

Surveying environmental impacts

Your name: _____

Name of venue: _____

Task: Complete this environmental impact survey of a remote venue you have visited (e.g. national park, campsite, beach) with your class, then answer the questions below.

	<i>impact</i>	<i>observed (yes/no)</i>	<i>description</i>
1.	litter packaging (e.g. wrappers)		
	foodscraps/spills		
	broken glass		
	toilet paper		
	other litter		
	track erosion		
	soil compaction (esp. around campsites)		
	trampling/breaking vegetation		
	fire scars		
	air pollution (e.g burning plastic)		
	water pollution faecal contamination		
	soap		
	dish scraps		
	muddying of water		
	other		
	noise pollution (esp. @ night)		
	graffiti (esp. on rock surfaces)		
	other (specify)		

Questions

1) Where would you place this venue on a continuum below between pristine & very damaged?

← pristine	very damaged →

2) What, if any, are the worst types of human impact?

3) Which individuals/groups appear to be most responsible for these impacts?

4) How would you rate your class out of 10 in terms of the way it minimised its impact? (Explain.)
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5) What different strategies could land managers adopt to further minimise impact?

6) What impacts did you see that could be described purely as “visual impacts” (i.e. eyesores with little or no other impact [e.g. graffiti]).
