



Human Activity – Student Activity

A fictional fun extension

In Douglas Adams' famous science fiction book "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe"; he describes the fabulously beautiful planet Bethselamin. "It is now so worried about the cumulative erosion by ten billion visiting tourists a year that any imbalance between the amount you eat and the amount you excrete whilst on the planet is surgically removed from your bodyweight when you leave; so every time you go to the lavatory there it is vitally important to get a receipt".

Should this technique be used for visitors into our National Parks? Write a reasoned scientific response below.



Suggest three arguments for and against Douglas Adams' simplistic idea.

Argument for	Argument against