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Dolphin Dreaming

(Early Stage 1 – Stage 3)

Cape Byron State Conservation Area

About this program

Arakwal Aboriginal guides present the life and culture of Byron Bay's Aboriginal people through story, dance and creative expression. Students are encouraged to participate in this hands on education experience. Located at The Pass, students learn about the importance of *Currenbah* to Arakwal people.

Location

Palm Valley – or 'The Pass,' as locals call it – is situated within the Cape Byron State Conservation Area, overlooking the popular Pass Beach. Situated 2km from Byron township and 1.5km from the Lighthouse along the Cape Byron Walking Track it is conveniently located making park exploration easy. The Pass offers a variety of opportunities to relax and enjoy nature. Surrounded by a variety of vegetation types including lush rainforest, coastal heath and palm forest, birdlife and other animals are regularly sighted. A short wheelchair-accessible track adjacent to the parking area meanders through lush coastal palm rainforest. The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Arakwal traditional custodians co-manage the reserve. The Cape Byron State Conservation Area is a special place to Aboriginal people.

Objectives

- Explore how the environment is important to Aboriginal people
- Explore natural resources, bush tucker and bush medicine on a guided walk
- Listen to a local story
- Understand Aboriginal perspective on caring for Country
- Learn local Bundjalung customs and language
- Discover traditional and contemporary culture with Aboriginal Discovery Rangers

Program outline

Start: The Pass Picnic Area (east of car park)	
Introduction and safety talk	10min
Activity 1 – Paint children’s faces using ochre	20min
Activity 2 – Welcome, dance and language	20min
Activity 3 – Storytelling session	15min
Activity 4 – Bush tucker walk	20min
Activity 5 – Farewell game	5min
Finish: The Pass Picnic Area (east of car park)	
<i>Total time</i>	1.5 hours

Park facilities: The Pass Cafe offer coffee, snacks and light meals. We don’t encourage students to purchase meals during our activities as waiting times can vary.

Supervision: Discovery guides will guide and encourage students to participate in activities. The supervision of the students is the responsibility of the teachers and the school must ensure that an adequate number of supervisors are present.

Equipment provided: All equipment provided.

What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, adequate food and drinking water. Fresh water bubblers are available at The Pass.

Transport: Buses transporting students on approved programs are free. Additional vehicles are required to pay appropriate fees. Parking is limited at excursion venues. A \$4.00/hr parking fee applies to The Pass, Captain Cook and Tallow Beach car park. Those with NPWS Park passes are exempt.

The Pass (Palm Valley) is part of the Cape Byron SCA. To get there drive through the centre of Byron Bay along Lighthouse Road and turn left into Brooke Drive where the boardwalk ends

Schools should arrive early for their program for morning tea and a toilet break.

Safety information

Pre activity briefing: Participants will be briefed on expected conditions, potential hazards, appropriate behaviour, recommended clothing and emergency procedures at the start of the activity/day.

Safety equipment: Discovery staff carry radios and first aid kits, hold current first aid certificates and are aware of emergency procedures.

Staff accreditation: Discovery staff have current Senior First Aid accreditation. They are competent in the activity they are leading, experienced in working with groups of students in the natural environment and have excellent knowledge of the specific areas they are visiting including being aware of the potential hazards of the location. OEH is committed to a Child Safe and Friendly Environment. Discovery staff have been screened for child-related employment and have completed a Working with Children Check.

Emergencies: Discovery staff are trained to deal with emergencies and emergency procedures are in place. Discovery staff have been instructed to call an ambulance whenever there is any doubt as to the

continued well-being of a student or other visitor. Ongoing supervision of a student following first aid treatment will be the responsibility of the visiting school.

Meeting place: The picnic tables near The Pass toilets, Pass carpark (off Brookes Drive) Byron Bay

Cost: \$8.00 + GST per person. Minimum fee of \$160.00 +GST. Teachers and other staff are free.

Difficulty: Easy.

Description: Guided activities in a national park, on formed and uneven bush walking tracks and on a grassed picnic area.

Wheelchair access level: Hard.

Access: Wheelchair facilities are available, please let us know in advance if you are bringing someone with special needs so that we can plan accordingly

Duration: 1.5 hours

Curriculum: HSIE

Early Stage 1

CUES1 – Communicates some common characteristics that all people share, as well as some difference

ENES1 – gathers information about natural and built environments and communicates some of the other ways in which they interact with and can care for, these environments

Stage 1

CUS1.3 - Identifies customs, practices, symbols, languages and traditions of their family and of other families.

CUS1.4 – Describes the cultural, linguistic and religious practices of their family, their community and other communities.

ENS1.6 – Demonstrate and understanding of the relationship between environments and people.

Stage 2

CUS2.3 - Explains how shared customs, practices, symbols, languages and traditions in communities contribute to Australian and community identities

CUS2.4 - Describes different viewpoints, ways of living, languages and belief systems in a variety of communities

Stage 3

CUS3.3 - Describes different cultural influences and their contribution to Australian identities.

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