ParkConnect User Guide

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Education Group Excursion Form

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1 Education Group Excursion Form

1.1 Introduction

ParkConnect is Parks Victoria's online database for visitor communication and emergency management. Registering your upcoming trips and excursions through ParkConnect assists in alerting you to any park closures, storm damage or management activities such as planned burns that may impact your visit.

Excursions are, but not limited to, activities organised by education groups, where:

- groups are taken out of the school/organisation grounds (for example, a camp, day excursion or school sports)
- groups undertake adventure activities in parks, reserves and/or sanctuaries

Submitting your activity plan one month in advance helps us to better understand your trip intentions, review risk assessments and advise you in case of an emergency.

Staying safe

Excursions are an important part of the learning experiences of all students from Early Learning to Tertiary. Excursions can support quality curriculum delivery and can provide important social and emotional development opportunities for students that is often not available in the classroom. These might include teamwork, resilience and confidence-building through challenge, problem-solving, connecting with nature, creative and imaginative play and coordination and strength.

For the safety and wellbeing of your group, you should always conduct a site safety survey prior to the start of your session.

Remember to always have:

- suitable supervision
- correct educator to student ratios
- a risk assessment in place
- first aid kits available.

For further information, the <u>Department of Education</u> has also outlined different types of risks that may occur in outdoor environments and how to prepare for them.

For supporting resources to facilitate learning in nature, visit Parks Victoria's Learning in Nature page.



2 Creating an Education Profile on ParkConnect

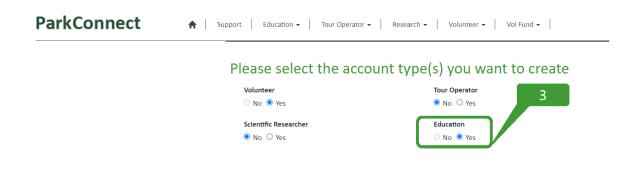
1. Sign up to ParkConnect by registering your email address and creating a password.

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	* Email		
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		Register	
By cli	cking "Registe	r", you agree to our Terms of Use, and Privacy Policy	
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2. After clicking the Register button your profile page will appear. Fill in your personal details under the *Your Information* section.

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Your information	
First Name *	Last Name *
Jane	Doe
E-mail *	Mobile Phone *
jane.doe@edumail.vic.gov.au	04000000
	Home Phone
	Provide a telephone number
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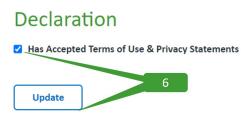
3. Select the type of account you would like to create. To access the Education Portal on ParkConnect, you will need to select an Education account. You can select multiple account types if you would like access to several areas on ParkConnect.



4. Using the Affiliated Organisation look-up function, select the Education Organisation that you work with. If the name does not appear in the list, please email <u>education@parks.vic.gov.au</u> to have it added. You will need to provide your organisation name and location.

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	Affiliated Organisation
	Please select the organisation that you are usually affiliated with when you visit a park to undertake research or an excursion. An affiliated organisation may employ you directly (school, University, TAFE, consultancy firm, Catchment Management Authority etc) or you may undertake research as a volunteer (Field Naturalists, Friends Group etc).
	If your affiliated organisation is not listed you will need to notify Parks Victoria by clicking here
	Affiliated Organisation *
	I am not affiliated with an organisation (e.g. Citizen Science, volunteer)

- 5. Complete the declaration to accept the ParkConnect terms of use and privacy statements.
- 6. Click the Update button at the bottom of the page.



7. A message will appear at the top of your profile prompting you to confirm your email address. Click the Confirm Email button.

8. Check your email and follow the ParkConnect confirmation instructions.



3 Locating the Education Group Excursion Form

1. Log in to ParkConnect. Hover over the Education menu and select 'Education' from the list.



2. The 'Education home' page displays two options:

- Education Group Excursion Form
- Bush Kinder Activity Plan

Select Education Group Excursion Form.

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Education home



Planning an excursion? Submit an Education Group Excursion Form

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Please submit an online Education Group Excursion Form one month prior to your visit to a park.

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Education Group Excursion Form



Register a Bush Kinder Activity Plan

Before you head out for your first bush kinder session, you can register your program by creating a Bush Kinder Activity Plan.

Submitting your activity plan one month in advance helps us to better understand your bush kinder plans, review risk assessments and advise you in case of an emergency.

Whether you're visiting once a week or once a month, the Bush Kinder Activity Plan will prefill your visit details according to the recurring pattern and schedule that you select. This means you can submit just one form for the whole term, semester or year.

Bush Kinder Activity Plan



4 Completing an Education Excursion Form

Following the Education Group Excursion Form button, you can begin to enter your trip intentions.

4.1 Information Collection Notice

Read through the Parks Victoria Information Collection Notice and select agree and continue.

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How Parks Victoria ma	nages this information
	formation, primarily stored within the ParkConnect system. In accordance with legislation and statutory requirements otection Act 2014 and the Public Records Act 1973. Full details of the Parks Victoria Privacy Policy is available on our
Who Parks Victoria ma	y share your information with
Parks Victoria will only share this	information when required by law or when required for emergency management.
Updating & correcting	information
education@parks.vic.gov.au. We	nation at any time by either directly updating this information in the ParkConnect Portal or by contacting encourage you to maintain accurate complete and up to date details with Parks Victoria to ensure effective emergency f required.

4.2 Applicant details

Check your profile details are correct and read through:

- Excursions
- Emergency management
- Minimal Impact Guidelines

Select next.

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Applicant name	Email	
Jane Doe	jane.doe@edumail.vic.gov.au	
Mobile phone		
Provide a telephone number		
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Visit details 4.3

Complete the visit details required for your excursion. This includes:

- Visit details ٠
 - the Education Organisation name
 - the Park you are visiting 0
 - activity description 0

- Arrival date/Departure date
- Participant details •
 - o Number of students/children and teacher/adults
 - On-site contact name and number 0
 - If the trip is overnight or longer, emergency contact and number 0

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Park *	Departure date *	
٩	22/02/2024	
Activity description *		
٩		Complete details as needed.
For excursions over 100 students, a Parks Victoria		·
Participant details Events Permit is required		
Number of teachers/adults *	Number of students *	
On-site contact name *	On-site contact mobile *	
	Provide a telephone number	
Emergency contact *	Emergency contact number *	
	Provide a telephone number	
The emergency contact should be a staff member who is not attending the excursion. For example, another teacher or	Provide a telephone number	rnight

4.4 Campsite booking

You can request a campsite booking through the Education Group Excursion Form where Parks Victoria Customer Service will reach out to then process. Your campsites are **not** confirmed until the booking has been processed. If you do not require a campsite booking, select '**No**' for questions:

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- Do you require a paid campsite booking?
- Are you intending to stay overnight at a nonbookable, free campsite?

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	Free campsites							
	There are a number of 'non-bookable, free campsites' within some parks and reserves. These campsites cannot be reserved and operate on a first come, first served basis.							
	Do you require a paid campsite booking? No Yes I already have a campsite booking							
	Are you intending to stay overnight at a non-bookable, free campsite? ${\scriptstyle \textcircled{\sc No}}$ $\scriptstyle \bigtriangledown$ Ves							

4.4.1 Do you require a paid campsite?

Single destination or overnight trip:

For a single destination trip, provide details of your preferred camping dates and campground.

Parks Victoria's Customer Service team will be in contact to process your request.

On the occasion that your request can not be met, Customer Service will work with you to find dates and campgrounds that suit the needs of your excursion.

Camping in school groups

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Paid campsites

Bookable, paid campsites are available to school groups. School group camping fees apply for bookings made by Primary and Secondary Schools for overnight camping, special campingplaces, and overnight hiker permits. These fees are a 10% reduction on the seasonal fee for campsites. The relevant per site or per person school group fee applicable to each camping area is listed in the **Parks Victoria fees and charges schedule** C.

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Campground name *			

Parks Victoria Customer Service team will be in contact via email to confirm your booking and payment.

Multi-destination trip:

For a multi-destination trip, provide details of your itinerary, campground student and teachers numbers.

Parks Victoria's Customer Service team will be in contact to process your request. On the occasion that your request can not be met, Customer Service will work with you to find dates and campgrounds that suit the needs of your excursion.

Is it a single or multi destination trip?

 $^{\bigcirc}$ Single destination or overnight trip $^{\textcircled{o}}$ Multi destination trip

Multi-destination trip

If the excursion is a multi-destination trip, such as a hiking trip, please specify the following details:

- each campsite aligned with your preferred camping date
- the number of students and teachers/adults at each campsite

For example:

- Day 1: 13th October Aire River West drive-in campsite 10 students, 2 teachers/adults
- Day 2: 14th October Johanna Beach Hike-in group campsite 10 students, 2 teachers/adults

If the Education Group is planning to split the group and cross over in direction, please include these logistics and details to support your campsite bookings.

Preferred dates and locations for a multi day trip *

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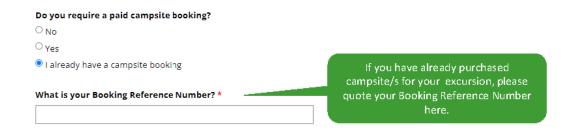
Alternative dates and locations for a multi day trip *

Day 1: 20th October Aire River West drive-in campsite - 10 students, 2 teachers/adults Day 2: 21th October Johanna Beach Hike-in group campsite - 10 students, 2 teachers/adults

Parks Victoria Customer Service team will be in contact via email to confirm your booking and payment.

4.4.2 I already have a campsite booking?

If your campsite bookings are already processed, select *I already have a campsite book* and quote your Booking Reference Number.



Provide details about your trip intentions here. Providing details such as preferred travel direction, number of groups travelling and the different itineraries for each group.

Additional details on the next tab, can provide more room should you require to explain your journey.

4.4.3 Are you intending to stay overnight at a non-bookable, free campsite?

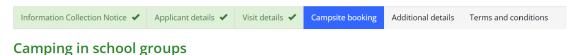
If you are intending on staying at a non-bookable, free campsite, you can provide extra details of your intentions on the next tab, *additional details*. A non-bookable, free campsite can not be reserved.

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Do you require a paid campsite booking?

- No
- _{Yes}

Are you intending to stay overnight at a non-bookable, free campsite? \bigcirc No @ Yes Provide extra details about your intended stay at a non-bookable, free campsite at the 'additional details' tab.

Warning:

These campsites are first come first served basis. There is no guarantee that a non-bookable campsite will be available. In the case that the non-bookable, free campsites are full, please ensure you have an alternate accommodation plan.



4.5 Additional details

Read through Additional details and Staying safe.

At this point in the form, it is a good opportunity to provide land managers with as much information as you can about your planned visits.

This helps us to support you in your visit and protect the natural environment whilst your there.

You can use the open field box to provide this detail, or upload *Additional documents* such as risk assessments, planned activities or itineraries.

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4.6 Terms and conditions

Select each check box and submit your Education Group Excursion Form.

All resources and links referenced throughout the form will be sent to your email.

Education Group Excursion Form

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5 My excursions

To view your Education Group Excursion Form, select the drop-down menu for Education and select 'My excursions'. Here you will find all of your education submissions.

ParkConnect



5.1 Viewing your Education Group Excursion Form

The *My excursions* page displays all excursion forms you have submitted through ParkConnect. *My excursions* allows you to view, copy and cancel your Bush Kinder Activity Plans and Education group Excursion Forms.

To view a draft, submission or approved Education Group Excursion Form, select the *View Details*, from the drop-down menu on the left.

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5.2 Editing your Education Group Excursion Form

To edit a draft Education Group Excursion Form, select the *Edit Details*, from the drop-down menu on the left. A submitted or approved plan cannot be altered, only cancelled.

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5.3 Copying your Education Group Excursion Form

To copy a draft, submitted or approved Education Group Excursion Form, select the *Copy Excursion*, from the drop-down menu on the left.

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5.4 Cancelling an Education Group Excursion Form

To cancel a draft, submitted or approved Education Group Excursion Form, select the *Cancel*, from the drop-down menu on the left.

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Contact Us

We welcome all enquiries and feedback on the Education Group Excursion Form. If you wish to provide feedback or have an enquiry, please email <u>education@parks.vic.gov.au</u>. Please note that the more information you provide us, the easier it is for us to assist you.

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