

How can we look after our Parks and Reserves?

Many of us have Parks and Nature Reserves in our local area where we might visit to play games, ride bikes, go for a walk or just enjoy the surroundings. Many of our Parks and Reserves provide important habitat for wildlife as well.

Draw a line between the Actions and their possible Impacts. There may be more than one impact for each action. In the left hand column tick whether the action will have a Positive or Negative impact on Reserves.

P or N	 Actions	 Impacts
	Bushwalking on pathways	Very little impact
	Dumping garden rubbish such as weeds and branches	Rips up the soil, causes erosion and prevents native plants from naturally regenerating
	Building bike jumps by moving soil	Makes the reserve ugly and sets a bad example to other visitors
	Riding bikes or motor bikes off the track	Scares native wildlife away from their food and water sources
	Dumping rubbish and littering	Causes environmental weeds to be introduced to areas of native vegetation
	Riding bikes and horses on trails where these activities are permitted	Stops the risk of pollution and bacterial disease spreading to waterways, native animals and humans
	Letting dogs run off the leash in nature conservation areas	Protects degraded areas and section of good vegetation from invasion of environmental weeds
	Picking up dog poo	Protects native vegetation and prevents the spread of weeds
	Removing environmental weeds	
	Planting indigenous plants in degraded areas	

