

People of PWS

Getting Started



What Can Be Learned?

The Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) has many different staff roles.

National Park Field Staff

- Field officer - track work, sewerage/cleaning; fire fighting
- Ranger - organising events; fire management; managing resources; community events/talks; search & rescue; wildlife; (Head ranger- meeting/planning; meeting with tourist operators)
- Administration - enquires/bookings; phones; filing
- Visitor Reception Officer - parks passes; face-to-face greetings; general information/advice; guided talks

District Offices Staff

- Regional managers
- Support staff

Seasonal Staff

- Track workers
- Fire fighters
- Discovery Rangers (interpretation officers)

Head Office Staff

- General manager
- Fire fighting officers- planning
- Interpretation and education officers
- Concessionaire officers (commercial visitor officers)
- Survey/statistics officers
- Project managers
- Park entry fees

- Communication officers (media)
- Asset management officers
- Planning officers
- Administration
- Human resources
- Finance
- Records

In this activity students roleplay and then create concept maps of Parks and Wildlife Service staff roles and responsibilities.

Materials Required

cards with roles/jobs written on them
appropriate 'dress up' clothing and tools used by the various roles
project paper or access to computers with mind-map software program such as 'kidspiration'

The Activity

Brainstorm with the students answers to the following questions:

- What is a National Park?
- What are the key features of a NP?
- What are the jobs in NPs (including field positions and office based positions)?
- What might the people in each position do on a daily basis?



Distribute cards, each of which has one of the above jobs on it.

Ask the students to think about their daily tasks and dress appropriately for their day or perhaps gather the tools they require for the day.

Ask each student to relate to the class what they planned to do with their day.

After the role play students can then build a graphic presentation of their role by combining pictures, text and spoken words to represent thoughts and information.

Students may wish to work with poster paper or a specifically designed software program like 'kidspiration' (a free trial is available at www.inspiration.com/freetrial/index.cfm).

