



Environmental Impact Policy

In 2 Adventure (Allura Pty Ltd) is committed to maintaining a minimal impact policy that will enable us as individual members of the general public and members of the Adventure community to continue to enjoy the vast natural environment that is Australia's backyard.

For many, forests and parks are places to relax and unwind, away from the pressures of urban life. Adventure activities are our way to escape and challenge ourselves while enjoying the natural beauty of the Australian bush. It is a privilege to use these areas while pursuing a sport which we love, and to ensure these natural areas continue to be available to us we must take great care in the way we behave and the way we use these areas.

Natural areas protect our water supplies from pollution and form a scenic backdrop to our towns and rural settlements. National parks are our national treasures — the things we want to keep for our children and theirs.

In 2 Adventure understands that nature provides life-sustaining processes we tend to take for granted:

- recycling carbon dioxide to release oxygen;
- creating soils through decomposition;
- filtering pollutants from the air and water; and
- storing water.

We cannot live without nature's ecosystem services.

By working closely with forestry authorities and land managers during event planning, implementing our 'Bush and Mountain Bike Codes' and ensuring that all participants in our events adopt these principles, we aim to minimise the impact that our events have on the environment.

We encourage staff and participants in events to be ambassadors for our sport and tell others about good practice to ensure the longevity of adventure activities. When in State Forests and natural environments, do the right thing. Help to protect the environment by following these basic rules:

Bush Code

- Keep to tracks.
- Protect water quality - wash-up at least 50 metres away from streams and avoid using soap (use gritty sand and a scourer instead).
- Where there is a toilet, please use it. Where toilets are not available, choose a spot at least 100 metres from campsites, streams and tracks, dig a 15 cm hole and bury your faecal waste and toilet paper.
- All native plants and animals are protected. Do not cut down or damage standing trees or vegetation.
- Take your rubbish home.
- Where possible, use a lightweight stove for cooking. If you must build a fire, please follow the fire regulations, be conservative in your use of fuel, ensure your fire is safe and ensure your fire is completely extinguished before you leave.

- Respect Indigenous culture. Rock art and other sites in parks and forests represent thousands of years of living culture with special significance to Indigenous people. These sites are easily damaged and are irreplaceable. Look at them, enjoy them, but please do not touch or damage these sites.
- Leave pets at home. Domestic animals are not permitted in national parks and aren't appropriate at events.
- Leave campsites tidy.
- Camp at least 20 metres from any stream, lake or reservoir.

Mountain Bike Code

- Be considerate of others on the road or trail.
- Pass other users with care and let them know of your presence well in advance with a short friendly greeting. Being startled will upset even the most tolerant walker or horse rider.
- Always give way to others. Even if it seems inconvenient, being considerate will foster a positive attitude towards adventure racers. Stop and move aside if you encounter walkers or horses.
- Ride only where permitted, obey all signs and leave gates as you find them.
- Yield the right of way to those passing or travelling uphill.
- Ride in control at all times. When riding, be prepared for the unexpected. Timber trucks, 4WD's, hikers, horse riders and native animals may also be using your chosen track.
- Stay on the road or on designated mountain bike trails. Do not ride "off-road" or on tracks closed to bikes as we may damage the environment we have come to enjoy.
- Minimise your impact, when descending, apply enough brake to maintain control, but avoid locking your bike's wheels and skidding. Skidding damages tracks by removing the harder surface layer. This can lead to erosion. Cutting corners also causes erosion, so stay to the designated track.
- When climbing, shift to a gear that provides comfortable forward momentum and maintains traction.
- Cross streams slowly, at a 90-degree angle to the stream. Walking may be preferable as stream bottoms are often slippery.
- Stay away from wet muddy areas where possible, as they are very prone to damage. The tracks we leave behind channel the water when it rains and this leads to erosion.
- Wash your bike tyres before riding in a different area this will help prevent the spread of disease and unnatural migration of species
- Wear a helmet, eye protection and other safety gear.
- Leave no trace of your presence and take all rubbish home.

"All things are bound together. All things connect. What happens to the Earth happens to the children of the Earth. Man has not woven the web of life. He is but one thread. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself". (Anon.)