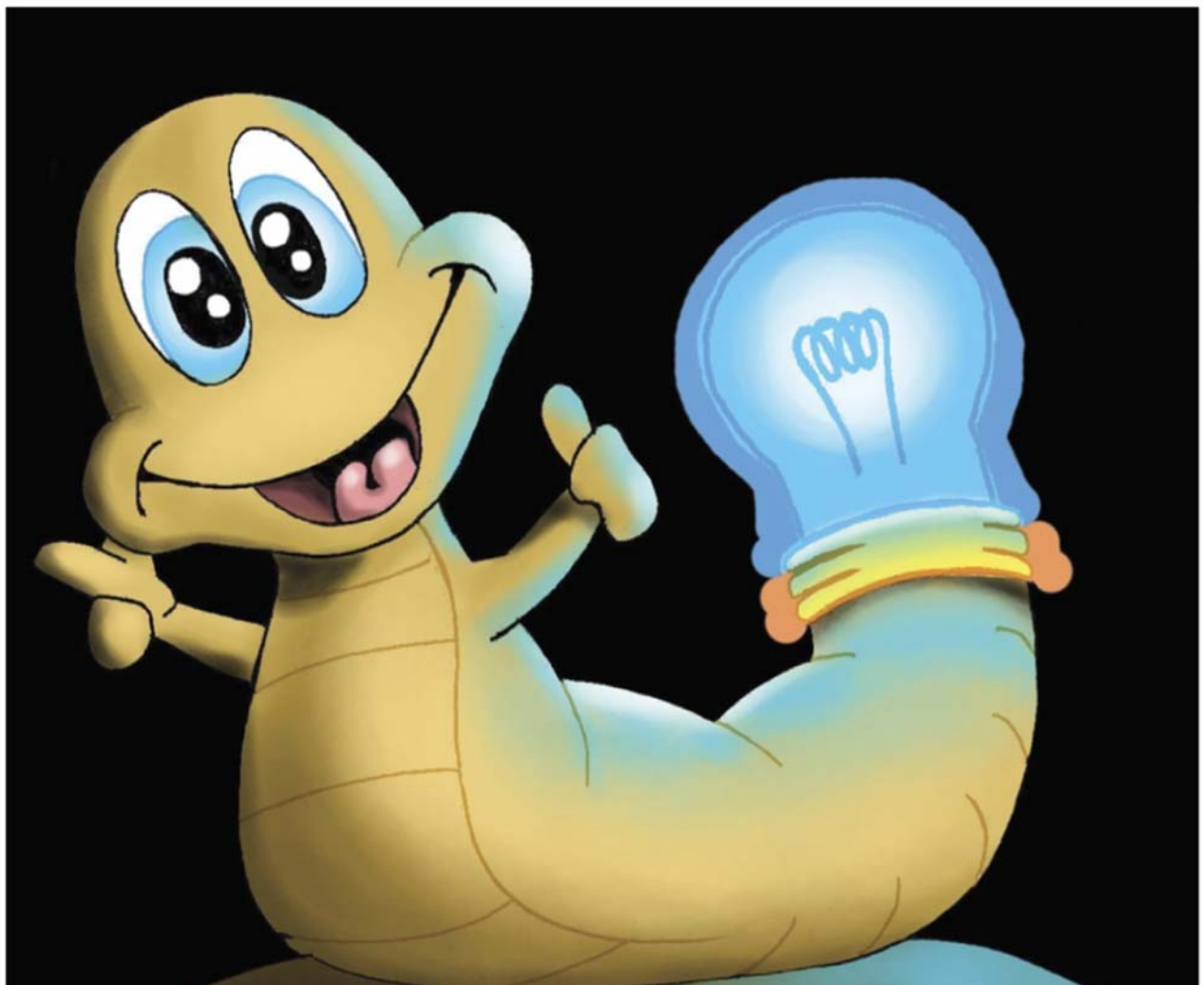


The Te Anau Glowworm Caves



Teaching Resource Package

Years 1-8

NZ Science Curriculum - Level 1-4

NZ Social Studies Curriculum - Level 1-4



Foreword

September 2007

Dear Teachers,

This resource book has been designed to help you and your students get the most out of the *Te Anau Glowworm Caves* experience.

I have provided background information, ideas and options for you to use as part of your unit. Most of the activities can be adjusted to suit your students' particular levels - nothing is impossible.

The great thing about a visit to the *Te Anau Glowworm Caves* is that there are endless avenues to venture down; it really depends on your students and the learning area you need to cover at this time.

In the process of producing this resource I have discovered so much about the history and exploration of Fiordland and hope that in turn the resource will provide you and your students with the tools to dig deeper, and ask questions about this amazing part of our country.

I hope that you and your students enjoy the *Te Anau Caves* experience and benefit from the resources supplied in this book. If you have any feedback regarding this resource and/or your *Caves* trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I'd love to hear from you.

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Te Anau Glowworm Caves

Possible Trip Times

9.00am	10.15am	11.30am	12.45pm
2.00pm*	3.15pm	4.30pm	5.45pm+
7.00pm*	8.15pm+		

*Scheduled Trips – All Year Around
+Scheduled Trips – October through to April

In most cases we would endeavor to schedule a trip on a sole-use basis, and therefore be able to tailor the excursion to your particular needs.

Making a Booking

All educational trips must be pre-booked.

When sending a fax or email, please include the following information:

- Contact name
- School name
- Address
- Telephone number
- Mobile number
- Fax number
- Email address
- Proposed date of visit (please have at least 3 alternatives if booking November – March)
- Number of students
- Number of adults
- Any special needs your students may have
- Year level/Age
- Topic of study
- Comments or questions

Reconfirmation

Reconfirmation is required for all Educational Group Bookings:

- 30 days prior to travel to confirm your group is still travelling.
- 7 days prior to travel for final numbers.
- Final confirmation of numbers 48 hours prior if any changes.

Payment

The reduced rates of these excursions require payment on or prior to the day of departure.

Health & Safety

On the day of departure Real Journeys requires accurate details of student and adult numbers.

Adults must actively supervise students at all times.

Real Journeys staff are qualified in first aid and will advise your group about safety upon departure on board the Luminosa.

Conditions of Travel

Real Journeys willingness to offer educational rates is indicative of our wish to share the opportunity to travel and spend time in Fiordland National Park.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share in a part of New Zealand's heritage and beauty.

There is however, certain basic and sensible safety measures that we would like to advise you of before travel commences.

Boats and water combine to make an unforgiving environment if certain basic requirements are not met. Teachers and parent supervisors are asked to discuss these with children before travel.

Walk, Don't Run

Running around on board our vessels is neither necessary nor desirable.

Do Not Climb

Climbing on the rails or any other part of the vessels is absolutely forbidden.

Under no circumstances will passengers be allowed to climb on rails for photographs or any other purpose. This applies to everybody.

Consideration of Others

Loud talking and running about can cause offence to other passengers aboard the vessel. They may have travelled thousands of kilometres to experience New Zealand. Please let them enjoy the country in comfort.

Closed Areas

There are a few restricted areas on our vessels – please respect them and please keep clear of roped off areas.

Parents and Teachers

We ask that children are supervised at all times.

Department of Conservation

The Department of Conservation has a very informative Visitors Centre here in Te Anau. There is an interesting display area providing information on the history of Te Anau and our wonderful flora and fauna.

DOC also has a fantastic 30 minute DVD which they will show on request. This DVD provides information about the history of Fiordland National Park and Maori legends relating to the area.

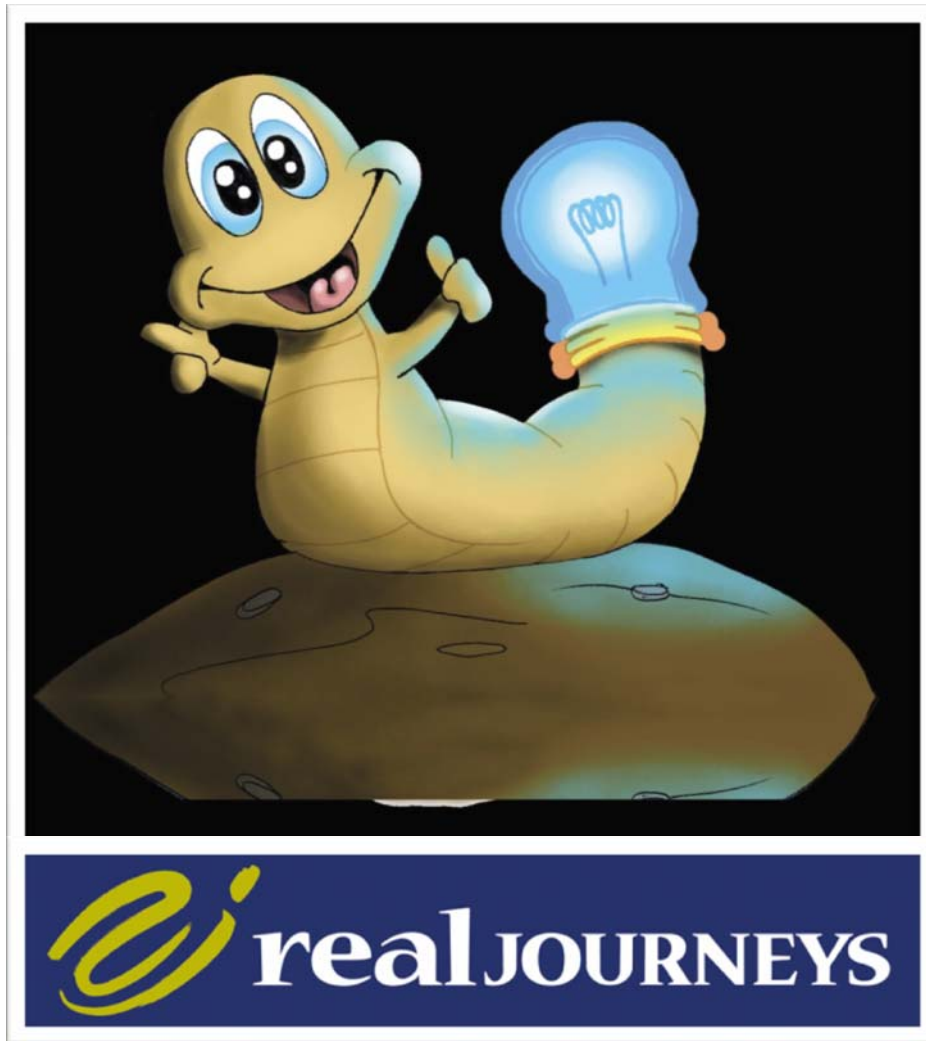
In addition to the Visitors Centre, DOC also runs the Wildlife Park. There are aviaries with a variety of native birds such as Kaka, Kea, Parakeets and Wood Pigeons. Takahe are also kept here in a large enclosure for public viewing.

The Wildlife Park is an ideal spot for lunch. DOC can provide a staff member to guide you and your group around the park if you would prefer. You will need to pre-book with DOC for this – The Area Office phone number is (03) 249 7921.



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