



Project Availability: September to April



Kings Run Conservation Project

Kings Run is located in north-west Tasmania, approximately 280km west of Launceston. The Tarkine region is rich in Aboriginal heritage, known for its amazing scenery, ancient forests and abundance of wildlife. The rugged coastline and surrounding scrublands of the Kings property supports a wide range of wildlife, including the endangered Tasmanian Devil. The north-west of the state remains free of the devastating Devil Facial Tumour Disease, making Kings Run the perfect location for Devil spotting.

The coastal property has been in the King family for over 130 years. In 1999 owner Geoff King ceased farming activities on an 830-acre area of the property and began the rehabilitation process, aiming to establish a wildlife refuge. The land is now home to numerous wallabies, wombats and echidnas. However, the area is most famous for its carnivorous marsupials – Tasmanian Devils and Spotted Tail Quolls, frequently seen from a specially converted hide. Wild Mob is proud to be assisting the King family with conservation projects, while sharing the spectacular property with our volunteers.

Project Work

The work required on the Kings Run site involves various facets of environmental management. Volunteers can expect to be involved in re-vegetation, erosion control, invasive flora management and native fauna surveys. The project work requires a moderate level of fitness. Staff will provide training for the required conservation work. Depending on the group's abilities and weather conditions, working hours will normally run from approximately 9am through mid-afternoon. Some survey work may require around 10kms of hiking per day. Wild Mob believes happy volunteers are productive volunteers – we aim to create an enjoyable and educational working environment each and every day.

Educational Components

The Kings Run project offers numerous educational opportunities attributed to the diversity of the Tarkine region. The abundant wildlife and varied ecosystems provide an

excellent cross section of Tasmanian habitats. The site also has significant ties to Aboriginal history. Additionally, the area provides great bird watching opportunities. Species population studies will take part during favourable times of the year, giving volunteers first-hand experience of ecological surveys.

Additional Activities

There is a lot to see and do at Kings Run. Wild Mob staff will facilitate additional activities including:

- Evening encounter at the Devils Restaurant to spot the endangered Tasmanian Devils and Spotted-tailed Quolls
- Hikes through the world-famous Tarkine rainforest
- Pre-breakfast bird watching walks

Living Conditions and Facilities

While participating in the Kings Run project, volunteers will stay at a bush camp on the property. All-weather, three-man tents will be shared between two volunteers. Wild Mob will provide all camping equipment including sleeping bags, liners and thin sleeping mats. Volunteers will need to bring their own pillow. There will be a porta-loo and bush shower available. We recommend bringing sufficient (warm) clothes for six days as there are no laundry facilities at the camp.

Kings Run project is a bush camp. There is no access to electricity and Internet. Telstra offers the strongest mobile phone signal.

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 hospital is located at Smithton, approximately forty-five minutes by car.

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 teas 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

A Wild Mob project leader will pick up volunteers from a designated meeting point at the Launceston Airport. The group will be driven from Launceston to Kings Run, approximately a four-hour drive through the spectacular Tasmanian country side, and returned to Launceston airport at the end of the project. Wild Mob volunteers are responsible for their own travel to and from Launceston. While on the project site, volunteers will travel in 4WD vehicles or on foot.

Regional Sights and Attractions

Tasmania is home to some of Australia's most spectacular ecosystems. While visiting the state why not go exploring in over 1.38 million hectares of World Heritage listed Tasmania wilderness, visit the world famous Cradle Mountain or take a cruise up the Gordon River through the old growth World Heritage listed forests? More information on Tasmanian experiences can be found at: www.discovertasmania.com.

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 Kings Run Wildlife Tours and the Tasmania State Parks and Wildlife Service as part of the Kings Run conservation project.

Project Specifics

- Accommodation: Three man tents, shared between two
- Facilities: Bush camp and basic facilities. There is a portaloos and bush shower. No laundry facilities.
- Equipment: All necessary operational materials are provided, including tents, sleeping bag, mat and project related gear.
- Services: No electricity or Internet. Limited mobile phone reception. Telstra offers the best coverage. No 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: Moderate level of fitness.
- Duration: 6 days and 5 nights.
- Group size: maximum 11, minimum 6 volunteers per camp
- Age limits: 14 years and over. Minors not travelling with a School group must be accompanied by an Adult.
- Meeting point: Launceston, TAS
- Contribution: \$650 per volunteer

Additional Notes

- Wild Mob provides all necessary operational materials during the stay
- Tasmania is located south of Australia. Even in summer, temperatures can still be low, it is essential to bring warm clothes.
- Although set in a coastal location, Kings Run is not suitable for beach swimming due to dangerous ocean currents and cold temperatures
- The remote location may see volunteers encounter snakes in the summer season. Loose fitting trousers are recommended when participating.

Kings Run Wildlife Tours

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