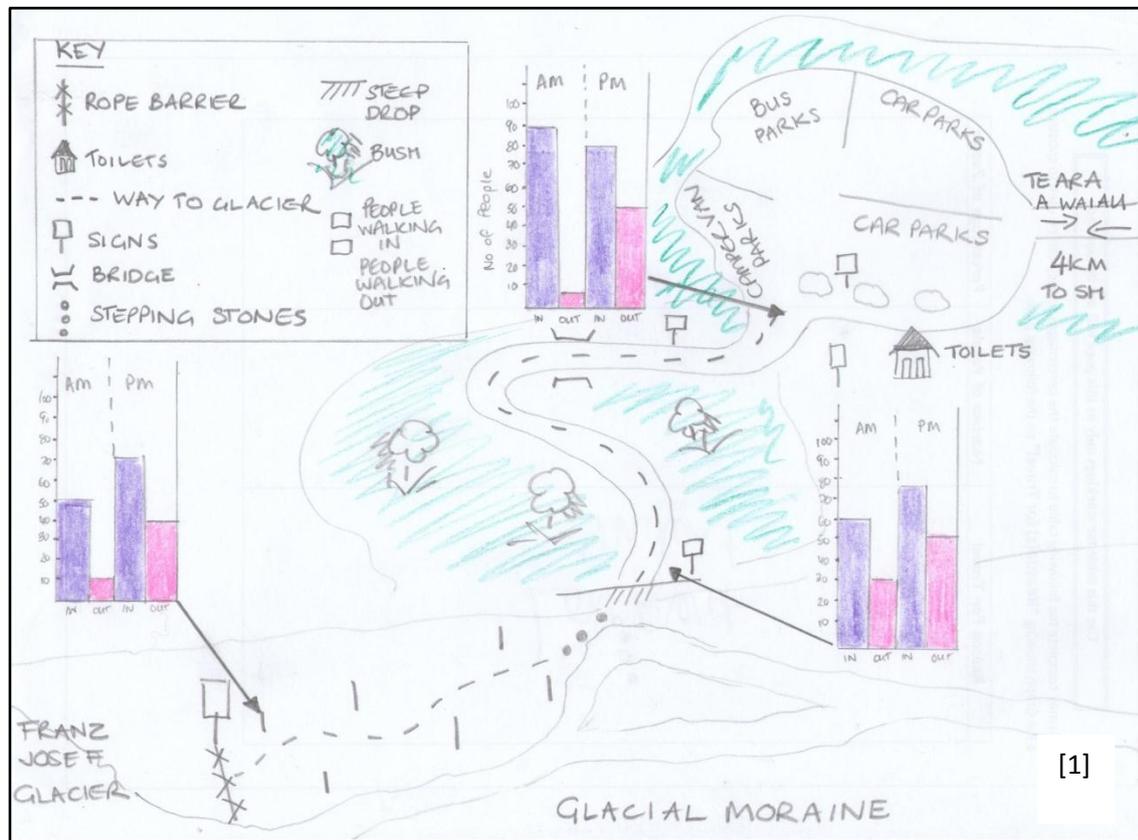


Student 3 - Low Merit

Aim: To identify the changes made by DOC in response to numbers of people on the main access route to the Franz Josef Glacier?

The presented data also included several unlabelled photographs.

Presenting data and describing findings



My map shows that the area with the most people is at the entrance to the track with 90 people going in in the morning and 79 people in the afternoon. From the morning sample 60 went to the panoramic viewpoint and then 50 of these made it to the rope barrier. This shows a definite change between the start and end of the track [2]. The 10 people who did not go on to the valley floor said it looked too difficult. 30 people joined a guided walk which ... This pattern of visitor number reflects the management actions that DOC has made to the path and the use of guides to provide access onto the glacier. Where there are more people the access is more managed, [3]

- The path is made of compacted gravel and it is wide (5-7m)
- A bridge has been built over a stream to improve the access
- Signs and barriers limit the ability of people to stray from the path...

Where there are less people the track is less managed. On the valley floor there are 6 widely spaced snow poles to guide people over the boulders, and a rope fence and danger signs limit access to the glacier [4].

Conclusion

DOC has made the most changes at the car park end of the track up to the viewing point. In conclusion the majority of people (170 surveyed) are at the start of the access to the glacier (car park). [5] This is where the biggest impacts are likely to occur, but they have been managed by DOC to reduce their effect. DOC has provided a sealed parking area, toilets, track etc. Where there are less people (120 surveyed) at the rope barrier there are fewer changes by DOC... roped off area and snow poles showing the route [6].

I can conclude that where there are more people there is the chance for greater impact and consequently this is where DOC has responded to protect the environment and also keep people safe [7].

Evaluation

Strengths of the research:

- My map showed the site of the research and key changes made by DOC.
- Photographs showed each site on the day of the field trip.
- Putting my graphs on to the map showed the data for the actual site... This presentation clearly showed the geographic concept of 'pattern' [8].