

Barmah National Park Wild Horse Social and Heritage Values

Welcome

Parks Victoria is undertaking a study to assess the social and heritage values of the wild horse population in Barmah National Park. This survey seeks to understand the values, both positive and negative, that people ascribe to the horses.

You are invited to contribute your perspective on the social and heritage values you hold of the horses in the forest. Your input will be considered by Parks Victoria in recognising the value of the horses through interpretation and other ways.

The purpose of this survey is not to collect opinions on the management of the wild horses in the Barmah National Park. Any queries about the park management strategies should be directed to Parks Victoria via 13 1963 or barmahhorses@parks.vic.gov.au.

Please complete all mandatory questions (marked with an asterisk). The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

At the end of this survey, you may choose to leave your name to be contacted in the future. Parks Victoria is committed to protecting your personal information by complying with the information privacy principles set out in the Information Privacy Act 2000.

This survey closes Sunday 16 February 2014.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED SURVEY AND ANY ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS

Parks Victoria
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VICTORIA 3632

Survey Start

*** 1. Did you know there were wild horses in Barmah National Park?**

- Yes
- No

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*2. Which of the following ideas or values do you associate with wild horses in the Barmah Forest?

Choose up to ten options

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Australian spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Symbolic of the region |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Self sufficiency or 'living off the land' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Love of animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Tradition or nostalgia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear | <input type="checkbox"/> Novel | <input type="checkbox"/> Unique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feral | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> Usefulness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of an era | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermin or pest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign | <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freedom | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety hazard | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual experience | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

3. Of these, which one is the most important to you?

*4. Which of the following activities or actions do you associate with the wild horses in the Barmah Forest?

You can choose as many options as you wish

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse breeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Damage to Aboriginal cultural sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disease or weed transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse racing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure damage (e.g. to fencing, signage, buildings) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equine science | <input type="checkbox"/> Mustering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm work | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber industry work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harm to heritage sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History education | <input type="checkbox"/> War-time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

5. Of these, which one is most important to you?

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***6. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
The wild horses in the Barmah Forest hold social and heritage value to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The wild horses in the Barmah Forest embody the same values as any other horses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether in a positive or negative way, I feel strongly about these horses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The horses damage the natural qualities of the Barmah Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The wild horses in the Barmah Forest are symbolic of being 'Australian'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some people (even if not me) feel deeply connected to these horses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The wild horses damage Aboriginal cultural sites in the Barmah Forest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
These horses are important to the identity of the local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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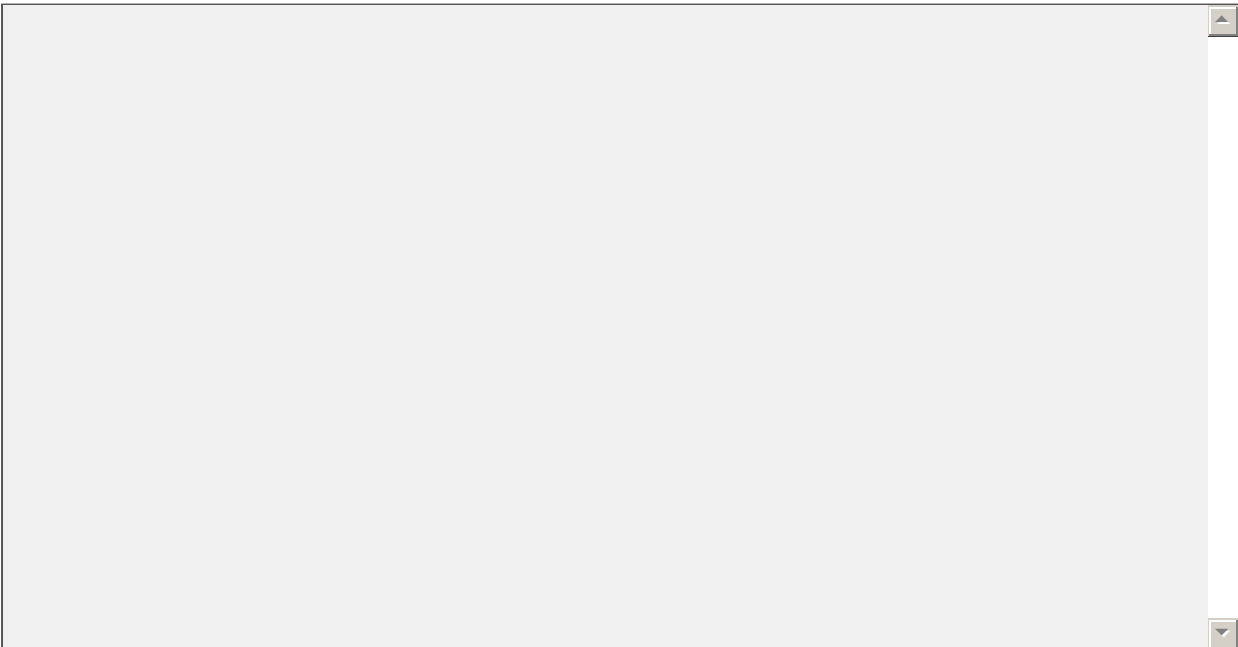
- *7. Social significance is often described as being a feeling of attachment or connection. In your own words, what do the wild horses in the Barmah Forest mean to you? Why?

If you would like to attach any additional information, please feel free to do so.



8. Do you have any specific memories, positive or negative, about the horses? If so, can you tell us briefly about them?

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* 9. What is your primary connection to the Barmah Forest?

Please choose only one option - your strongest connection

- Horse owner, horse rider or interested in animal welfare
- Interested in history and heritage
- Land manager or public servant
- Local resident or family connection
- Natural environment protection
- Recreation or tourism
- Traditional Owner
- Other (please specify)

* 10. How long is your family connection to the Barmah region?

- No family connection
- One generation (i.e. my generation)
- Two generations (i.e. my generation and my parents, uncles/aunts)
- Three generations or more (i.e. my generation, my parents/uncles/aunts, my grandparents/great uncles/great aunts)

* 11. How many years is your personal connection to the Barmah region?

- No personal connection
- 0-10 years
- 10-20 years
- 20-30 years
- 30-40 years
- 40-50 years
- 50 + years

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12. Are you a member of:

- An environmental organisation
- A horse interest organisation
- A livestock interest organisation
- An animal welfare organisation
- A Traditional Owner organisation
- A government department or affiliated agency
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

***13. What is your age?**

- Under 14
- 15 to 19
- 20 to 39
- 40 to 59
- 60 to 79
- Over 80
- I would prefer not to specify

***14. What is your gender?**

- Female
- Male
- I would prefer not to specify

***15. What is your home postcode?**

Future participation and contact

16. Would you be willing to share your thoughts and knowledge about the wild horse population in the Barmah National Park in one of the following activities commissioned by Parks Victoria?

- An informal phone or in-person interview
- A small group discussion
- Future studies or a recorded oral history interview

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17. If you are willing to be contacted for further input, please list your contact details here:

18. Do you have any additional comments? Is there anything else you would like to add?

If you would like to share any images, written or oral references on the wild horses in the Barmah Forest please submit them together with this survey or email them to barmahhorses@parks.vic.gov.au

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION

If you have questions about this survey please contact Parks Victoria on telephone 13 1963 or email barmahhorses@parks.vic.gov.au



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