

Student 5 - Low Achieved

Aim: How does the impact of people change as you get closer to the glacier? [1]

Another field sketch and a range of photographs were included in the presentation, some were annotated.

Presenting data and describing findings



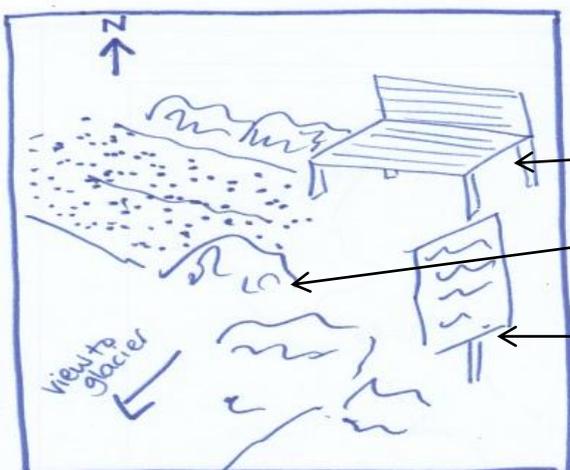
At site 1 there was lots of evidence that people had an impact on the environment.

Signs telling people to stop feeding the Kea, this is to protect the at risk species from disease and from becoming too dependent on people for their food...

The car park is sealed and there are some toilets. [2]

Time of Survey	Cars and Vans	Coach	Campervan	Survey TOTAL	Table of transport data
Survey 1 (9.30-10.00am)	12	2	2	16	This data shows how many people use this parking area before going to the glacier. Buses arrived earlier than the cars because they are on a timetable. [3]
Survey 2 (12-12.30am)	67	1	24	92	
Total	79	3	26	108	

Field sketch of site 2



Site 2 shows that people have an impact on the environment but it has been managed.

- Large bench for people to sit and look at the view.
- Rocks have been smoothed by loads of people sitting on them.
- Signs tell people about how the glacier was formed.
- DOC is trying to stop people from going too close to the glacier. [4]

My findings show that location is very important to the impacts from people in this environment. There is less evidence that the use of the environment is controlled by DOC the closer you get to the glacier [5]. DOC use signs and rope barriers to try to keep people on the tracks, and this prevents damage in the bush areas. Further away from the glacier people are more managed and so the impacts are more controlled.

Conclusion

My data shows that the impacts of people are less as you get closer to the glacier, because DOC is less able to control this wider environment. The impacts around the car park are most obvious and these changes try to reduce negative impacts. [6]

Evaluation

I worked really hard to collect my data, but I think I could have collected more evidence of the impacts. The photos show the key areas of the research but I needed to also draw a map to show where things like the car park and glacier are... All the people in my group wanted to take photos and that is why we had so many. [7]