 11, underline in green pen the positive actions each of these people are undertaking to help look after the park. Using a red pen underline the actions that could potentially cause damage to the park.
2. Suggest why no rubbish bins are provided at Mythical National Park. Do you think this is a good idea? Explain.
3. Do the activities of any of these visitor groups impact on other visitors? If so, explain how. Suggest ways that these conflicting uses could be managed.
4. As a class, complete the following table.

Activity	Park facilities required (e.g. walking/riding tracks, picnic tables, fireplaces, toilets)	Possible impact on Mythical National Park	Suggested management strategies
Bushwalking			
Horse riding			
Tourism			
Scenic driving			
Residents			
Education			

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Tony Tourist

Tony enjoys visiting Mythical National Park. He would like to see kiosks developed at some of the major picnic grounds. He enjoys feeding crimson rosellas at the picnic grounds. Tony would like rubbish bins installed.

Henrietta Horserider

Henrietta is a member of a local pony club and enjoys riding along the designated tracks in the park. Henrietta always ensures that she uses weed-free feed and that her horse is never tethered near streams.

Bush Bus Company

The Bush Bus Company would like to promote Mythical National Park with interstate and international tourists. Their clients enjoy viewing the Mountain Ash forests and the fern gullies. Each afternoon the buses stop at the same location for damper around a 'campfire'.

Bonnie and Bertie Bushwalkers

This couple are members of a local bushwalking club. Each month the group walks along a different track within Mythical National Park. They are always careful to keep within the confines of the tracks.

Terry Teacher

Terry uses Mythical National Park for fieldwork with his students. Each term he takes a class of Year 10 students to the park to investigate the environment by walking along the various tracks. The students usually enjoy lunch at one of the picnic grounds.

Ron and Rita Resident

Ron and Rita live on one of the properties bordering Mythical National Park. They often take their two dogs for a walk along the roads bordering the park. They have one cat which they keep indoors each evening.

Sally Scenic Driver

Sally enjoys driving along the scenic roads through Mythical National Park. In particular she enjoys the unmade roads because they give her the impression that she is in the country rather than just kilometres from the city.

