

## Guidelines for volunteer fieldwork in extreme conditions

The following information is based on a current ParkCare 'Volunteers working in extreme conditions' risk assessment, PCS staff regularly monitor weather conditions.

### *Working in extreme temperatures*

Temps over 35°C? - Work in the cooler hours of the morning to avoid the heat of the day  
 - Take regular breaks in air conditioned buildings or vehicles

Temps over 37°C? - It's too hot to volunteer today, all volunteer fieldwork to be cancelled

### *Working in poor air quality*

Meets air quality standard (PM 2.5 -25.9)  
 - Volunteer fieldwork can continue

Unhealthy for sensitive groups (PM2.5 26-39.9)  
 - Volunteer fieldwork can continue  
 - Volunteers with health conditions to reduce prolonged or heavy physical activity

Unhealthy for all (PM2.5 40-106.9)  
 - Volunteer fieldwork can continue  
 - Avoid prolonged or heavy physical activity  
 - Volunteers to wear P2/N95 mask when working outdoor

Very unhealthy for all (PM2.5 107-177.9)  
 - Only essential volunteer work to continue  
 - Volunteers to wear P2/N95 mask when working outdoor

Hazardous high (PM2.5 over 177.9)  
 - ALL volunteer fieldwork to be cancelled

### *Working in closed reserves or on days of total fire ban*

- Volunteer fieldwork in reserves to be cancelled
- Only essential volunteer activity which is supervised by PCS staff members may continue (including WildlifeAssist)
- All volunteers on reserve must have a dedicated PCS supervisor who is responsible for their safety and have access to either a mobile phone (if mobile reception) or a TRN radio