



What's On

Join the 2018/2019 Falls Creek Hawkweed Volunteer Program

Native to Europe, hawkweeds have recently become naturalised on mainland Australia. Hawkweeds are highly invasive and spread quickly via runners and roots forming dense mats inhibiting and outcompeting native vegetation. Hawkweeds can cause major environmental damage in alpine & sub-alpine areas, and are considered a significant threat to the Victorian Alps if not eradicated early.

Volunteers contribute to the eradication effort by conducting line surveys in the Alpine National Park. Participating in volunteer surveys is a great way to help protect the Victorian Alps from this dangerous weed, as well as a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the magnificent alpine environment during the green summer months.



King devil hawkweed



Orange hawkweed



Mouse-ear hawkweed

What is involved?

Volunteers will be required for one week and need to make their own way to Falls Creek and arrive between 1pm to 3pm on the Monday of the session start date, with an Induction at 4pm on Monday. There is no experience required, all training is provided. Volunteers will just need lots of enthusiasm, a moderate fitness level, a good eye for detail and persistence to survey for at least 5 hours per day walking through sometimes challenging terrain.

What is provided?

There is no cost for being a volunteer on this project. Shared bunk style accommodation has kindly been provided by Falls Creek Resort Management. Transport will be provided to and from the survey areas each day. Parks Victoria will provide standard condiments, hot drink provisions and a group dinner on the last night.

What will participants need to bring?

Volunteers need to provide their own hiking boots, gloves, sun glasses, wet weather gear, long pants and shirts, water bottle, sunscreen, broad brim hat, bedding, food for breakfast, lunch, dinner, cold drinks, fruit and snacks.

The dates for the 2018/2019 Season are:

- Session 1: Monday 10th – Friday 14th December 2018
- Session 2: Monday 17th – Friday 21st December 2018
- Session 3: Monday 7th – Friday 11th January 2019
- Session 4: Monday 14th – Friday 18th January 2019
- Session 5: Monday 4th – Friday 8th February 2019
- Session 6: Monday 11th – Saturday 16th February 2019

How to join:

If you would like to join, you will first need to register as a volunteer at www.parkconnect.vic.gov.au

Once registered, login to apply for [upcoming programs](#) and select the Hawkweed Eradication Session you would like to join.

To express your interest or for more information please contact the Hawkweed Team, Parks Victoria.

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