

Kosciuszko

National Park



Welcome

to the 2011 Guide to Kosciuszko National Park

Kosciuszko National Park is the largest national park in NSW and one of the largest conservation reserves in Australia. The Park was declared in 1944 and is now a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. It contains continental Australia's highest mountains as well as a great variety of outstanding scenery, natural features and plant and animal communities.

Snow sports are the big attraction in winter, but in the warmer months you can admire the alpine wildflowers, visit historic homesteads or explore Yarrangobilly Caves. Many lower-altitude walks are worth taking throughout the year. There are also scenic drives through the park including the Alpine Way between Jindabyne and Khancoban.

If you feel like being more active, or want to try a new outdoor activity, there are experienced tour guides licensed to work within the park who will ensure that you venture into spectacular country safely.

There are so many ways to discover Kosciuszko whether it's by car, bike or on foot. In this guide, you'll find maps and details on what to see and do. You're sure to discover something truly memorable.

PARK ENTRY FEES

Ever wondered how your park entry fees are used? Many projects that help protect our natural and cultural heritage wouldn't be possible without your help. There are also new visitor facilities being constructed so you can keep finding new ways to enjoy all that Kosciuszko has to offer.

MT KOSCIUSZKO IN FULL VIEW

The newly constructed Mt Stilwell Track will take you to a new lookout with some of the most spectacular views of Mt Kosciuszko. See page 13 for walk details.

A GREAT RIDE FOR THE FAMILY

You and your family can already enjoy walking or riding on part of the new Thredbo Valley Track and there is more to come. The planned track will meander along the Thredbo Valley linking Skitube and Thredbo Village. See page 21 for details.

SAVING BIODIVERSITY FROM ORANGE HAWKWEED INVASION

Each December and February volunteers assist NPWS staff to find orange hawkweed while it is flowering. Orange hawkweed is highly invasive and easily transported and is a significant threat to the biodiversity of the Australian Alps.

If you see orange hawkweed (below), take notes or a GPS point or grid reference, draw a map and mark the site with something visible (so we can return to find the plant) then report it to the nearest NPWS office. Do not pick or disturb it.

It will take time, vigilance and support to remove orange hawkweed from the park. We couldn't do it without funding from park entry fees and without the help of our volunteers.

If you would like to become a volunteer please call the Khancoban office for details (02) 6076 9373.



RESTORATION AND RENEWAL

Kiandra's renewal is centred on the restoration of the 'Kiandra Courthouse and Chalet'. While restoration is about bricks and mortar, renewal is about putting people back in the picture at Kiandra.


Annual exhibitions and events are central to drawing people back to Kiandra. They offer Kiandra's descendants and researchers an opportunity to share their knowledge and connection while helping visitors appreciate Kiandra's history and social significance in order to build their own connections.

If you are interested in finding out more about Kiandra's upcoming events contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre (02) 6947 7025.

NORTHERN LOOKOUTS OFFER MORE THAN GREAT VIEWS

The new Black Perry Lookout on the Snowy Mountains Highway is just one of many new and spectacular lookouts in the north of Kosciuszko National Park built over the last few years.

Why not drive the Northern Lookout Loop? This takes in some of the best views in the park at Black Perry Lookout, Landers Falls Lookout, Big Talbingo Lookout, Yarrangobilly Lookout, Wallaces Creek Lookout and Cabramurra Lookout.

See page 6-7 for our self-guided drive tours and look for  or contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre for details (02) 6947 7025.

We bought an annual pass so we can drive straight to the snow - and we save money

TYPE OF PASS	NSW October to June long weekends NON-WINTER	NSW June to October long weekends WINTER	Includes winter surcharge ALL YEAR	BENEFITS
Vehicle day pass	\$16	\$27		24 hour park entry
Motorcycle day pass	\$6	\$11		24 hour park entry
Bus passenger (adult) [Bus has more than 8 seats]	\$6.60	\$11.45		24 hour park entry
Bus passenger (child) [Bus has more than 8 seats]	\$2.20	\$3.60		24 hour park entry
Short Breaks Pass	\$64	NA		5 days for the price of 4
Annual All Parks Pass			\$190	Vehicle entry to ALL parks in NSW, including Kosciuszko.
2nd household annual All Parks Pass			\$95	Half price vehicle entry to ALL parks in NSW, including Kosciuszko
2 year annual All Parks Pass			\$335	Save \$45 off vehicle entry to ALL parks in NSW, including Kosciuszko
2nd household 2 year annual All Parks Pass			\$165	Less than half price vehicle entry to ALL parks in NSW, including Kosciuszko
Replacement annual All Parks Pass—administration fee			\$6	



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Kosciuszko National Park has lots of beautiful walks. Many can be walked year round but some are only revealed when the winter snow melts. In the lower areas there are charming river walks and spectacular caves to explore.

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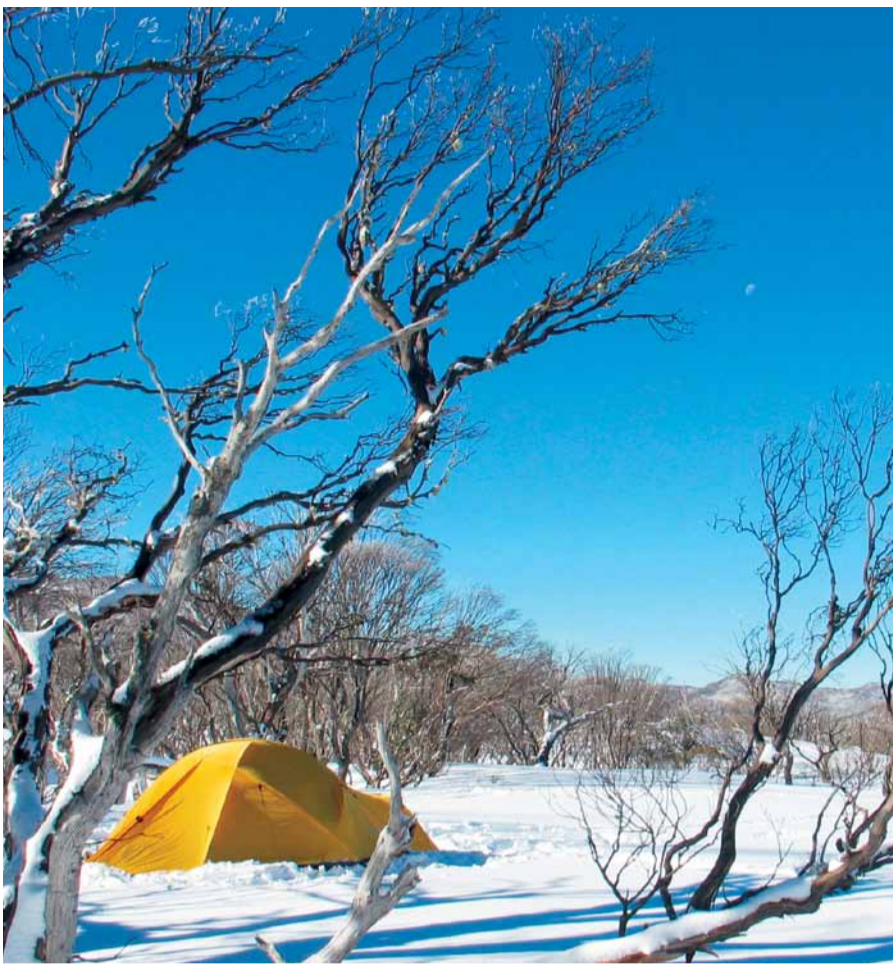
LAST YEAR'S FRONT COVER PHOTO APOLOGY

We would like to apologise for incorrectly crediting one of last year's front cover photos, *Mountain biking at Lake Crackenback*. It was attributed to Tourism Snowy Mountains but should have been attributed to photographer Lisa Hogben.

Photography: FRONT COVER Snowy River at Charlotte Pass, Murray Vanderveer.

THIS PAGE Murray Vanderveer; Orange Hawkweed, OEH; the newly restored Kiandra Courthouse and Chalet, OEH.

BACK COVER Geehi, Murray Vanderveer.



Camping

The stars will look brighter when you stay a night in Kosciuszko. The crystal clear air will refresh even the most tired spirits.

No campground fees apply but you will need to pay a general park use fee per vehicle. There are also a few things you will need to consider before you stretch out for the night.

- Camping areas with fireplaces and toilets are provided along major roads throughout the park. Car-based camping is permitted in these areas only.
- Walk-in camping is permitted in most areas except day-use (picnic) areas, resort areas, parts of the alpine area, Yarrangobilly Caves and within 200 metres of any public road.
- Timber is not provided at camping areas so bring your own. In alpine areas, you must only use a fuel stove all year

CAMPER TRAILERS

Some camping areas are suitable for access by camper trailers. Check with one of our visitor centres for details.

Some suggestions are the Blowering foreshore or Rock Flat in the north, Thredbo Diggings, Tom Groggin and Geehi along the Alpine Way in the south of the park.

AUSTRALIAN ALPS CAMPING CODES

- Plan ahead. Think about weather, equipment and safety.
- Camp on a firm dry spot. In snow, camp well away from ski trails and resorts but within skiing distance of a toilet.
- Camp and wash well away from water—at least 30 metres, 50 metres is best.
- Carry it in, carry it out—don't bury any rubbish in the snow.
- Got to 'go'? Use a toilet or take a walk—at least 100 metres from water and campsites. Dig 15cm deep into soil (below any snow) and cover well. In deep snow, consider carrying it out in suitable containers or go close to snow gums.
- Always take a suitable tent—huts are for emergencies only and maps may show huts that have burnt down.
- Wear lightweight shoes around camp.
- Keep your group small—4-8 is best.
- Use a fuel stove. Quicker for you, better for the bush. A must above the treeline—no woodfires are permitted in the alpine area at any time of year.
- In snow covered areas, dig an 'ice kitchen' near your tent and cook there—fill it in when you leave.
- Use only dead fallen wood (chainsaws prohibited) in fireplaces and make sure the fire is out before you leave. Better still, leave timber as habitat and bring your own wood.
- Feed yourself not the animals.
- Keep fires in hut fireplaces only.
- Tell someone who cares where you are going and for how long. Let them know when you return.
- Check the weather—don't go out with bad weather approaching.
- For your safety, avoid camping under overhanging trees.

Our commercial tour guide knew all the best spots in the park

NPWS licensed tour operators

This list provides an overview of what may be available during 2012. Some licences become due for renewal during 2012 and others operators not listed may become licensed. Operators reserve the right to change activities offered at any time. Contact one of our visitor centres for up-to-date information.

	Bushwalking	Mountain biking	Camping	Birdwatching	Photography	Horsing	Kayaking	Canoeing	Whitewater rafting	Snow shoeing	Cross-country ski	Snow craft	Snowboard tours	Ski touring	Snow camping	Ice climbing	Mountaineering	Rock climbing	Abselling	Flyfishing	Vehicle/Bus tours	4WD tag-along	
AAT Kings—1300 556100																							
Action Learning Initiatives Pty Ltd—(02) 6457 2788 www.action-learning.com.au	•	•	•				•	•	•	•													
Adventure Tours Australia (Oz Experience)—(02) 8305 3403 www.adventuretours.com.au	•														•								
Andrew Matenson Fly Fishing—0403 053 566																					•		
Aurora People—0403 966 426			•							•	•												
Australian Eco Adventures—(02) 9971 2402	•																						•
Australian School of Mountaineering—(02) 5445 7625 www.asmguides.com	•	•								•	•	•		•	•	•	•						
Australian Wild Escapes—9980 8799	•																						
Auswalk—03 5356 4971 www.auswalk.com.au	•																						
Clearwater Flyfishing Guides—0417 240 797																					•		
Cochran Family Tradition Horse Treks—(02) 6454 2336 www.cochranhorsetreks.com.au						•																	
Collaroy Centre (Salvation Army Eastern)—(02) 9982 9800	•									•													
Flamin Galah Tours—(02) 9977 7890	•																					•	
Follow That Bird—(02) 9973 1865				•																			
Getabout 4WD Adventures—(02) 8822 5656																							•
Great Divide Tours—(02) 9913 1395 www.4wd.net.au																							•
Higher Ground Pty Ltd—(07) 5463 2799 www.higherground.com.au	•	•								•	•												
interNATIONAL PARKtours—(07) 5533 3583	•																						•
Jindabyne Sport & Recreation Centre—(02) 6450 0200	•																						
K7 Kosciuszko Adventures—(02) 6457 7404 www.k7adventures.com	•	•	•	•						•	•			•		•		•	•				
Kosciuszko Alpine Guided Walks—Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort—(02) 6451 3000 www.novotellakecrackenback.com.au	•	•				•																	
Kosciuszko Thredbo Outdoor Adventures—(02) 6459 4100 www.thredbo.com.au	•																						
Land's Edge Coastal Interpretation—(02) 4234 3278 www.landsedge.com.au	•	•								•	•												
Match The Hatch Fly Fishing—0458 548 565																						•	
Misty Mountain 4WD Tours—(02) 4757 2278 www.4wdtours.net.au	•	•	•	•																			•
Mountain Adventure Centre (Paddy Pallin)—(02) 6456 2922 www.mountainadventurecentre.com.au	•	•						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Murray Vanderveer—0414 332 777					•																		
Nature Bound Australia Tours—07 3254 1911 www.natureboundaustralia.co	•	•																					
Outback Track Tours—(02) 9439 8236	•																						•
Outdoor Education Group (OEG)—(02) 4869 6700 www.oeg.net.au	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•												
Outdoor Insights—(02) 6162 1710	•	•								•	•												
Outward Bound—(02) 6235 5700 www.outwardbound.org.au	•																						
Park Trek—(03) 9877 9540 www.parktrek.com	•																						
Rafting Australia—(02) 6077 1164								•															
Reynella Rides—(02) 6454 2386 www.reynellarides.com.au						•																	
Snowy Monaro Fly Fishing (Paul Bourne)—(02) 6452 7650 www.snowymonaroofflyfishing.com.au																						•	
Snowy Mountains Climbing School—(02) 6076 9101 www.snowymtns.com	•									•	•			•				•					
Wild Women on Top—0434 027 912 www.WildWomenOnTop.com	•																						
Wilderness Sports Pty Ltd—(02) 6456 2966 www.wildernesssports.com.au	•	•								•	•	•							•	•			

ACCOMMODATION

Stay at Currango Homestead (page 15) or Yarrangobilly's Historic Caves House (page 17) in the north or Creel Lodge (page 12) near Jindabyne. You will need to book so you don't miss out. Call Tumut Region Visitor Centre (02) 6947 7025 for Currango and Caves House and Snowy Region Visitor Centre (02) 6450 5600 for Creel Lodge.

Commercial accommodation is also available within the park at Thredbo, Perisher, Smiggin Holes, Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Diggers Creek and Wilsons Valley. Some of this accommodation is available only during the winter months for individual bookings but available during summer for functions and group bookings. Sawpit Creek has a commercial camping and caravan park with cabins available year round.

DISCOVER MOUNTAINS, HISTORY AND CULTURE

Let one of our Discovery rangers guide you to a mountain peak—a great way to learn about alpine biodiversity. You can also learn about bush tucker from local Indigenous people or enjoy a cuppa in an historic hut. There is also the Kosciuszko Education Centre at Sawpit Creek to explore. It is open to the public for part of the NSW summer and autumn school holidays.

There are affordable discovery activities for everyone. Most run during holiday periods, but some activities run throughout the year. Discovery tours have limited numbers to ensure a great experience for everyone. This means that bookings are essential.

For more information go to www.nswnationalparks.com.au

Winter in Kosciuszko

As the landscape is blanketed in crisp white snow, there is plenty of fun to be had. Enjoy family time, groomed runs or backcountry adventures.

Snowsports are a big attraction in winter and there are plenty of options. Hit the slopes at one of the four resorts or enjoy a quiet day out on the cross-country trails. If you like bushwalking you will love snow-shoeing and the child in all will adore the thrills at one of the tubing and tobogganing slopes.

Of course, if you just want to take it easy there are cafes and restaurants with sparkling views of the snow covered mountains.

Our winter period lasts from the NSW June long weekend until the NSW October long weekend so there is time to do it all.



Photo: Shannon Pawsey



PERISHER

Perisher is the largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere with 1,245 hectares of skiable area serviced by 48 lifts. Areas include Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Guthega and Blue Cow. This gives skiers and boarders a wide choice of terrain to suit all abilities. There is also tubing and tobogganing and family snowplay areas. You can get there by the Kosciuszko Road or by Skitube from Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way. There is accommodation, eateries and retail shops.

Primarily a winter resort, there are also bike trails to enjoy during the summer months.

Perisher 1300 655 822
www.perisher.com.au

GETTING THERE: Kosciuszko Road (33km from Jindabyne) snow-chains must be carried—or use Skitube (from Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way)



THREDBO VILLAGE

Thredbo Village is a year-round alpine resort nestled in the Thredbo Valley.

In winter, the long slopes provide intermediate and experienced skiers and boarders with challenging runs. Gentle runs are provided for beginners at Friday Flat.

During the summer months, the ski runs become mountain bike tracks. There is a bob-sled ride and also a chairlift for those wishing to walk to Mt Kosciuszko.

The village has a variety of accommodation options, a golf course, gymnasium, indoor pool, tennis courts, shops and restaurants.

Thredbo
(02) 6459 4100
www.thredbo.com.au

GETTING THERE: Alpine Way (34km from Jindabyne and 77km from Khancoban)



CHARLOTTE PASS VILLAGE

Nestled at the foot of the Main Range, Charlotte Pass Village is snowbound in winter and accessed by oversnow transport meaning you can enjoy uncrowded slopes.

The isolation of the village is part of its charm, but there is still comfortable accommodation and restaurants.

Being close to the alpine area means that summer walks are within easy reach as is mountain biking along the Summit Trail to Rawson Pass.

The lookout at the top of the Kangaroo Triple Chair has spectacular views of the Main Range.

Charlotte Pass Village
(02) 6457 5247
www.charlottepass.com.au

GETTING THERE: Oversnow transport from Perisher Valley (33km from Jindabyne)



SELWYN SNOWFIELDS

Located in the northern end of Kosciuszko, Selwyn Snowfields is a family orientated day resort with gentle slopes for skiers and boarders. There is also tobogganing, snow biking and a snow tube park. An eatery and ski shop provides convenience to day visitors during winter.

The surrounding area has cross-country ski trails and snow-shoe tracks in winter and walking tracks in summer.

Proximity to the historic Kandra Goldfields and stunning Yarrangobilly Caves make the Selwyn area a popular family destination.

Selwyn Snowfields (02) 6454 9488
www.selwynsnow.com.au

GETTING THERE: Snowy Mountains Highway then take the turn-off to Selwyn Snowfields (approximately 95km from Cooma or 80km from Tumut)

Photo: Nolan Oayda



TUBING AND TOBOGGANING

Snow tubing and tobogganing can be fun activities for the whole family. Just make sure you head to one of the tubing and tobogganing parks to avoid the dangers of ungroomed or roadside slopes.

Tubing and tobogganing parks are provided at both Perisher in southern Kosciuszko and Selwyn Snowfields in the north. You can hire tubes and toboggans nearby.

Remember to wear appropriate clothing for the snow when tubing or tobogganing, especially gloves to protect your hands.

It's also a good idea to make sure you check that the tube and toboggan parks are open before heading off. If there is insufficient snow or the slope is unsafe, the area will be closed.

You can check their status at:

Perisher
1300 655 822
www.perisher.com.au

Selwyn Snowfields
(02) 6454 9488
www.selwynsnow.com.au

There is no tobogganing at Thredbo, Smiggin Holes, Blue Cow or Guthega.

CREEL LODGE

Creel Lodge is perfect for those wanting the comforts of home—in the middle of Kosciuszko National Park.

Located 10km from Jindabyne, it is within easy walking distance of Lake Jindabyne and can sleep up to eight.

There are four bedrooms (one queen, three twin share) each with ensuite. There is a fully equipped kitchen and gas heating will make sure you are warm even in the middle of winter.

Contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre for enquiries and booking
(02) 6450 5600.



Near Perisher

Do you love bushwalking? Then you will love snow-shoeing. Rock Creek Snow-shoe Track is a great introduction to snow-shoeing or you can free your heel in cross-country skis.

The network of groomed trails at Perisher will suit cross-country skiers of all levels and information signs give an insight into the unique flora and fauna of the Australian snow country.

PERISHER CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

Cross-country trail reports are available to let you know the condition of the trails (including grooming) before you head out. Phone one of our visitor centres for the latest information.

The trackhead is approximately 400 metres behind the Perisher Fire Station (opposite the NPWS Office and Visitor Facilities). There is also a Nordic Shelter available to skiers using the trails. There are groomed trails ranging from 2.5km to 10km.

There are also recreational touring trails which are not a standard distance and are generally ungroomed.

One scenic trail to Porcupine Rocks, takes you through snow gum woodland to granite boulders which is the end of the trail. You can scramble to the top of these boulders for extensive views of the Main Range and Thredbo Valley.

SNOW-SHOEING

The Rock Creek Snow-shoe Track is a designated snow-shoe track for you to enjoy (see description).

For the safety of skiers please avoid snowshoeing on cross-country ski trails as snowshoe indentations are hazardous to skiers. Staying off the designated ski trails also means you will avoid colliding with skiers.

ROCK CREEK SNOW-SHOE TRACK 3KM ROUND-TRIP

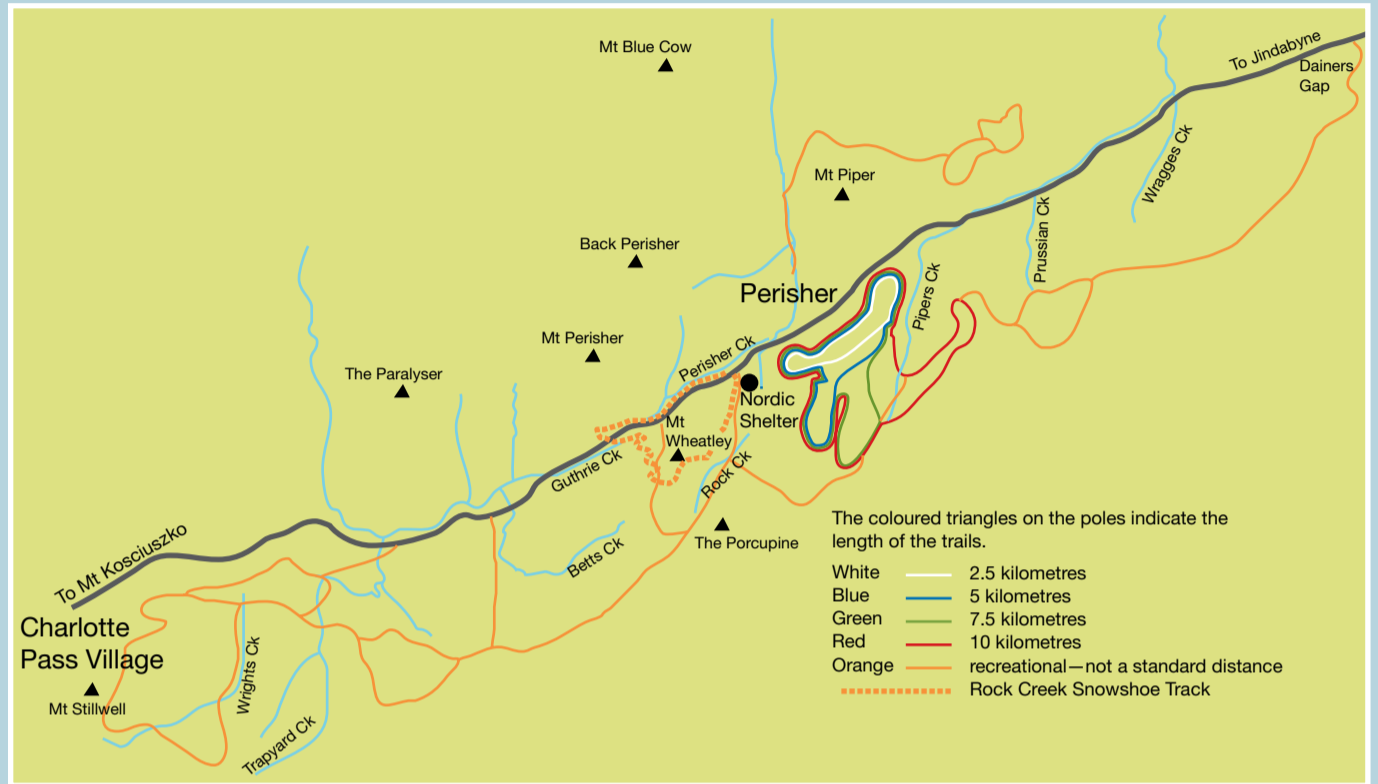
This gentle track begins approximately 400 metres along Kosciuszko Road from the NPWS Office and Visitor Facilities. It follows Rock Creek through a naturally treeless frost hollow then heads into snow gum woodland.

Please look out for oversnow vehicles as you cross Kosciuszko Road then follow the access track to Mt Perisher double chair, where you can buy a hot drink.

Head back down Perisher Valley towards the start. The car park is about 300 metres from the end of the trail.



Photo: Michael Scott Lees



Near Selwyn Snowfields

There are a few ungroomed cross-country ski trails to choose from in the north of the park. All are close to Selwyn Snowfields, historic Kiandra Goldfields and stunning Yarrangobilly Caves.

THREE MILE DAM AND SELWYN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

There are trails ranging from 2.5km to a distance of 10km.

The recreational trails are not a standard distance and are generally ungroomed.

DRY DAM CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

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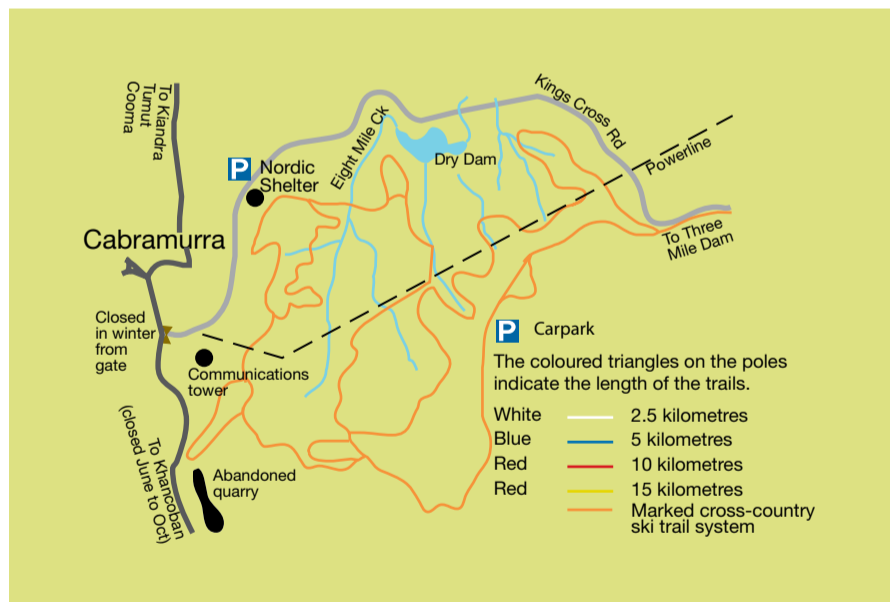
GOLDSEEKER'S TRACK 3KM ROUND-TRIP

This loop track begins opposite the western entrance to Three Mile Dam. It can also be accessed from Selwyn Snowfields. See Three Mile Dam map.

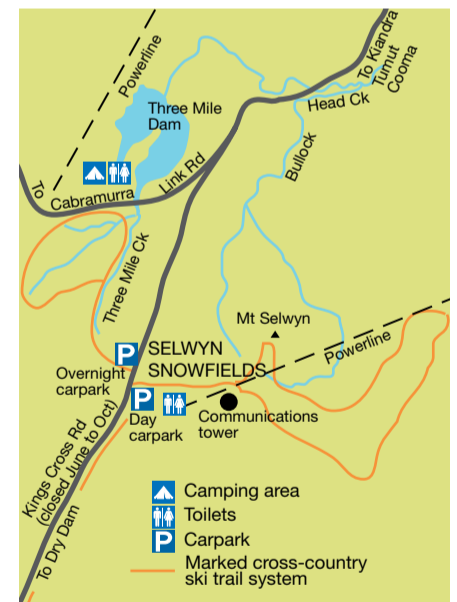
In winter, it is left ungroomed and so can be enjoyed by cross-country skiers as well as snow-shoers.

The track meanders through snowgrass flats, snow gum woodland and past an abandoned ore-crushing battery. There are views back to Three Mile Dam. Information signs also give an insight in the unique flora and fauna of the snow country.

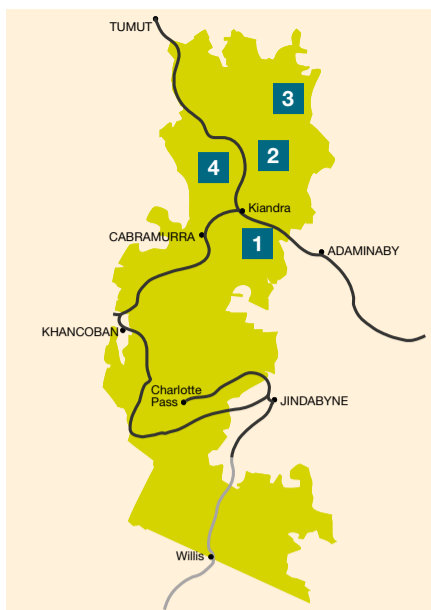
DRY DAM SKI TRAILS



THREE MILE DAM SKI TRAILS



Three Mile Dam. Photo: Jo Caldwell



Drives in Kosciuszko

Take a self-guided drive tour to high country history and magnificent mountain views.

Kosciuszko National Park and surrounding areas offers a network of sealed roads which take you to places like no other: Australia's highest mountains, diverse landscapes and locations with a rich cultural history.

The Snowy Mountains Highway and Kosciuszko Alpine Way form part of the Snowy Mountains Drive which takes you in a loop to Cooma, Tumut and Khancoban. Check out our park map on pages 10-11 or go to www.snowymountains.com.au.

There are also unsealed roads suitable for memorable four-wheel drive adventures **1 – 4**.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS HIGHWAY—TUMUT TO ADAMINABY

The highway climbs through woodlands to the open, treeless plains of Kiandra and Long Plain then drops into the picturesque valleys of Talbingo and Tumut. After European settlement, parts of the region were occupied year round and many huts and homesteads remain for you to visit. You can also cut across the park at Kiandra and head through Cabramurra to join up with the Alpine Way.

It is recommended that all vehicles carry chains during winter. Many access roads and trails are closed during winter limiting some activities. Closures may be brought forward or extended due to weather, heavy rain or snowfalls. Call Tumut Region Visitor Centre for more information (02) 6947 7025.

DISTANCES are given from the park boundary sign on the Adaminaby side first, then from the park boundary on the Tumut side. No fuel is available in the park.

Adaminaby is 51km from Cooma (less than an hour's drive). The town is home to the 'Big Trout'. Refuel the car and pick up something for a picnic lunch.

Park boundary sign (0km/100km, 1180m above sea level) 14km from Adaminaby, this section of road passes around the northern edge of Lake Eucumbene. To the right is Boundary Trail which you can ride along in summer to Gavels Hut.

Turn-off to Providence Portal (3.4km/96.6km) This is the end of the tunnel which brings water from Tantangara Reservoir to Lake Eucumbene. Some of the foreshore land in this area is not in the park, including the tourist facilities here.

Denison campground turn-off (7.4km/92.6km) Provides access to the Eucumbene River on the northern most part of Eucumbene Dam (depending on water storage levels). The campground is approximately 1.3km from the highway.

Tantangara Road (5.4km/94.6) The road takes you to Tantangara Dam which is 17km from the turn-off as well as Wares Yard camping area. During summer, you can cycle to historic huts or stay at historic Currango Homestead, however access is closed in winter from the dam. Contact the Tumut Region Visitor Centre for Currango Homestead bookings (02) 6947 7025.

Delaney's Hut (12.9km/87.1km) Rebuilt in 2008 after it was burnt in the 2003 fires. The hut was believed to have been originally built by James Delaney in 1910 before World War I.

Rocky Plains camping area (14.4km/85.6km) 600m from the highway

is a designated camping area with basic facilities (pit toilet, fireplace and loading ramp).

The Rest House, Sawyers Hill (15.9km/84.1km) This was a shelter for travellers on the old Kiandra Road in the early 1900s. Damaged in the 2003 fires, it was rebuilt in 2008. The 4WD (dry weather only) Four Mile Trail to the Eucumbene River starts here.

Alpine ash forest (16.9–18km/82–83.1km) This area was extensively burnt during the January 2003 bushfires but is slowly recovering. Alpine ash is killed by fire and regenerates only from seed.

Kiandra Cemetery (22.1km/77.9km) Many of the graves sites are unmarked, with only a few remaining headstones dedicated to those who once lived on the Kiandra goldfields and plains.

Tabletop Trail (23km/77km) Start of 14km return Four Mile Hut Walk. Four Mile Hut is off the main trail. Check snow cover.

Kiandra (23.7km/76.3km, 1390m above sea level) The site of a short-lived goldrush still evident where race line scars criss-cross the hillsides and mullock heaps dot the landscape. There are only four buildings standing including the Courthouse built in 1890. Kiandra is generally recognised to be the birthplace of skiing in Australia and in the late 1960s the old Courthouse became a ski chalet. There is a self-guided heritage walking track around the remains of the old township.

Turn-off Kiandra to Cabramurra (Link) Road (24.5km/75.5km) This road will take you to Selwyn Snowfields in winter and on to Khancoban and the Alpine Way in summer. The rock pinnacles on the plain were formed from lava deposited in a shallow sea during the Ordovician. They have been turned on edge by later folding.

Gooandra Trail (29.7km/70.3km) 10km return walk or ride to historic Gooandra Homestead. Take a map. Check snow cover.

Bullocks Hill camping area (35.5km/64.5km) From the highway, follow Bullocks Hill Trail for 400m, turn right. The campground is 200m down the dirt trail. Bullocks Hill Trail continues to a locked gate, 5.5km to the east, on Tantangara Creek. Closed winter.

Long Plain Road (42.2km/57.8km, 1330m above sea level) Summer only turn-off onto Long Plain Road to visit historic huts. There are trails to cycle on and areas to camp with horses. Access to Blue Waterholes (4WD when wet) where you can walk the 2.5km return Clarke Gorge Track or the 6.3km round trip Nicole Gorge Track. The track to the ruins of a guest house is opposite the Long Plain Road. After 50m turn right and follow the track where it curves to the left up the hill.



Yarrangobilly Caves (45.3km/54.7km, 1260m above sea level) (02) 6454 9597. Yarrangobilly Caves is located 6.5km off the Snowy Mountains Highway. The roads in and out are one-way with a hard gravel surface and corners unsuitable for caravans. Guided cave tours run at 11am, 1pm and 3pm every day except Christmas Day with additional tours during the school holidays. The Thermal Pool, visitor centre and Self-guided Cave are open 9am to 5pm. Heritage style accommodation is available at Caves House (bookings essential). There are also walking tracks and picnic facilities but no camping is permitted.

Yarrangobilly Village camping area (52.9km/47.1km) Cotterill's Cottage, built in 1898, and a historic steam engine are on site.

Jounama pine plantation (53.7–55km/45–46.3km) Established in the 1920s and 30s to test which species would be suitable for forestry in the area. The plantation is being removed and the cleared areas re-vegetated with native plants.

Lobs Hole Ravine Road (58.1km/41.9km) This unsealed road is suitable for 2WD access to Jounama Heritage Walk and Homestead Ruin. Beyond this point, a public access 4WD trail crosses Yarrangobilly River and joins the Ravine Road passing Wallaces Creek Lookout before it joins the Cabramurra Road. Subject to weather.

Cumberland Trail and Landers Falls and Big Talbingo lookouts (66.4km/33.6km) Start of 12km return Landers Creek Falls Walk to two lookouts. The walk is shortened if you drive the first 4.8km by 4WD (summer dry weather only). Moderate grade, some steep sections. Views east to Landers Falls and west to Talbingo Dam and Bago State Forest area. You can also ride on mountain bike and continue along Cumberland Trail for another 5.7km to Lickhole Trail—from here it is 3.9km east to the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Big Talbingo Lookout From Landers Falls carpark, walk 8.8kms return to the top of Big Talbingo Mountain. Some steep sections. Enjoy some of the best 360° views the park has to offer—Kosciuszko Main Range to the south, 'The Rock' to the west and Scabby Range to the east.



Black Perry Lookout (70km/30km, 1060m above sea level) Views north of the granite Bogong Peaks and wilderness area and of Black Perry which is a metamorphosed blend of limestone and other minerals known as skarn.

Talbingo Mountain (69–76km/24–31km) Steep descent.

Old Mountain Road Walk (71.2km/28.8km) Start of the 4km one-way Old Mountain Road Walk.

Jounama Creek camping area (76.7km/23.3km) Opposite the turn-off to Talbingo. Jounama Creek Walk starts at the campground.

Jounama pondage (78.4km/21.6km, 420m above sea level) Turn-off to Talbingo and the Tumut 3 Power Station. 1km past the power station is a gravel road (dry weather only) which will take you through private property to Buddong Falls camping area where you can start the 3km return Buddong Falls Track.

Yolde camping area (81.6km/18.4km)

Yachting Point picnic area (86.8km/13.2km, 390m above sea level)

Hume's Crossing camping area (91.1km/8.9km) Hume and Hovell's group crossed the Tumut River here.

View of Blowering Reservoir (93km/7km) The reservoir is 18km long and up to 4km wide when full. In 1974 the eastern foreshores were included in the park. The western foreshore is managed by Forests NSW. Extensive grass flats and the protection of adjoining wooded areas have led to an abundance of eastern grey kangaroos in the area. Take care driving.

The Pines camping area (94.2km/5.8km) Boat launching ramp.

Log Bridge Creek camping area (98.4km/1.6km) Boat launching ramp. Start of 5km return Blowering Cliffs Walk.

Warogong Trail (99.5km/0.5km) Start of the 11km return Warogong Sugarloaf Walk.

Park boundary sign (100km/0km)


Tumut: 15km from the boundary of Kosciuszko National Park. The Tumut Region Visitor Centre is located on the corner of the Gocup Road to Gundagai and the Snowy Mountains Highway and has information and displays (02) 6947 7025.


KIANDRA TO CABRAMURRA


Travel past Three Mile Dam and the Goldseeker's Track to Cabramurra to refuel and grab something to eat. In winter you can access Selwyn Snowfields and in summer you can drive from Cabramurra to Khancoban and on to Jindabyne along the Alpine Way.


DISTANCES are given from the Snowy Mountains Highway turn-off.


New Chum Hill (0.7km) Mining equipment display.


 **Visitor entrance station** (1.4km) Open winter only. There is also a passholder only lane.

 **Kings Cross Road** turn-off (4.5km) This takes you to Selwyn Snowfields. The first ski lift was transferred here from Kiandra in 1966. It has a range of activities for all age groups during winter. There is day and overnight parking and a designated toboggan slope. No overnight accommodation.

 **Three Mile Dam** (east and west) (5.7km) Western side closed in winter. Originally constructed as a source of water for sluicing at New Chum Hill. It then became the first staging camp for works for the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme. Many workers lived in tents throughout winter until other structures were built.

 **Goldseeker's Track** (5.7km) This 3km loop track begins opposite the western entrance to Three Mile Dam. It is also a popular cross-country ski or snowshoe trail in winter—check snow cover. Features include an abandoned ore-crushing battery and snow gum woodlands.

 **Lobs Hole Ravine Road and Wallaces Creek Lookout** (8.2km) The lookout is 2.2km along a hardened gravel surface suitable for 2WDs. The viewing platform is 40m from a parking area and is suitable for wheelchair access. 4WD is recommended beyond the lookout as there is a river crossing (subject to weather). The trail leads to Lobs Hole/Ravine, once a village and copper mine. Only mining relics remain. The trail then climbs up to the Snowy Mountains Highway. Allow 2–3 hours (37km).

 **Elliott Way** (15.3km) Kiandra to Cabramurra Link Road becomes the Elliott Way at the Cabramurra turn-off. The Elliott Way provides access to O'Hare's camping area and Tumbarumba.

 **Cabramurra** turn-off (19.6km) Take the Murralin Road to the top of the town. Enjoy views of the town and the Tumut River Valley to the north and west. Facilities include fuel, shop and public toilets. The Khancoban to Cabramurra Link Road beyond here is closed in winter.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL 4WD COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

- Obey the laws and regulations
- Respect cultural heritage and environmental values by obeying restrictions
- Respect flora and fauna—stop and look, but never disturb
- Keep to formed vehicle tracks
- Keep the environment clean—carry rubbish out
- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean
- Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices
- Seek permission before driving on private land
- Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found
- Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit
- Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person



Three Mile Dam. Photo: Jo Caldwell

Four-wheel drive adventures

Discover the northern landscapes of Kosciuszko. Drive past historic sites or between wilderness areas.

If you would like to join others on a tag-a-long tour, contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre (02) 6947 7025. They run at various times during the year.

These drives are closed between the NSW June and October long weekends and at other times due to weather.

1 FOUR MILE 4WD DRIVE

Turn-off the Snowy Mountains Highway just past the Rest House, Sawyers Hill. The 3km trail provides access to the Eucumbene River.

2 BULLOCKS HILL 4WD DRIVE

Turn-off the Snowy Mountains Highway 12km north of Kiandra. This trail provides access to Tantangara Creek—just upstream of its junction with the Murrumbidgee River—5.9km drive. 600 metres from the highway there is a designated camping area where horses are allowed.

3 LONG PLAIN TO BRINDABELLA 4WD DRIVE

Follows the path of an old stock route to Tumut and links up with the forestry roads to the north. The gate from the northern end of Long Plain Road through private property direct to Brindabella is always locked.

Turn-off the Snowy Mountains Highway on to Long Plain Road.

From here, continue along Long Plain Road and veer left at Broken Cart Trail. Follow Broken Cart Trail, Boundary, Bramina and Barnetts roads until you reach Brindabella Road. Access is not guaranteed during or following adverse weather conditions—even during the summer months.

The route from Long Plain to Brindabella Road takes you between the Goobaragandra and Bimberi wilderness areas. These areas have restrictions on access and activities allowed within their boundaries.

Horse riding and recreational vehicles are not allowed within wilderness areas so you must stay on the permitted roads. Contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre (02) 6947 7025.

4 LOBS HOLE RAVINE 4WD DRIVE

This road leads to the site of an old settlement where copper mining took place. Cross the Yarrangobilly River and take in the views at Wallaces Creek Lookout.

The road is four-wheel drive only between Jounama Homestead and Wallaces Creek Lookout. It may be closed at times due to weather.

DISTANCES are given from the turn-off from the Snowy Mountains Highway 58.1km from Adaminaby and 41.9km from Tumut.

Entrance Gates (0km) Just off the Snowy Mountains Highway are entrance gates to what was Jounama property which was made up of freehold land and periodic snow leases. The earliest documented settlement of this area is around 1858.

Jounama School House site (250–300 metres) On the western side of the road. A step is all that remains and is signposted. Children walked or rode from local homesteads.

Jounama Heritage Walk (1.8km) This is a moderate 3.2km return walk. There were several homesteads and huts within the Jounama area during the late 1800s and early 1900s. There are now two ruins—'Glendella' and 'Faraway'. Both were once three bedroom homes. Further along, you can walk to other dwellings that existed. These include 'Woodlands' and the local butcher's home.

Jounama Homestead (4.8km) At the Blue Creek Trail there is parking for the 2.7km return walk to Jounama Homestead. The Homestead was built from 1920 to the 1950s. It had seven rooms and was made of brick, timber and fibro. Most of the bricks were made on site and others came from the Ravine copper mine kiln and furnace. The front entry jasper flagstones are also from Ravine. The homestead out-buildings and landscape included a buggy shed, chicken pen, stock yards and wool shed, and an English style garden. Most of the homestead was burnt down in the early 1960s and useful materials were reused elsewhere.

Pinbeyan Range (12km) The Pinbeyan Ridge is clearly visible. From this point, views of the Yarrangobilly arm of Talbingo Reservoir appear as you descend into the valley.

Lobs Hole Ravine (approx 23km) Around 1842 bullock dray traffic travelled west of the ranges via Tollbar Ridge and Lobs Hole Ravine. This was the easiest route across the mountains to the west. Cattle duffers were also known to frequent the valley when moving stolen stock across the ranges.

In 1861 a boarding house was established to serve miners heading to the Kiandra goldfields. Miners also came seeking milder conditions in winter. In 1874 copper mining began in the Lobs Hole Ravine area. Between 1890 and 1902 copper production reached its peak. Production fell due to mine gas, shaft flooding, fluctuating market prices and transport costs to the Gundagai railhead. By 1910 the Lobs Hole area had an established village which was finally renamed Ravine. Lobs Hole is actually located below Sheep Station Ridge now under water. There was a school, butcher, police station and blacksmith to service the farm and mining community surrounding the area. Washington Hotel was opened in 1909, catering for miners and travellers crossing the mountains to Kiandra. The building is significant because it was one of the largest rammed-earth structures of its day. By 1919 all mines were abandoned which brought about a speedy decline in residents and services. By 1920 the Yan family, associated with Yan's Store in Kiandra, were the only residents of the area. Most buildings that remained in the area succumbed to fire. The last burnt down in 1964. However, the Washington Hotel was sold in 1923, and all materials (except the pise walls) were removed to Humula. In the 1960s the Lobs Hole Ravine Road was constructed during the development of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme. The area became a popular place for camping and was incorporated into Kosciuszko National Park in 1986.

Block Stream (Boulder Field) (approx 31km) This is an example of a basalt blockstream formed in the last ice age. Such 'periglacial' features are formed from repeated freezing and thawing.

  **Wallaces Creek Lookout** (35km 1310 metres above sea level) There are extensive views of the Great Dividing Range, Yarrangobilly river and valley and Big Talbingo Mountain. The parking area is 2.2km from the Kiandra to Cabramurra (Link) Road. The platform is 40 metres from the parking area and is suitable for assisted wheelchair access.

Kiandra to Cabramurra (Link) Road (37km). Turn right to Cabramurra, Tumbarumba and Khancoban or left for Three Mile Dam and the Snowy Mountains Highway.



KHANCOBAN TO CABRAMURRA

Wind through magnificent mountain forests. From Cabramurra you can drive to Kandra and then to Tumut or Cooma. From Khancoban you can access the Kosciuszko Alpine Way and head to Jindabyne.

The road is closed by snow during the winter months. Normally this will include the NSW June long weekend. It is usually opened on the NSW October long weekend. It may be closed at other times due to snow, ice and fallen timber.

Be aware that this road is steep, narrow and winding.

Khancoban Visitors Centre (0km) (02) 6076 9373. Khancoban was built as a construction town for the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The information centre is run by the NPWS.

Cabramurra Road (5.8km) Also signposted as the Swampy Plains Creek Road. Turn right.

Bradney's Gap camping area (10.7km)

Yellow Bog Road (19.5km) Suitable for 4WD vehicles in dry weather only, it takes you to the Tooma river. On some maps, it is the Upper Murray Powerline Road.

Road closure (snow) gate (20km) This gate is locked during winter.

Clover Flat camping area (26.2km)

Tooma Reservoir wall (33.2km) Parking on your right.

Tooma Reservoir Trailhead (34.0km) Parking on the right. Toilets inside gate. Start of the Paton's Hut Walk and Jagungal Wilderness area via the Dargals Trail.

Ogilvies Creek picnic area (39.6km) The naturally treeless sub-alpine landscape found here along the Ogilvies Creek valley is attributed to the low temperatures and frost associated with cold air drainage and pooling, which limit tree establishment and survival.

Round Mountain Trailhead (45.2km) Car park and toilet. Start of the **Round Mountain Hut Walk** and access to the Jagungal Wilderness area. Before you head into a wilderness area you need to be self-reliant. Be prepared for all conditions all year. Take a topographic map and compass and know how to use them.

Bradley's and O'Brien's Hut (47.9km) A reminder of the high country grazing past You can camp outside the hut—huts are for emergencies.

Manjar Trail (48.1km) 4WD dry weather only. Turn left at Blackjack Trail and continue to the locked gate about 300 metres before the summit of Mt Black Jack and extensive views. Due to the complex network of logging and powerline roads, visitors are advised to carry topographic maps.

Tumut Pondage viewing area (56.1km) To the right. Exercise caution when crossing the pondage wall as it is a single lane.

Road closure (snow) gate (63.3km) This gate is locked during winter.

Kings Cross Road (63.4km) To the right this gravel road is an alternative route past Selwyn Snowfields to Kandra. Closed in winter.

Cabramurra turn-off (63.7km) The town was established for Snowy Scheme workers. It offers the closest fuel, meals and services from Selwyn Snowfields. There is no fuel again until Tumut or Adaminaby.

Elliott Way: Continue on from Cabramurra. Turn left for Tooma, Corryong, Tumarumba and Batlow. Turn right for Kandra. At Kandra turn right for Adaminaby, Cooma and Canberra or left for Yarrangobilly Caves and Tumut.

What magnificent scenery!

THE ALPINE WAY—JINDABYNE TO KHANCOBAN

The Alpine Way partly follows the Thredbo River. This was once a corridor for Indigenous people's movement to the high country. It then became an important route for taking stock to the high country each summer. Today you can immerse yourself in the rich cultural history and magnificent forests.

The RTA recommends that all vehicles carry chains during winter. Chains MUST be carried in all two-wheel drive vehicles from the NSW June long weekend to the NSW October long weekend between Thredbo and Tom Groggin.

Be aware that the Alpine Way is steep, narrow and winding between Khancoban and Thredbo. Watch out for minor rock falls especially after rain.

DISTANCES are given from the Jindabyne end of the Alpine Way first, then from the Khancoban end.

Jindabyne end of Alpine Way (0km/108km) The turn-off to the Alpine Way is 3km west of Jindabyne on Kosciuszko Road.

Park boundary sign (16.6km/91.4km)

Bullock's Flat Skitube Terminal turn-off (17km/91km) The Skitube was constructed between 1984 and 1988. This rail link runs to Perisher and Mt Blue Cow during winter. The terminal provides free parking all year. Car park 'C' is the beginning of the shortest route into Bullock's Hut.

Visitor entrance station (18km/90km) There is a passholder lane in winter.

Thredbo Diggings camping area turn-off (19km/89km) Beside the Thredbo River. Walk either 4.5km or 3.3km to Bullocks Hut.

Ngarigo camping area turn-off (23km/85km) Note the stands of dead alpine ash. These tall forest trees were killed by the 2003 fires but are now regenerating from seed stored in the soil. Although alpine ash produces seed annually, the seed doesn't germinate until fire clears the forest understorey and heat triggers the seed capsule to open. If another fire occurs too soon—in less than

20 years—young trees may die without maturing enough to produce seed.

Thredbo Village (31km/77km) A year-round resort offering winter skiing and boarding, chairlift rides, walking, cycling, golf, tennis, an indoor sports complex with a pool, cafés, bars and restaurants. In summer, walk to Mt Kosciuszko from the top of the chairlift (fees apply). Purchase park entry passes at the Thredbo Resort Centre. Fish the Thredbo River in summer. In winter, 2WDs must carry chains between here and Tom Groggin.

Cascade Trailhead (36.5km/71.5km) Start of the 10km return Bob's Ridge Walk in the Pilot Wilderness. Walk, cycle or ski (depending on the time of year and snow cover) along the Cascade Trail to Cascade Hut. Opposite is the 5km one-way Dead Horse Gap track and the 4km one-way Thredbo River Walk.

Dead Horse Gap (37km/71km) 1580 metres above sea level. This is the highest point on the road. The name is believed to have arisen after horses were trapped here by snowfalls. This is the watershed between the Snowy and Murray river catchments on the Great Dividing Range.

Leatherbarrel Creek (47.8km/60.2km) In early summer, there are wildflowers growing in the damp, shaded areas and tea-tree can be seen along the creek. The mixed eucalypt forest contains mountain gum, candlebark and the eurabbie.

Tom Groggin camping area turn-off (55km/53km) Reported to be derived from the Aboriginal word tomarogin meaning 'water spider'. It is on the banks of the Murray River (the NSW/VIC border) as close as you can get to the headwaters of the Murray in a standard vehicle. In winter, 2WDs must carry chains between here and Thredbo.

Tom Groggin Station turnoff (57km/51km) The NSW/VIC border runs between the road and the cattle station. There is no public access to Tom Groggin Station. Watch for cattle, kangaroos and emus on the road.

Grassy Flats Trail (61km/40km) Provides dry weather only 4WD access to the Murray River. Popular launching site for rafters and canoeists.

Murray Gates Trail (65km/42km) Provides dry weather only 4WD access to the Murray River

Geehi camping area (76km/32km) There is a wheelchair access walking track and abundant wildlife. Drive to the far end of the carpark to see the historic huts or if the river is low enough you can cross the Swampy Plains River in 4WD. There are also great views of snow-capped peaks in winter. There are several walks and mountain bike rides to more historic huts to enjoy. The Alpine Way is steep, narrow and winding between Geehi and Khancoban—watch out for minor rock falls especially after rain.

Geehi Dam and Olsen's Lookout turn-off (82km/26km) This road will be closed due to construction works and will only be open during peak periods. Check with one of our visitor centres for current information.

Bogong Creek (83km/25km) This moist environment provides an excellent reptile habitat. The native mint bush is in flower (pale purple) from October to early November. The yellow and brown egg-and-bacon plant and white rice flowers can also be seen in spring.

Scammell Spur Lookout turn-off (90km/18km) A spectacular panorama of the western face of the Main Range.

Geehi Walls (91km/17km) To the left (travelling from Jindabyne) you will see the famed Geehi Walls and behind them, the Indi Range. The original route to Tom Groggin was over the Geehi Walls. Start of Major Clews 4WD dry weather road.

Clews Ridge (92km/16km) The ridge was named by the Snowy Mountains Authority (now Snowy Hydro) in recognition of the outstanding survey work carried out for the scheme by the late Major Clews. The ridge is covered with an impressive stand of alpine ash.

Murray 1 Power Station and Visitor Centre turn-off (101km/7km) The visitor centre is next to the power station. Power Station inspections an opportunity to view the powerstation from a viewing gallery. Phone for opening hours and inspection times 1800 623 776.

Murray 1 Power Station viewing area (102km/6km) The white pipes carry water through the mountains from dams higher up and generate hydro-electric power.

Park boundary (104km/2km)

Khancoban end of Alpine Way (108km/0km) Khancoban was built as a construction town for the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The information centre here is run by the NPWS. You can continue driving through to Victoria or if travelling to Jindabyne be aware that the Alpine Way is steep, narrow and winding between Khancoban and Thredbo. Watch out for minor rock falls especially after rain.

Khancoban to Cabramurra: During summer you can drive from Khancoban to Cabramurra through Kosciuszko National Park. During winter, however, this road is closed. Instead you can drive to Cabramurra via the Elliott Way.





Thredbo River at Thredbo Diggings. Photo: Murray Vanderveer


KOSCIUSZKO ROAD— JINDABYNE TO CHARLOTTE PASS

This is the one road that will take you to expansive views of Australia's highest mountains including Mt Kosciuszko. Completed in 1909, the road originally ran to the top of Mt Kosciuszko but was closed in 1976 at Charlotte Pass to help protect the unique alpine environment.

The RTA recommends that all vehicles carry chains in winter. From the NSW June long weekend to the NSW October long weekend chains MUST be carried in two-wheel drive vehicles on the Kosciuszko Road from the park boundary.

 **Snowy Region Visitor Centre** (0km) (02) 6450 5600. Discover the natural and cultural features of the region as well as find accommodation, places to eat and things to see and do in the area. Staff will provide the latest information on weather and road conditions as well as fishing reports. You can also purchase a park entry pass or an annual All Parks Pass.


 **Alpine Way** turn-off (3km) This road takes you to Thredbo and then Khancoban and the road to Cabramurra


 **Thredbo River picnic area** (9.8km) The Thredbo River is the park boundary. 2WDS MUST CARRY CHAINS FROM HERE IN WINTER.

 **Waste Point Road** turn-off (12.2km) This will take you to Creel Lodge.

BARRY WAY—JINDABYNE TO WILLIS


The Barry Way follows the lower Snowy River. This was an important route for Indigenous people travelling to the high country and later became an important stock route to the high country each summer.

 For most of its length, the Barry Way is unsealed. It is steep, narrow and winding. Watch out for minor rock falls and potholes—especially after rain.


 **Snowy Region Visitor Centre** (0km) (02) 6450 5600. Discover the natural and cultural features of the region as well as find accommodation, places to eat and things to see and do in the area.


Turn-off to the Barry Way (1.5km) Lake Jindabyne is to the right. Turn left at the round-about onto the Barry Way. The road is sealed for 34km. Wildlife is around at all times of day and night so take extra care.


Park boundary sign (38.8km)


 **Wallace Craigie Lookout** (39.7km, 900m above sea level) Enjoy the spectacular view of the Snowy River valley to the south, Pinch Mountain to the east and to the west the valley of Jacobs River as it flows towards the Snowy. Notice the grass trees as you drive down to Jacobs Bridge. There are also stands of native cypress pine.


Jacobs Bridge (50.3km) Crossing Jacobs (Tongaroo) River, which rises in the Pilot Wilderness, 5km south of Thredbo.


 **Jacobs (Tongaroo) River camping area** turn-off (53.2km) Indigenous people used this area frequently. Later it was an overnight holding area for stock being taken to Bairnsdale markets. Tree markers and remains of old stockyards are reminders of this time.


 **Halfway Flat picnic area** (54.8km) At this area and for the next 1km you will see unusual shapes in the rocks on the banks of the river.


 **No Name picnic area** (56.4km) Stop here and wander down to the sandy banks of the Snowy River.

 **Pinch (Moyangul) River camping area** (59.9km) The largest camping and day recreation area on the Barry Way, located on the junction of the Pinch and Snowy rivers. It is an important Indigenous site and used to be a stock reserve on the Bairnsdale route. It is now known for its wildlife including emus, kangaroos and swamp wallabies.


 **Jack's Lookout** (61.5km) This lookout on the Snowy River was named after Jack Shannon, a local park worker and stone mason.

 **Running Waters camping area** (62.5km)

 **Scotchie's Yard picnic area** (70.3km) This area is referred to as Quong Gullamarang on old parish maps. There are references to stockyards in this area on the Snowy River from the 1830s. Fifty metres past the picnic area you can still see notched fence posts on the high side of the road. Scotchie was Scotsman William Creighton. He worked for Richard Brooks in the 1840s and 50s, owner of the out-station at Willis.


 **Willis camping area** (71.8km, 220m above sea level) NSW/VIC border. Before federation, a customs house stood here, as the Victorian Government levied tax on cattle being taken south. In the 1890s the duty was 30/- per head of cattle.


Alpine National Park: Continue through to the Alpine National Park in Victoria. This road will take you to Buchan Caves, a drive of about 2 hours.


 Petrol is not available until Seldom Seen about an hour's drive from Willis (120km from Jindabyne) and then Buchan (173km from Jindabyne).





Snowy River at Charlotte Pass. Photo: Murray Vanderveer


 **Waste Point surge tank** (13.7km) The tank relieves water pressure in the pipeline from Island Bend to Lake Jindabyne. Turn-off to the lookout is difficult and is recommended on your return journey.


 **Vehicle Entry Station** (14.8km) Multiple entry booths include a bus/coach only booth and a NPWS passholder express lane for use in winter.

 **Kosciuszko Education Centre** (15.4km) Full of child-friendly educational displays featuring natural, Indigenous and historic heritage. Open for group bookings and public use in some holiday periods.

 **Sawpit Creek picnic area** (15.8km) Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat is a commercial camping and caravan park with cabins available. Late in the 19th century alpine ash logs were sawn near this creek. One man stood in the 'sawpit' with another above and the logs were sawn using a double-handed saw. Now it is the trackhead for several short walks that can be taken year round. The information shelter provides walk descriptions. The gentle Sawpit Track is a 2.6km round trip. The sheltered Waterfall Track is a 6km round trip through forests. The Pallaibo track is a 5.6km walk which descends to the Thredbo River picnic area and is best done if you have two vehicles.


 **Wilson's Valley** (20.3km) Ski Rider Hotel has commercial accommodation in winter only. Named after a gold prospector.

 **Rennix Walk** (22.9km) Change in vegetation from montane to sub-alpine. The walk is 13km return—check snow cover. Rennix was the engineer in charge of road construction 1906–1909.

 **Guthega Road** turn-off (24km) Turn off to Island Bend, the site of a Snowy Hydro township from the early 1950s to the mid-1960s, and pondage. Here there are trails to cycle on in summer. Further along is Mungyang (Guthega Power Station), an entry point into the Jagungal Wilderness area. The road ends at Guthega Village, part of Perisher. Guthega Village provides alternative access for bushwalking and cross-country skiing to the Main Range. There are spectacular views of the mountains, Snowy River and Guthega Dam and there is accommodation and food at the Guthega Hotel most of the year.

Diggers' Creek (24.8km) The creek was once worked for gold.

 **Sponar's Chalet** (24.9km) Commercial accommodation in winter. The Hotel Kosciusko was built in 1909 and destroyed by fire in 1951. The present chalet was the hotel's staff quarters. Across the road in spring you can see a cross of daffodils (known by locals as Mrs Mac's Cross) which was planted to inspire safe driving but became a memorial to those who lost their lives in the area.


 **Rainbow Lake Walk** (26.3km) This 3km return track winds through snow gums to Rainbow Lake—check snow cover.


Dainer's Gap (29.9km) Named after a stockman who is believed to have had a camp here.


Wragge's Creek (28.3km) Clement Wragge was a meteorologist who operated a weather station on Mt Kosciuszko from 1898 to 1902.

Prussian Creek (30.2km) The creek is named after one of James Spencer's bullocks.


Piper's Creek (31km) Named after another bullock.

 **Smiggin Holes** (31.6km) Scottish name for shallow depressions caused by cattle around a salt lick. During winter, ski lifts are run by Perisher. You can access cross-country ski trails at the end of the car park.

 **Perisher Valley** (33km) Mt Perisher was named in reference to the climate. Perisher resort is the largest alpine resort in the park with 48 ski-lifts, over 100km of cross-country ski trails, tube and toboggan park, and numerous cafés and restaurants. During summer it is a great base for walking and mountain bike riding.

 **NPWS Perisher Office** (33.3km) Staff will provide the latest info on weather and road conditions.

 **Porcupine Track** turn-off (33.4km) A 5km return walk in summer and an adjacent occasionally groomed cross-country ski trail in winter. Finishes with a rock scramble for views over the Thredbo Valley. This turn-off also provides access to the Nordic shelter and Perisher groomed cross-country trails.

 **Rock Creek Snow-shoe Track** (33.5km) During winter this 3km track follows Rock Creek then heads into snow gum woodland.

Winter road closure: The road is closed at Perisher during winter. Access to Charlotte Pass Village is by oversnow transport.

Summer road access: From approximately the October long weekend you can drive to Charlotte Pass.

Perisher Gap (38.8km) Just beyond the gap, Mt Kosciuszko can be seen as a rounded peak in the far distance.

Guthrie's Creek (36.9km) Named after a professor at Sydney University.

Bett's Creek (37.5km) Named after a district surveyor.

Spencer's Creek (39.3km) Named after James Spencer.

 **Charlotte Pass Village** turn-off (41.4km) The first chalet was built in 1930 and destroyed by fire in 1938. It was rebuilt in 1939. A summer and winter resort. There is a chairlift during peak periods in summer to take foot passengers to a lookout for spectacular views of the Main Range.

Charlotte Pass (42.3km) Named after Charlotte Adams, reputed to be the first European woman to reach the summit of Mt Kosciuszko. It is the start of the Summit Walk/Ride and the Main Range Walking Track which takes you past several glacial lakes. The Snow gums Boardwalk is a good introduction to alpine ecology—check snow cover with one of our visitor centres.



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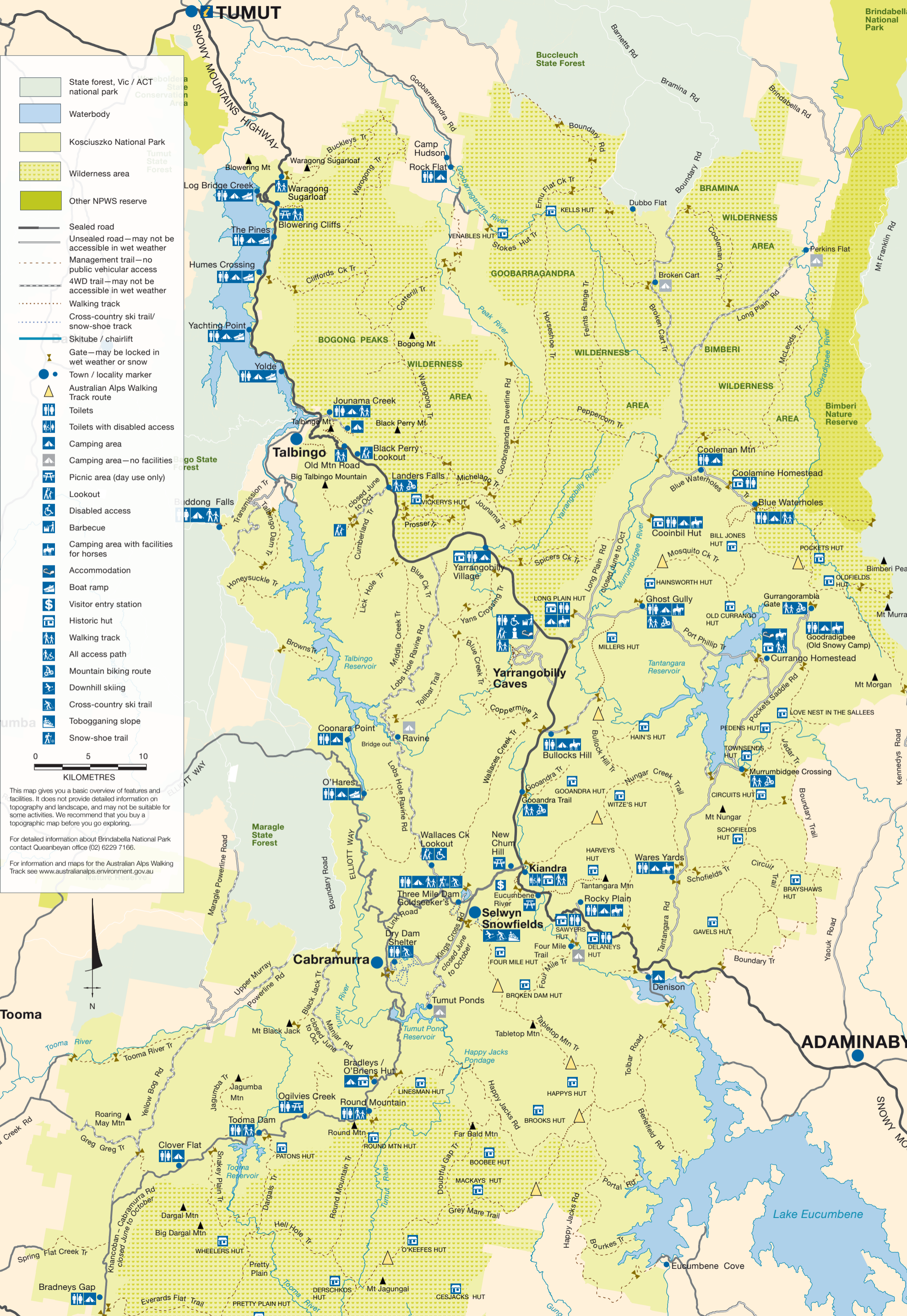
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- Picnic area (day use only)
- Lookout
- Disabled access
- Barbecue
- Camping area with facilities for horses
- Accommodation
- Boat ramp
- Visitor entry station
- Historic hut
- Walking track
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- Tobogganing slope
- Snow-shoe trail

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KILOMETRES

This map gives you a basic overview of features and facilities. It does not provide detailed information on topography and landscape, and may not be suitable for some activities. We recommend that you buy a topographic map before you go exploring.

For detailed information about Brindabella National Park contact Queanbeyan office (02) 6229 7166.

For information and maps for the Australian Alps Walking Track see www.australiansnpws.environment.gov.au



Tooma

ADAMINABY

Bradneys Gap

Lake Eucumbene



Walks in Kosciuszko

Kosciuszko National Park has many beautiful walks. Many can be walked year round but some are only revealed when the winter snow melts. What is revealed is a mountain landscape like no other in the world - an ancient landscape worn down by millions of years of wind rain and ice. Summer wildflowers make walking on the rooftop of Australia a real delight.

Lower down you can access charming river walks and waterfalls and there are even spectacular caves to explore.

There are some great places to stay in the park which means you can spend less time travelling and more time enjoying what Kosciuszko has to offer.

A Walks along Kosciuszko Road

The first three walks are suitable all year. The higher you go though, the more chance snow will cover the track during the winter months. Check with one of our visitor centres about access.

1 SAWPIT TRACK 2.6KM ROUND TRIP

You can start this walk from the southern end of the Kosciuszko Education Centre or from the Sawpit Creek picnic area.

The track follows Sawpit Creek downstream through woodland. The thick shrub growing beside the creek is predominantly woolly tea tree. After about one kilometre, a track junction is reached. The Sawpit Track takes a sharp turn to the right while the Pallaibo Track continues following the creek. The Sawpit Track climbs back to the Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat (cabins/camping area). Walk through this complex to return to the picnic area.

2 PALLAIBO TRACK 5.6KM ONE-WAY

This track starts at the Sawpit Creek picnic area and finishes at Thredbo River picnic area. Most visitors arrange to be picked up from the Thredbo River picnic area.

The first part of the walk follows the Sawpit Track. When the Sawpit Track branches off

to the right, continue along the creek down past two small cascades (locally known as Sawpit Falls and Charlie's Cascades).

As the track drops down towards Thredbo River it crosses former grazing land.

After crossing Sawpit Creek the track follows the river downstream to the picnic area.

3 WATERFALL TRACK 6KM ROUND TRIP

This track starts at the Sawpit Creek picnic area and passes under the road. It runs roughly parallel to the left of Sawpit Creek until it crosses the creek below a small waterfall.

The tall trees with fibrous bark growing near the falls are alpine ash. Alpine ash was logged in this area late in the 19th century.

The track passes between huge granite boulders before returning to the picnic area.

4 RENNIX WALK 13KM RETURN

This walk through sub-alpine woodland provides views over the Snowy River to the west and Lake Jindabyne to the east. There are some steep sections.

Turn back at the Snowy Hydro radio repeater tower and return the way you have come.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

5 RAINBOW LAKE WALK 3KM RETURN

Begins at Dainer's Gap downhill from the chainbay on the left side of the road towards Perisher from Sawpit Creek, 1.7km past Sponar's Chalet. The walk winds through snowgrass and snow gums to Rainbow Lake.

The lake is created by a dam which was built to supply water to the Hotel Kosciusko. Sponar's Chalet had been the staff quarters for the hotel which was built in 1909 and burnt down in 1951. The old fences near a large boulder just before you descend to the lake are a reminder of the period when this area was leased for grazing.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

6 PORCUPINE TRACK 5KM RETURN

This track starts at the Perisher Valley reservoir. To reach the start of the track, turn left beside the Man from Snowy River Hotel if you're heading up the mountains, take the first turn right and follow the road until you reach the reservoir.

The track wanders through snow grass, snow gums and small shrubs until a large group of granite boulders is reached. These boulders provide extensive views of the Main Range and Thredbo Valley.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact our visitor centres.

7 PERISHER-BLUE COW WALK 8KM RETURN

You can walk from Perisher to Blue Cow terminal during summer where there are views of the Main Range. Return along the same management trail. Watch for traffic.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

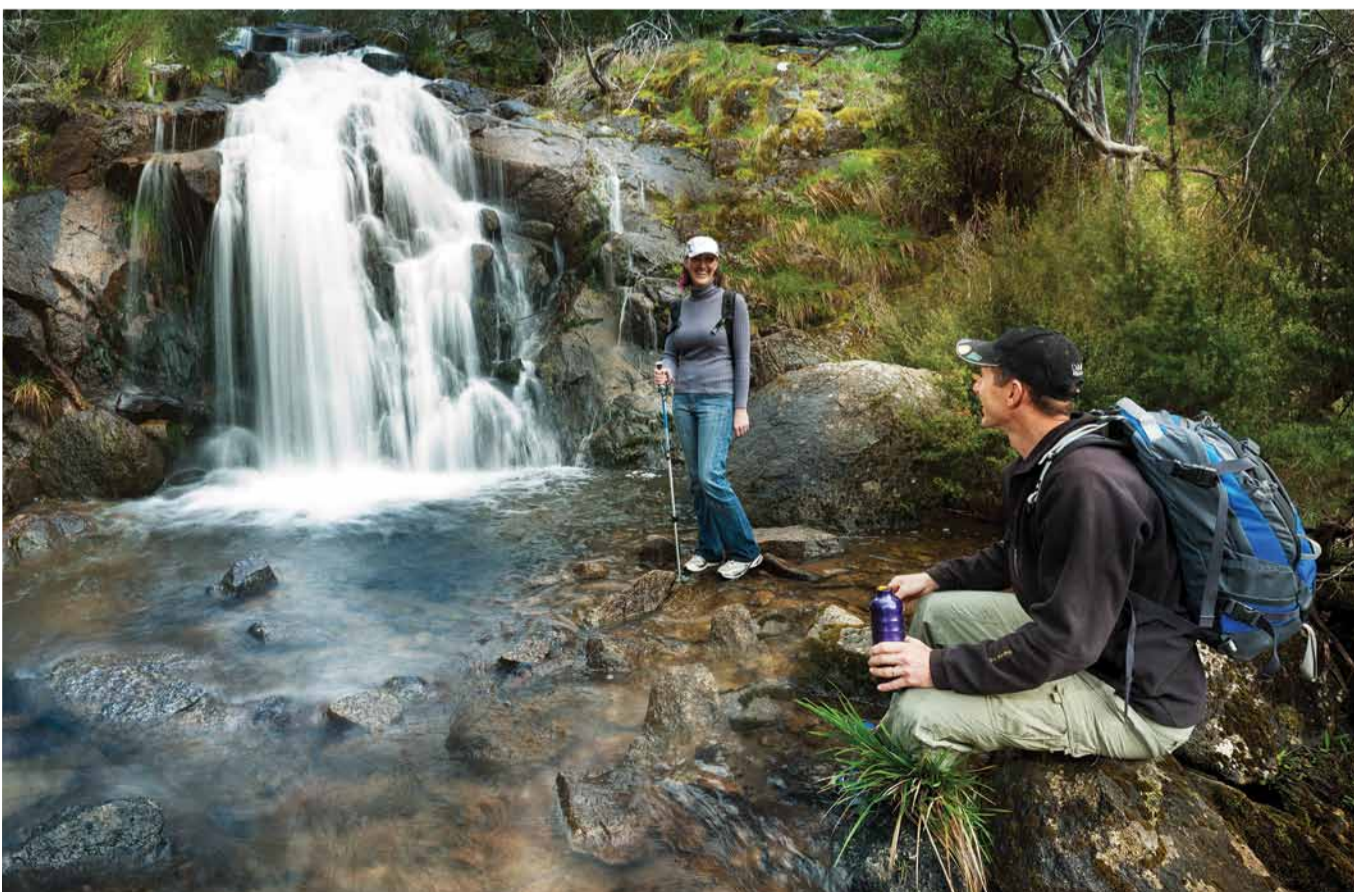
CREEL LODGE

Creel Lodge is perfect for those wanting the comforts of home—in the middle of Kosciuszko National Park.

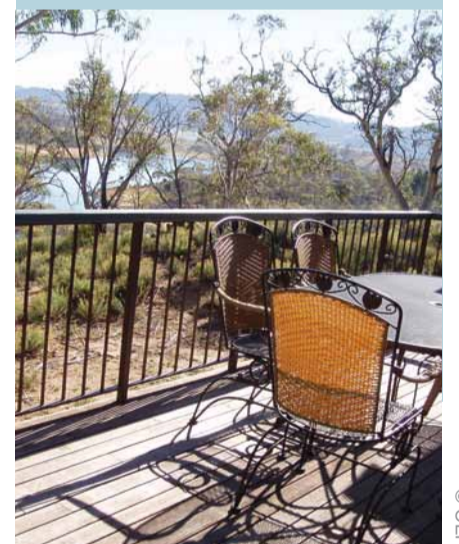
Located 10km from Jindabyne, it is within easy walking distance of Lake Jindabyne and can sleep up to eight people.

There are four bedrooms (one queen, three twin share) each with ensuite. There is a fully equipped kitchen and gas heating will make sure you are warm even in the middle of winter.

Contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre for enquiries and booking (02) 6450 5600.



Waterfall Track. Photo: Murray Vanderveer



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ESTIMATE WALKING TIME

You can use Naismith's Rule to estimate the time needed for most walks for an average walker with a medium weight pack.

Allow 1 hour for:
5km easy going
3km scrambling undergrowth
1.5km thick bush, snow

Add 1 hour for every 600m uphill.

To allow for fatigue, add an extra hour for every five hours.

For overseas visitors 1km = 0.62 miles

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Plan ahead. Think about weather, equipment & safety.
- Use a fuel stove. Quicker and cleaner for you, better for the bush. A must above the treeline.
- Carry it in, carry it out. Whatever it is, don't burn, bury or leave anything.
- Got to 'go'? Use a toilet or take a walk—at least 100 paces from water and campsites. Dig 15cm deep into soil and cover well.
- Stay on track. Even if it's muddy or dusty, don't widen tracks or take shortcuts.
- No track? Spread out so people don't walk in the same places.
- Avoid sensitive vegetation especially bogs and wet areas.

B Walks near Thredbo

This area is alive with activity during summer and winter. Walking can be enjoyed when the area is clear of snow.

Stroll along the river or hike to historic huts.

8 THREDBO RIVER TRACK 4KM ONE-WAY

This track begins opposite the Cascade Trailhead near Dead Horse Gap. It crosses the Thredbo River several times on bridges as it follows the river downstream to the Thredbo golf course.

Along the way it passes cascades and still pools which provide habitat for both introduced trout and native platypus.

9 CASCADE HUT WALK

Alpine Way to:
Thredbo River—2.1km one-way
Bob's Ridge—4.8km one-way
Cascade Hut—9.4km one-way

From the Alpine Way the Cascade Trail follows the Thredbo River upstream before crossing it and climbing to the top of Bob's Ridge, where there are views over the Murray River valley into Victoria.

Continue to Cascade Hut, built in 1935. The hut is in the Pilot Wilderness Area. You can camp overnight near the hut (toilet facilities only) then return the same way.

 You can also cycle along this trail

 A good overnight walk

THREDBO VILLAGE WALKS

See 'Thredbo Walks Map and Activities Guide'.

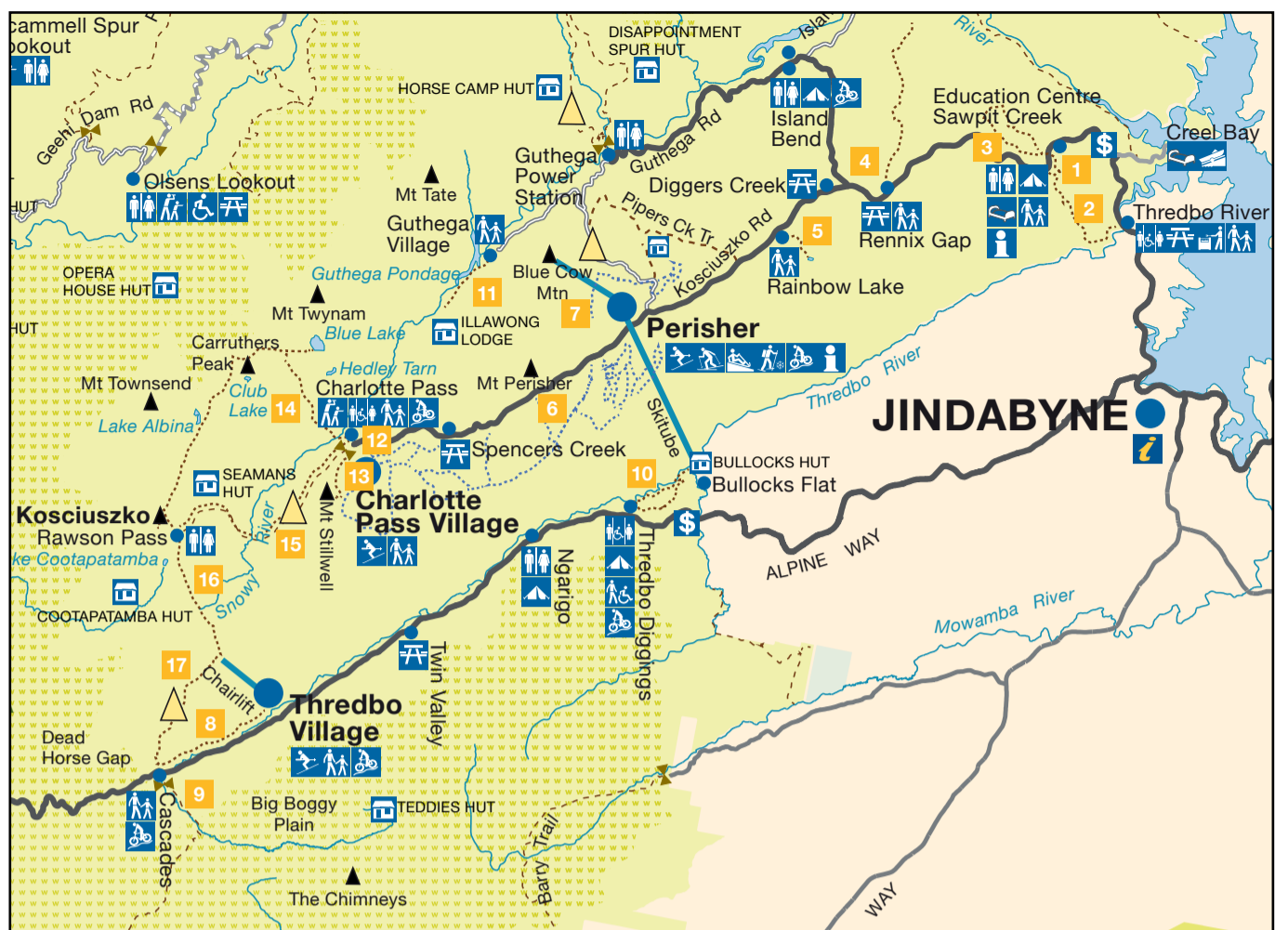
Merritts Nature Track—4.1km
Merritts Traverse—5km
Meadows Nature Track—4km
Bridle Trail Loop—4km
Pipeline Path—3km
Bullock's Track

10 THREDBO DIGGINGS WALKS

Return via:
Bullock's Hut—4.5km
Muzzlewood Flat—3.3km

This track begins from either the Thredbo Diggings camping area or from the western side of the Bullock's Flat car park (car park 'C') opposite the Skitube terminal.

Both routes are signposted. One branch goes to Bullock's Hut which was built in 1934 as a holiday cottage for Dr H. Bullock.



C Walks in the Alpine Area

These walks are a summer treat when the area is clear of snow but you may need to take insect repellent or a face net at certain times.

11 ILLAWONG WALK 5KM RETURN

Starting from Guthega Village, this return walk is an intimate walk following the Snowy River Valley through alpine heath and majestic Snow Gums to one of the oldest buildings in the park – Illawong Hut (formerly known as Pounds, Pounds Creek, Tin Hut 1).

12 SNOW GUMS BOARDWALK 500 METRES RETURN

The boardwalk starts at the Charlotte Pass lookout. You will see many of Australia's highest peaks and learn how climate affects alpine life. The walk traverses sub-alpine woodland on the Guthrie Range.

13 MT STILWELL TRACK 3.8KM RETURN

To lookout 850 metres one-way

A walking track is being improved from Charlotte Pass to Mt Stilwell. The lookout at the top of Kangaroo Ridge Chairlift has extensive views of the Main Range including Mt Kosciuszko. You can either walk from the turning circle at Charlotte Pass or take the chairlift during peak

periods in summer from Charlotte Pass Village (cost applies). The walk to Mt Stilwell from the lookout is currently along an undefined route.

The Main Range Track and Summit Walk are often linked as a loop walk. During spring it is best to walk the Main Range Track first as described below and return along the Summit Walk. This means you will know whether the Snowy River crossing is possible.

14 MAIN RANGE TRACK

Charlotte Pass to:
Blue Lake Lookout—5km one-way
Mt Kosciuszko (via Blue Lake)
12.5km one-way

After rock-hopping across the Snowy River below Charlotte Pass, the track climbs through alpine herbfields past Hedley Tarn Lookout to Blue Lake Lookout.

Note: If the stepping stones across the Snowy River are covered this walk is not recommended.

It then climbs Carruthers Peak which provides spectacular views to the west. It continues along the exposed ridge of the Main Range above Club Lake and Lake Albina until it meets the Summit Walk between Rawson Pass and Mt Kosciuszko. Turn right to climb Kosciuszko before returning via the old road to Charlotte Pass (see Summit Walk).


15 SUMMIT WALK

Charlotte Pass to:
Snowy River—4.5km one-way
Seaman's Hut—6km one-way
Rawson Pass—7.6km one-way
Mt Kosciuszko—9km one-way

The walk passes through snow gums, heath and herbfields and has extensive views of the Main Range.

After crossing the Snowy River the track climbs gradually to Seaman's Hut, Rawson Pass and Mt Kosciuszko's summit.

This walk follows the old road to Mt Kosciuszko. In 1976 the NPWS closed the road to public vehicles because of safety and environmental concerns.

 You can also cycle along Summit Trail. Leave your bike in the dedicated area at Rawson Pass and walk to Mt Kosciuszko.

16 KOSCIUSZKO WALK

Thredbo to:
Kosciuszko Lookout —2km one-way
Mt Kosciuszko—6.5km one-way

The track begins at the top of the Kosciuszko Express chairlift at Thredbo (cost applies). It runs beside the rocky outcrops of Rams Head Range and passes through herbfields and heath to Kosciuszko Lookout.

It then crosses the headwaters of the Snowy River, climbs to a saddle above Lake Cootapatamba and continues past Etheridge Range to Rawson Pass.

It is then a gradual climb up to Mt Kosciuszko's summit. Return to Thredbo along the same track.

17 DEAD HORSE GAP TRACK 5KM ONE-WAY

From the top of the Kosciuszko Express chairlift the track passes through alpine herbfields and heath below the craggy peaks of the Rams Head Range.

It then winds down a ridge through snow gums until the Thredbo River is reached near Dead Horse Gap on the Alpine Way.

You can then follow the Thredbo River Track to Thredbo.



Main Range Track, Charlotte Pass © OEH



1 SCHLINK HUT OVERNIGHT WALK 22KM RETURN

Munyang (1320m above sea level) to:
 Horse Camp Hut (1560m) 4km
 White's River Hut 8km
 Schlink Hut (1780m) 11km

Take maps— Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
 OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

From the Guthega Power Station (Munyang) the road zig-zags steeply for about 2.7km. After another 1.3km an unmarked track to the left leads to Horse Camp Hut. This is a good place to camp overnight if you are starting late.

From here it is approximately 4km to White's River Hut. There is a track to the left over a shallow river. From here head back up Schlink Trail for 3km to Schlink Hut.

Schlink Hut has traditionally been called the 'Hilton' because of its size. You will need to take your own tent though as huts are for emergency use only.

You may see galaxias, a small native fish, in the creek that runs by the hut. You may even see these fish climbing or sunbasking on the rocks.

Return the same way.

Take care—occasionally vehicles use this road to service infrastructure.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

Alternative routes

On your return, veer left onto Disappointment Spur Trail below White's River Hut. Walk past Disappointment Spur Hut (no toilet facilities) and down to Guthega Power Station.

You can also cycle along this trail.

For more walks see Snowy Mountains Walks by the Geehi Bushwalking Club. You can buy a copy at the regions visitor centres.

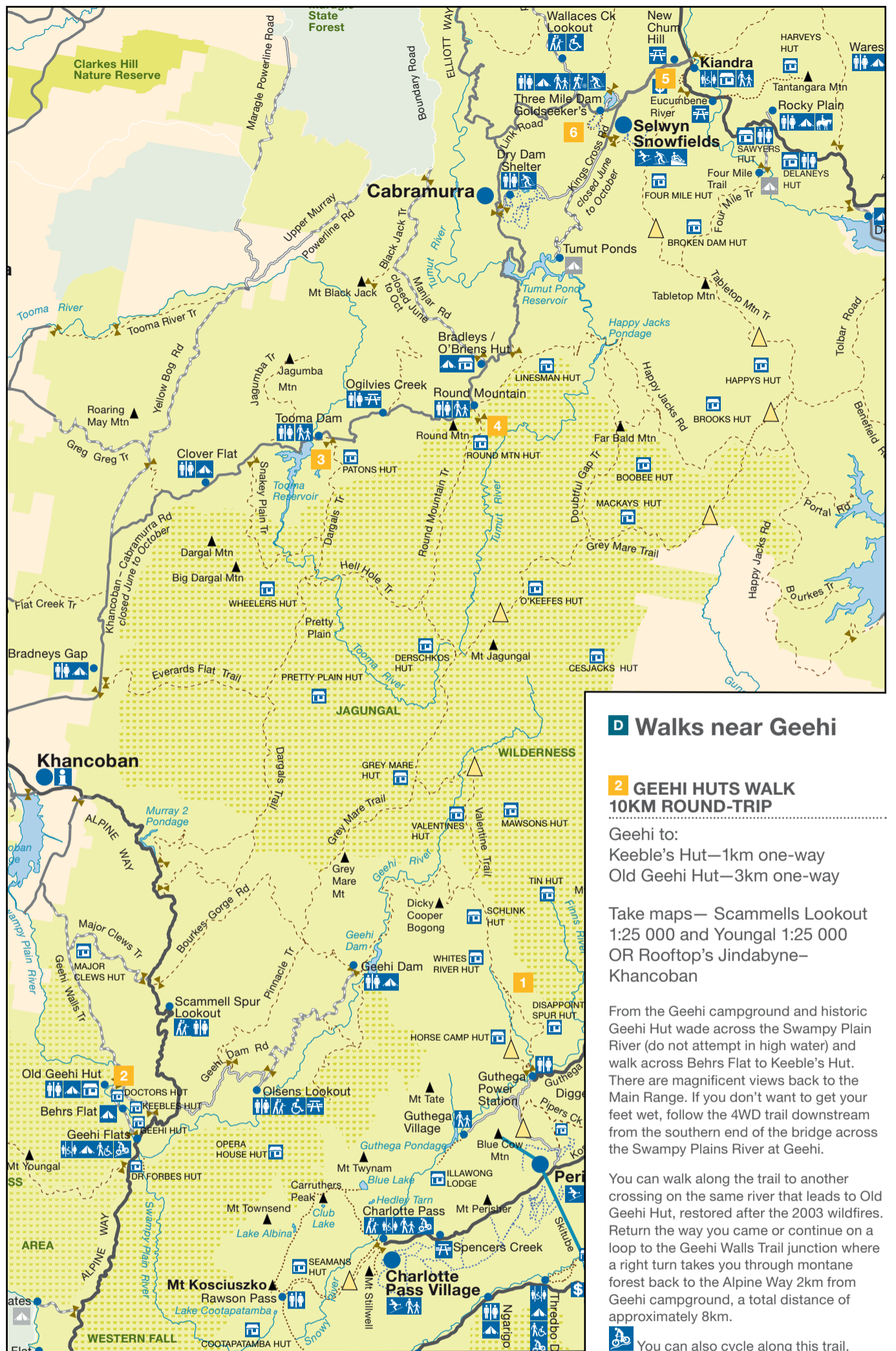
THE HUTS

Horse Camp Hut—Built in 1950s by the Snowy Mountains Authority to house surveyors and abandoned in the 1960s.

White's River Hut—Built as a shepherd's hut in 1934 then used by ski tourers.

Schlink Hut—Built in 1960-61 by the Snowy Mountains Authority to house maintenance workers.

Disappointment Spur Hut—Built as a survey shelter by the Snowy Mountains Authority in the 1950s.



D Walks near Geehi

2 GEEHI HUTS WALK 10KM ROUND-TRIP

Geehi to:
 Keeble's Hut—1km one-way
 Old Geehi Hut—3km one-way

Take maps— Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
 OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

From the Geehi campground and historic Geehi Hut wade across the Swampy Plain River (do not attempt in high water) and walk across Behrs Flat to Keeble's Hut. There are magnificent views back to the Main Range. If you don't want to get your feet wet, follow the 4WD trail downstream from the southern end of the bridge across the Swampy Plains River at Geehi.

You can walk along the trail to another crossing on the same river that leads to Old Geehi Hut, restored after the 2003 wildfires. Return the way you came or continue on a loop to the Geehi Walls Trail junction where a right turn takes you through montane forest back to the Alpine Way 2km from Geehi campground, a total distance of approximately 8km.

You can also cycle along this trail.

OVERNIGHT WALKS

- Always take a suitable tent— huts are for emergencies only and maps may show huts that have burnt down.
- Boil or purify drinking water.
- Got to 'go'? Huts listed here have toilets.
- Get familiar with the Camping Code on page 3.



Keebles Hut at Geehi. Photo: Murray Vanderveer

E Walks along the Khancoban to Cabramurra Road

3 PATON'S HUT WALK 5.2KM RETURN

Take maps—Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne—Khancoban

From the trailhead car park at Tooma Reservoir you can follow the Dargals Trail for 2.6km to Paton's Hut. The walk takes you through montane forest and alpine ash stands before emerging on to the open country of the Toolong Plain.

Paton's Hut lies on the edge of this plain. It was originally built on a grazing lease in 1934 from bush poles, sawn timber and corrugated iron. Destroyed in the 2003 bushfires, it was rebuilt in 2008 as part of the Kosciuszko National Park Huts Conservation Strategy.

Return the same way. The Dargals Trail beyond Toolong Plain leads to the Tooma River within the Jagungal Wilderness Area.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

4 ROUND MOUNTAIN WALK 4KM RETURN


Take maps—Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne—Khancoban

From the Round Mountain trailhead and car park, walk through sub-alpine habitat at 1600 metre elevation for 1.5km to the junction with the Farm Ridge Trail.

Turn left here and descend a further 0.5km to Round Mountain Hut. There are extensive views south along the Toolong Range to Mount Jagungal. Return the same way.

A steep descent beyond the hut leads to the open valley of the Tumut River headwaters.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

 You can also cycle along this trail.

F Walks near Kiandra

5 KIANDRA HERITAGE TRACK 1KM ROUND TRIP

Kiandra was the scene of one of the shortest gold rushes in Australian history—from November 1859 to March 1861. It has also just recently celebrated 150 years as the birthplace of Australian skiing.

This self-guiding track begins at the former courthouse and a number of signs along the way provide information about many of the major buildings and life in historic Kiandra.

You can also view the historic Kiandra Chalet and Courthouse which has been recently restored.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

6 GOLDSEEKER'S TRACK 3KM ROUND TRIP

The self-guiding loop track begins opposite the southern entrance to Three Mile Dam.

The track meanders through snow gum woodlands, across snowgrass flats and past an abandoned ore-crushing battery. There are views back to Three Mile Dam.

This is also a cross-country ski trail and snow shoe track in winter.



CURRANGO HOMESTEAD

Nestled among snow gums in northern Kosciuszko National Park, the Homestead and its surrounding cottages offer rustic accommodation and an experience of life in the high country as it was 100 years ago. There is no television, stereo or mobile phone reception.

Contact the Tumut Region Visitor Centre for enquiries and bookings (02) 6947 7025



The Homestead sleeps seven. Double, twin and one single room which can be booked individually. Modern facilities shared with caretakers.



The Pines sleeps 16. Three double beds and 10 single beds in six rooms. A woodfire stove, fridge, bbq, outdoor bucket shower and toilet.



Daffodil Cottage sleeps five. One double room and a triple single. A woodfire stove, fridge, bbq, outdoor bucket shower and toilet.



Castle Walk. Photo: Jo Caldwell

G Walks at Blue Waterholes

8 NICHOLS GORGE WALK 6.3KM ROUND TRIP

From Blue Waterholes car park follow the vehicle track before turning into Nichols Gorge, named after Horatio Nichols who assisted Clarke.

Walk for 500 metres to Cooleman Cave which you can explore with a torch. Continue 1.5km upstream, crossing the Cave Creek several times before reaching the keyhole entrance to Murray Cave. You can explore this cave for 200 metres.

The walk then ascends the gorge to the left of Murray Cave and onto the open plain. From here you will pass several dolines or depressions. The first is a solution doline formed by the gradual dissolving and removal of limestone by rainwater. The next is a collapse doline or sinkhole. Continue to Cave Creek.

Cross here or, if it is flowing, follow it downstream until another sink is reached. The creek disappears underground until Blue Waterholes. Only after heavy rain will the creek flow past this point.

Continue, passing several small dolines until you reach the Blue Waterholes Road. Turn right and return to the camping area.

Discover a landscape that is truly magical. You will need to take a map to make sure to follow the correct route—horse pads in the area resemble walking tracks.

Map—Rules Point 1:25 000 and Peppercorn 1:25 000

These walks may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

7 CLARKE GORGE WALK 2.5KM RETURN

From the lookout, follow the creek downstream before crossing to the other side. After 300 metres you will enter Clarke Gorge, named after Rev Clarke, a geologist who studied the area in the 1850s.

Continue along the gorge past several small cave entrances in the gorge walls. The waterfall at the end of Clarke Gorge marks the end of the walk.

Return the same way.





wading pool and picnic facilities. The pool is fed by a natural spring. The water is mildly mineralised and is a constant 27°C all year. Open daylight hours only.

Return the same way or along the easier River Walk.

2 RIVER WALK 2.5–3KM ROUND TRIP

Start from the Glory Hole car park. Follow the road to the Thermal Pool car park and make your way down to the Thermal Pool. From here follow the River Walk upstream along the eastern bank of Yarrangobilly River.

The track leads up to the Glory Arch Walk. Turn right here and head back to the car park or alternatively turn left to walk through the self-guided South Glory Cave and back to the Glory Hole car park. But remember you must purchase a ticket for the self-guided South Glory Cave before you set out.

3 GLORY HOLE FARM WALK 2.8KM RETURN

Park at the Thermal Pool car park. Follow the track towards the Thermal Pool and on the last bend in the road the Glory Hole Farm walking track veers to the left.

This walk takes you downstream along the eastern bank of the picturesque Yarrangobilly River before crossing Little Glory Hole Creek and heading towards the site of Henry Harris' Glory Hole farm. The Glory Hole was an important part of the mountain community and supplied Kandra miners with fresh meat.

Once at the Thermal Pool, return the way you came or for a longer walk back to the car, try the River Walk.

4 CASTLE WALK 3.2KM RETURN

From the Glory Hole car park walk to the South Glory Cave. The Castle Walk follows the Yarrangobilly River beyond the Glory Arch. As this walk returns along the same

track, consider buying a ticket and returning through the self-guided South Glory Cave.

After walking below spectacular cliffs you will reach a fork in the track. The right branch leads to the Harrie Wood Cave. The left branch leads to the Harrie Wood Gorge and then to Grotto Cave which is closed to protect its fauna. Ahead, the higher track continues to Castle Cave. You can take a Discovery tour of Harrie Wood and Castle caves during busy holiday periods.

5 BLUFF LOOKOUT WALK 2.5KM ROUND TRIP

From the Glory Hole car park follow the road to the Jersey Cave car park. Take a short detour for views of the Yarrangobilly River valley. Street lights on some power poles were once used for night tours.

Further up the hill another short detour along the Jilabenan Cave access track provides views of the Harrie Wood gorge. Silver banksia grow in this area, the

altitudinal limit of the species. Turn-off further along for a short walk to Bluff Lookout for views of Caves House.

Walk 500 metres to the picnic area and past the visitor centre back to the Glory Hole car park.

6 GLORY ARCH WALK & SELF-GUIDED SOUTH GLORY CAVE

From the Glory Hole car park follow the signs to the self-guided South Glory Cave. To complete the walk returning through the cave, purchase a ticket before starting.

There are sensor lights and signs to explain the history and formation of the cave.

The average temperature is 10°C and the cave is usually damp, so wear sturdy footwear. 206 steps and a number of ramps take you through the hill gaining approximately 45 metres to the Glory Hole car park.

H Walks around Yarrangobilly Caves

Take a relaxing bushwalk along a shady trail and enjoy a soothing swim in the thermal pool.

Yarrangobilly is the ideal place for bird watching, photography or just enjoying the summer wildflowers.

At the end of Lookout walk, enjoy the views from Bluff Lookout over Yarrangobilly Gorge, Harrie Wood Gorge and the historic Rules Creek Valley.

1 THERMAL POOL 0.7KM ONE-WAY

From the gate at the Thermal Pool car park, a steep track leads to the Thermal Pool.

The pool is 20 metres long, 8 metres wide and up to 2.5 metres deep. There is also a



Yarrangobilly Caves tours

Formed in a belt of limestone laid down about 440 million years ago, the Yarrangobilly Caves are some of the most beautiful in Australia.

Explore the magnificent caves on a guided or self-guided tour.

Afterwards enjoy a relaxing barbecue or take soothing swim in the thermal pool.

Take warm clothes and sturdy shoes—the caves are 9–12°C and paths may be wet. Closed Christmas Day.

All vehicles without a valid day pass, Annual All Parks Pass or Short Breaks Pass will need to pay a site fee of \$3.00 (valid 24 hours).

Contact Yarrangobilly Caves (02) 6454 9597 for details or stop in at the Visitor Centre on site. The Visitor Centre has limited drinks, ice-creams and snacks as well as towels and some clothing. Open 9am–5pm daily except Christmas Day.

Prices accurate at time of printing.

2 CAVE DISCOVERY PASS

Cost: \$27.00 adults, \$20.00 concession, \$65.00 family (2 adults, 3 children)

SELF-GUIDED SOUTH GLORY CAVE

The South Glory Cave is the youngest cave on show at Yarrangobilly. It is less than 100,000 years old and was first explored by Europeans in 1834. It contains massive decorations and vast rock piles. Signs and automated feature lights allow you to explore this cave at your own pace.

When: Open 9.30am to 4.30pm daily

(except Christmas Day)

Duration: 45 minutes

Difficulty: Moderate

Cost: \$15.00 adult, \$10.00 concession, \$38.00 family

CASTLE CAVE

While not equipped with electric lights for display purposes, those with a sense of adventure and looking for a special experience can view these magnificent caves with all helmets and lights provided.

Contact Yarrangobilly Caves (02) 6454 9597 for details

Cost: \$35.00 per person

JERSEY CAVE

Noted for its rare displays of black and grey flowstones, the Jersey Cave is home to some of the most stunning and diverse cave decorations found at Yarrangobilly. Cleopatra's Needle, a remarkable four metre column that touches the cave's ceiling, is just one of many fantastic

features that you will see as you journey back over 700,000 years in time.

When: Regular intervals daily (except Christmas Day)

Duration: 1.5 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Cost: \$20.00 adult, \$15.00 concession, \$48.00 family

JILLABENAN CAVE

Although the Jilabenan Cave is the smallest cave on show at Yarrangobilly, it is possibly the oldest—at around two million years. It features impressive displays of some of the most delicate cave formations to be found. Straw stalactites, shawls, cave corals and helictites can be readily seen throughout this cave.

Limited wheelchair access is available. Please contact the staff at Yarrangobilly Caves for wheelchair booking information.

When: Regular intervals daily (except Christmas Day)

Duration: 1 hour

Difficulty: Easy

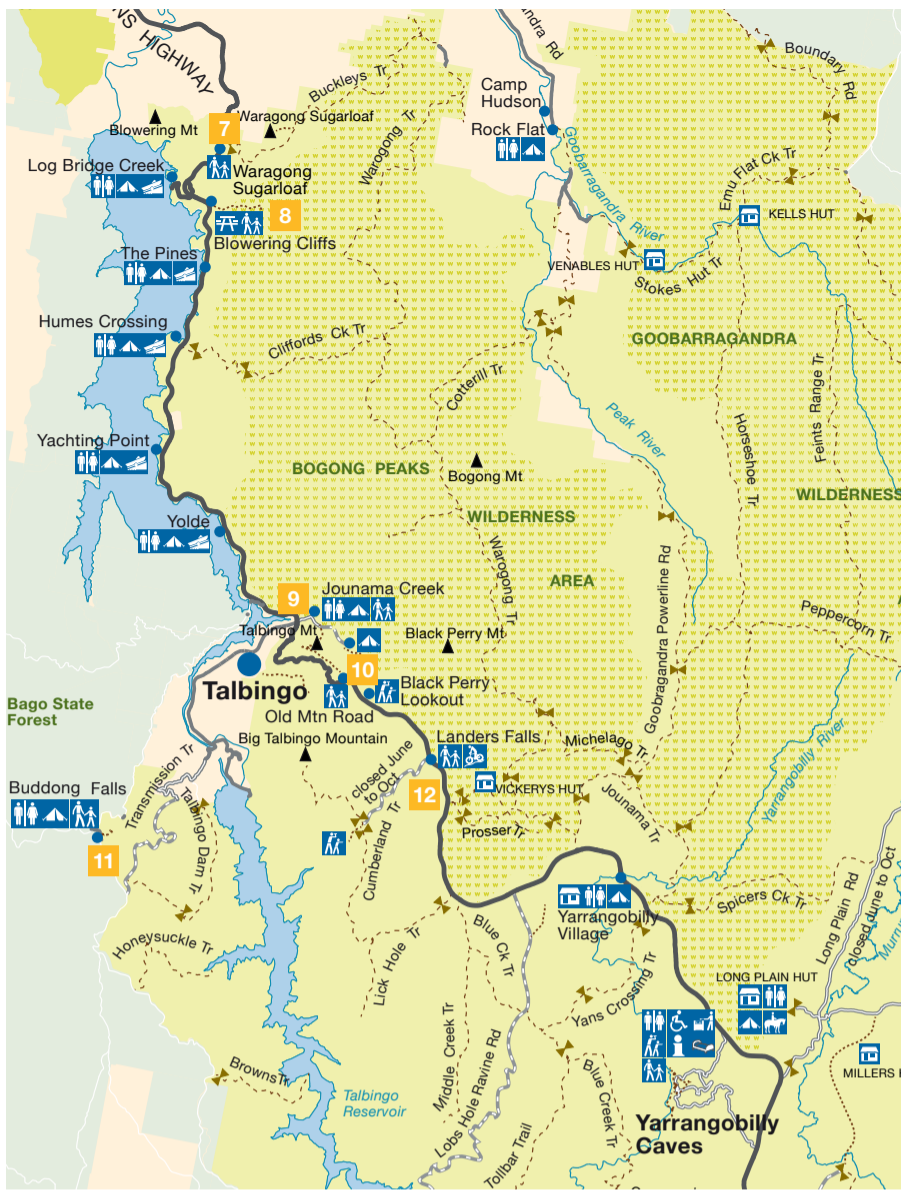
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NORTH GLORY CAVE AND SMUGGLERS PASSAGE

Take a Discovery tour for your chance to see the rarely visited North Glory Cave at a leisurely pace and visit Smugglers Passage which is only shown to the public on this tour. All sections are fully lit.

Contact Yarrangobilly Caves (02) 6454 9597 for details

Cost: \$35.00 per person



I Walks along the Blowering foreshore

7 WAROGONG SUGARLOAF WALK 11KM RETURN

Park 500 metres north of the park boundary, 16km south of Tumut. The walk includes some steep sections. About 2km along, a branch to the right takes you to a lookout on Bald Hill.

Further along the track, there are extensive views over the Tumut valley to the north and Blowering Reservoir to the south west.

The walk passes through areas that were cleared for grazing. Log Creek provides a moist, cool valley dominated by

peppermints and mountain gum. In contrast the Wararong Sugarloaf itself is dominated by scribbly gum and grass trees.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

8 Blowering Cliffs Walk 5km return

The track starts from the parking area at the bridge over the Snowy Mountains Highway at the Log Bridge Creek picnic area.

The track, which goes to Blowering Falls, is quite steep in sections and passes through dense vegetation which grows on the damp, sheltered hillsides.

The last section of the walk involves negotiating rock slabs which have fallen from the cliff above.



CAVES HOUSE

Experience your own self-contained wing of historic Caves House built in 1901 when Yarrangobilly Caves was the most popular resort in southern NSW.

Each wing has a fully equipped kitchen, lounge and dining rooms and outdoor barbecue area. There is no TV, stereo or mobile phone reception. During the day there are bushwalks, cave tours and the Thermal Pool to relax in.

Contact the Tumut Region Visitor Centre for enquiries and bookings (02) 6947 7025



The east wing sleeps nine. One queen, one bunk and five single rooms and two bathrooms with shower and toilet.



The west wing sleeps seven. One room has a double and bunk and the other has a double and single. The bathroom has a bath.



Landers Creek Walk. Photo Simon Allender

J Walks in the Talbingo Area

9 JOUNAMA CREEK WALK 6KM RETURN

This walk starts at the Jounama Creek camping area, 500 metres off the Snowy Mountains Highway, 3km from Talbingo.

From the camping area walk 1km to the end of the gravel road where the walk begins. It runs parallel to Jounama Creek and ends at a large pool. Return the same way.

10 OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD WALK 4KM ONE-WAY

This walk follows the first road up Talbingo Mountain, built in 1860 during the Kiandra gold rush. It starts at the RTA stockpile, which, if you were travelling toward Cooma, is 5.5km past the Talbingo turn-off on the left side of the highway. It involves a steep descent, so organise a car shuttle at the bottom.

The first part of the walk provides excellent views of the Bogong Peaks and Jounama Creek valley. After 2km the track turns sharp right and descends 350 metres in altitude to Jounama Creek. Turn left at the creek to reach the picnic area. From here you can walk along the Jounama Creek Walk.

11 BUDDONG FALLS WALK 3KM RETURN

From Talbingo go to the Tumut 3 Power Station, follow the sealed road up the hill for one kilometre then turn off to the right over a cattle grid and onto a gravel road. This road follows the powerline easement through to the Elliott Way. The Buddong Falls turnoff is 10.7km along this road and is well signposted.

From Batlow follow the signs to Lake Blowering along Forest Road and into Bago State Forest. Turn right into Snubba Road 9km from Batlow, then left into Browns Road 5km along. It is 10km from this intersection to Buddong Falls. The road is poorly signposted and is suitable for four-wheel drive vehicles only. It may be impassable during winter.

Both routes lead to the same point. There are two sets of falls. The walk to the lower falls is about 3km return. The lower section is quite steep and is slippery during wet weather. The upper falls are about 20 metres high.

The lower falls are cascades about 60 metres high. They occur where harder granite meets softer shales and slates. The shales have been worn away by Buddong Creek.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

K Walks on the Cumberland Range

12 LANDERS CREEK WALK 13KM RETURN

From Talbingo proceed along the Snowy Mountains Highway towards Cooma. Approximately 10km from Talbingo, you will come to a turn-off for Cumberland Trail on the right-hand side.

This walk may be effected by snow during winter—contact one of our visitor centres.

2WD and winter access

Two-wheel drive vehicles should park in the car park provided on the Cumberland Trail, 200 metres from the Snowy Mountains Highway. Proceed on foot along the Cumberland Trail for approximately 4.8km to the Mt Talbingo Trail. Follow the Landers Creek Falls Lookout signs.

The walking track leads to the Talbingo Reservoir Lookout (approximately 350 metres). Landers Falls Lookout is another 300 metres along the track. It is a 1.6km return walk from the four-wheel drive car park.

Be aware of cliffs and rock ledges. Surfaces may be unstable—keep to the track.


Summer only 4WD access

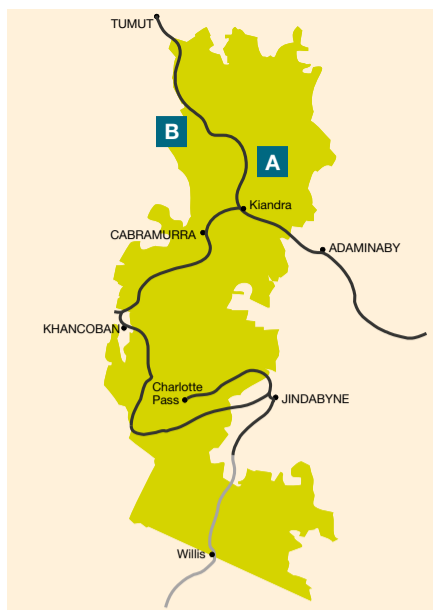
Cumberland Trail is suitable for four-wheel drive, but is closed in winter. Approximately 4.8km from the Snowy Mountains Highway is a car park for four-wheel drive vehicles.

The road is narrow and slippery when wet. Be aware of other vehicles, walkers and cyclists.

Follow the Landers Creek Falls Lookout signs as described in the two-wheel drive and winter access above.

Return the same way.

 You can also cycle along Cumberland Trail. Leave your bike in the 4WD parking area and walk to the lookout.



Trails in Kosciuszko

Journey through mountain woodlands to high country huts. Stay for a cuppa and soak in the history.

Beyond Kosciuszko's walking tracks are a network of management trails suitable for walking and mountain bike riding as well as horseriding. Many lead to historic huts for a taste of life in the high country early last century.

Only wilderness areas have restrictions on biking and horseriding so why not venture further into the park along one of these scenic routes and discover what more Kosciuszko has to offer.

A Trails on the High country plains

Discover high country huts and homesteads. Imagine life in the mountains 100 years ago.

⚠ Long Plain Road is open between the NSW October and June long weekends and is closed in winter and at other times due to weather.

Horses are restricted to Blue Waterholes Trail as Bimberi Wilderness area is east of the trail. Horses and mountain bikes are also not permitted in Clarkes or Nicole Gorge or Karst Management area. Please stay on all trails as indicated below.

1 MILLERS HUT 4KM RETURN

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Rules Point 1:25 000

Park 2.5km east of Long Plain Road on Port Phillip Fire Trail. A foot pad goes south for about 2km. Return the same way.

Millers Hut—Built 1943-44, it is a single roomed corrugated iron and timber frame building with the remains of yards nearby.

2 MOSQUITO RUN 34KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Ghost Gully to:
Hainsworth Hut 3.5km one-way
Old Currango 12.1km one-way
Bill Jones Hut 15km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Rules Point 1:25 000

Some moderate riding with river crossings. Start at Ghost Gully—park your car at the designated horse camping area 4.5km east of Long Plain Road on Port Philip Trail.

Head north along the Mosquito Creek Trail. Hainsworth Hut is on the right. Continue for about 6.5km then veer right for Old Currango.

The hut is 1.8km along the access trail. Ride 1.8km back to Mosquito Creek Trail and continue along to Bill Jones Hut.

The hut is on the treeline, west of the junction of Bill Jones and Mosquito Creek trails.

From Bill Jones Hut you can return the way you came or for a longer ride continue to either Blue Waterholes or to Pockets Hut which becomes the Pocket Ride.

⊕ Extra sections

For Blue Waterholes, head east across the plain for 2.3km and turn left onto the Blue Waterholes trail and continue for about

3km. At Blue Waterholes, all riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail.

For Pockets Hut head east across the plain for 2.3km and turn right on the Blue Waterholes Trail for 4.8km. Organise a car shuttle from the locked gate at Gurrangorambla Creek, on Pockets Saddle Road.

The route from Ghost Gully to Pockets Hut is part of the Australian Alps Walking Track.

The huts

Hainsworth Hut—Built around 1951, it is a simple structure with a timber frame and covered in corrugated iron.

Old Currango Homestead—Constructed around 1873, it is one of the oldest houses in the park. It is timber with a corrugated iron roof. The homestead is just below the treeline overlooking Currango Plains.

Bill Jones Hut—Built in the early 1950s—possibly one of the last huts built as part of

the grazing era. The hut has a timber frame and covered in corrugated iron.

3 POCKET RIDE 13KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Gurrangorambla Creek to:

Oldfield's Hut 3.1km one-way
Pockets Hut 4.4km one-way

Continue from Pockets Hut to:
Blue Waterholes

Maps—Tantangara 1:100,000,
Rules Point 1:25 000 and
Rendezvous Creek 1:25 000

This easy ride starts at the locked gate at the northern end of Pockets Saddle Road at Gurrangorambla Creek. Oldfield's Hut is 3.1km from here. Ride along Pockets Saddle Road and turn right onto Murray Gap Trail.

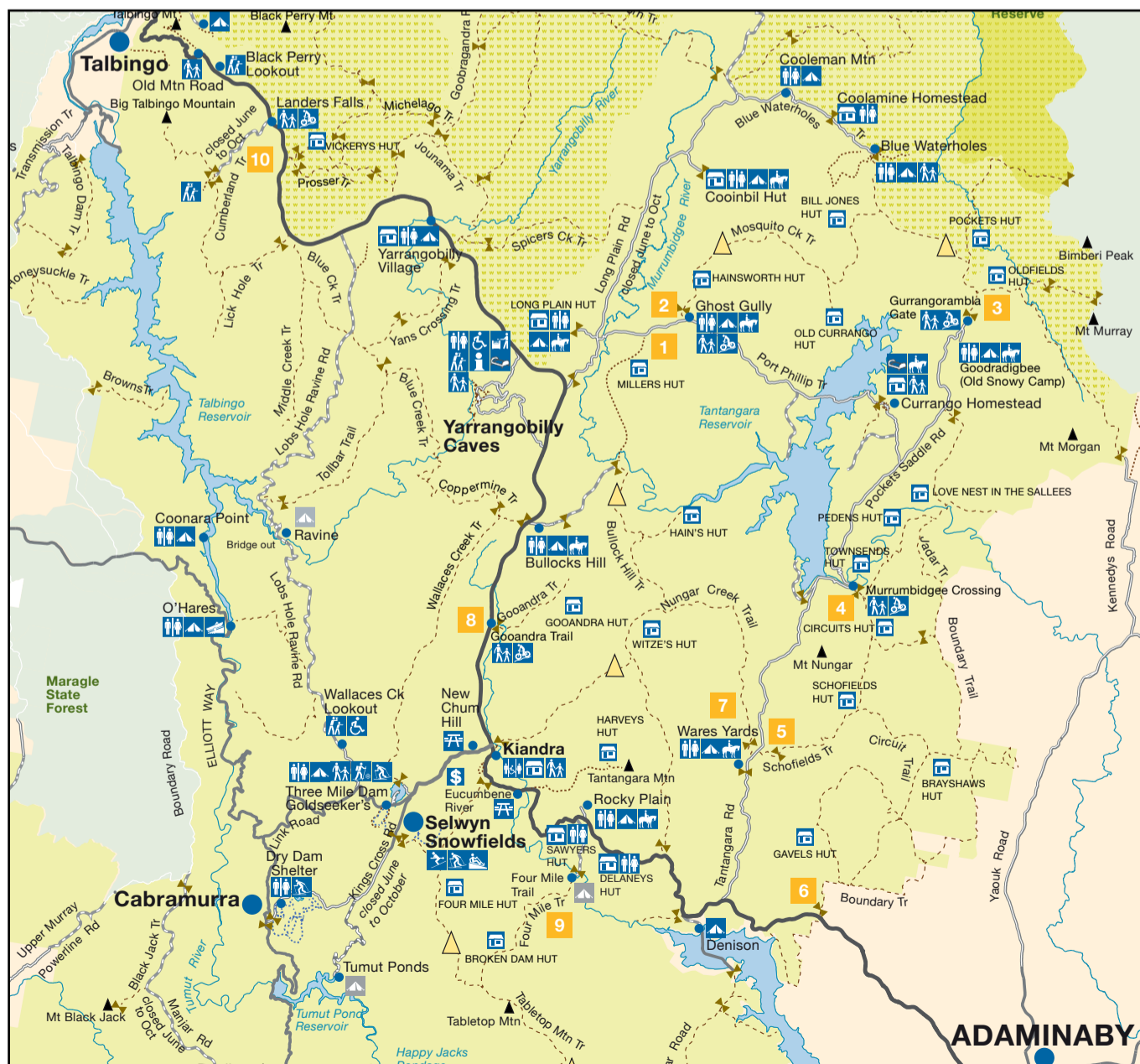
Pockets Hut is 4.4km from the locked gate at Gurrangorambla Creek. Travel along Pockets Saddle Road and turn left onto Blue Waterholes Trail then right onto Pockets Hut Trail.

From Pockets Hut, you can return the way you came or start the Mosquito Run. Alternatively continue on to Blue Waterholes which lengthens the route by approximately 14km return. At Blue Waterholes, all riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail.

The huts

Oldfield's Hut—Built in 1925, this is a typical slab hut with vertical boards. It has a covered verandah with views across the secluded valley where the Goodradigbee River originates.

Pockets Hut—Built in the early 1930s, this weatherboard hut has four rooms and is lined with fibro. The chimney and roof are made of iron.



HORSERIDING

Horse riding is permitted on many management trails but not on walking tracks or in wilderness or karst management areas.

Most horse riding opportunities in Kosciuszko are near the Bicentennial National Trail. The 182km section in the park utilises a series of management trails, linked by short sections of public road. For more information go to www.nationaltrail.com.au

At Blue Waterholes, riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail. No horse riding is permitted on the summit of Mt Morgan or at Yarrangobilly Caves.

CAMPING WITH HORSES

You can camp with your horse at designated camp sites at Ghost Gully, Old Snowy Camp, Long Plain Hut, Cooinbil Hut, Bullocks Hill, Wares Yard and Rocky Plain. These areas have toilets. Some also have facilities such as loading ramps and permanent yards.

You can stay the night at historic Currango Homestead with your horse. You will need to book for yourself and your horse. All horses must be penned in the permanent electrified yard.

Currango is only accessible between the NSW October long weekend and the NSW June long weekend each year and vehicle access is along Long Plain Road, Port Phillip Trail or Tantangara Road (weather permitting).



4 MURRUMBIDGEE RIDE 20KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Murrumbidgee bridge crossing to:

Townsend Hut 4km one-way
Peden's Hut 6km one-way
Love Nest in the Sallees 8.5km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Tantangara 1:25 000

Some moderate riding with river crossings becoming more challenging the further you go. Start on Tantangara Road at the Murrumbidgee bridge crossing, 20km from the Snowy Mountains Highway. Pocket Saddle Road is beyond the crossing.

Walk or ride your bike up Circuits Trail (heart starter). Continue onto Circuits Hut (total of 3.2km) or turn left onto Peden's Trail and cross Gulf Plain for the other huts. Turn left onto Townsend Trail for Townsend Hut (signposted).

Ride back to Peden's Trail and continue along until you reach the track leading to Peden's Hut.

Ride back to Peden's Trail and then after a while turn left onto Murrumbidgee Trail.

Love Nest (in the Sallees) Hut is located off Murrumbidgee Trail, 200m north of the Clear Ridge and Murrumbidgee Trail intersection.

+ Alternative routes

For a shorter ride or walk, Circuit's Hut is 3.2km one-way from the Murrumbidgee bridge along Circuit's Trail.

For a longer ride start at the intersection of Pockets Saddle Road and Murrumbidgee Trail and continue past Love Nest in the Sallees, Peden's, Townsend, Circuit's and Schofield's huts to the intersection of Tantangara Road and Schofield's Trail. Organise a car shuttle.



The huts

Townsend Hut—Constructed around 1940, the hut has three rooms, wood and fibro walls and an iron roof. There's also a shed at the rear of the building.

Peden's Hut—Built in 1929, it replaced an 1890s slab hut. The hut is a simple construction with a timber frame and covered with galvanised iron.

Love Nest in the Sallees Hut—This vertical slab hut is nestled amongst mature black sallees above Payten's Creek.



5 PLAIN RIDE 21KM RETURN

Schofield's trail:

Schofield's Hut 6km one-way
Circuits Hut 10.5km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Tantangara 1:25 000

This easy to moderate ride starts at the Tantangara Road and Schofield's Trail intersection.

Schofield's Hut is 6km along Schofield's Trail crossing Nungar Creek.

Circuit's Hut is 10.5km from Tantangara Road following Schofield's then Circuit's trails.

For a longer ride continue along Circuit's Trail to the intersection of Peden's Trail. From here you can start the moderately difficult Murrumbidgee Ride or organise a car shuttle.

The huts

Schofield's Hut—The hut is a simple construction with a timber frame and floor and galvanised iron walls and roof.

Circuits Hut—Built in 1938, this weatherboard hut has four rooms and an iron roof. It sits among mature black sallees overlooking Gulf Plain.



6 GAVELS CIRCUIT 21KM RETURN

Snowy Mountains Highway to:
Gavels Hut 6km

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000, Tantangara 1:25,000 and Denison 1:25 000

Start this difficult ride at Boundary Trail off the Snowy Mountains Highway near the park entrance.

Gavels Hut is 5.7km north of the Snowy Mountains Highway. Head along Boundary Trail then turn left onto Gavels Hut Trail.

Some sections of the ride are two wheeled tracks, with steep climbs and descents.

In the southern part of the ride you will head through snow gum woodland and mountain

gum and alpine ash forests. The ride then skirts the grassy Nungar Plains before returning to Boundary Trail.

The huts

Gavels Hut—Built 1931, it may have been established close to an earlier hut built nearby in 1922.

Brayshaws Hut—Estimated to have been built in 1950, it could have been a Snowy Mountains Authority transportable hut moved to the site around that time. It is tiny made of weatherboard with a timber floor, a small window and a corrugated iron roof.



7 NUNGAR BULLOCK RIDE 39KM RETURN

Witze's Hut 11.5km one-way
Hain's Hut 35.6km

Maps Tantangara 1:100 000, Rules Point 1:25 000 and Rendezvous Creek 1:25 000

Start at Nungar Creek Trail 8km along Tantangara Road from the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Witze's Hut is 11.5km along Nungar Creek Trail.

Hain's Hut is 35.6km from Tantangara Road, following Nungar Creek, Bullocks and Hains trails. It is west of Tantangara Dam, on a gentle slope above the Murrumbidgee River. In spring and summer the slopes surrounding the hut are covered in wildflowers.

If you are feeling more energetic consider expanding the ride to include Nungar Creek Trail to Kiandra or Bullocks Trail.

The huts

Witze's Hut—Built around 1952, it is a good example of a vertical slab hut.

Hain's Hut—This corrugated iron hut was built in 1947.



8 GOOANDRA HOMESTEAD 9.4KM RETURN

Maps—Tantangara 1:25 000

This moderate walk or ride begins at the Gooandra Trail where it meets the Snowy Mountains Highway, 6km north of Kiandra.

The trail takes you across the Eucumbene River, traverses sub-alpine frost hollows on the Kiandra Plain, past the historic Six Mile Diggings, the headwaters of Gooandra Creek to the historic Gooandra Homestead.

Gooandra has its origins in the Kiandra goldrush. The remains of another miners hut about 20 metres away is still visible.

The huts

Gooandra Homestead—The homestead is constructed of timber and weatherboard with an iron roof.



9 FOUR MILE HUT 14KM RETURN

Maps—Cabramurra 1:25 000

This difficult walk or ride begins at the Tabletop Trail where it meets the Snowy Mountains Highway, 500m south of Kiandra Courthouse. Leave your car at the trackhead or at the old courthouse.

The trail first climbs Dunns Hill but levels out after about 1km. From here it follows the broad ridge to the south. After 6km head east walk on an undefined foot pad. The hut is a further 600m down this track.

The huts

Four Mile Hut—Built in 1937 by Robert Hughes, the last active miner in the area.

B Trails on the Cumberland Range



10 CUMBERLAND RIDE 27.6KM RETURN

Maps—Talbingo 1:25 000 and Yarrangobilly 1: 25 000

From the Snowy Mountains Highway, ride along the Cumberland Trail for 4.4km. The road is narrow and slippery when wet. Be aware of vehicles and walkers. Leave your bike in the four-wheel drive car park to walk the Landers Creek Falls Walking Track. Mountain bikes are not permitted on the Landers Creek Falls Walking Track.

Continue along Cumberland Trail 5.7km to Lickhole Trail. It is then 3.9km east back to the Snowy Mountains Highway. Return the way you came or along the highway.

The ride to the Talbingo fire tower is a steep 3.3km one-way ride from Cumberland Trail.

AUSTRALIAN ALPS HORSERIDING CODE

- Keep your horse under control.
- Keep horses 50 metres from any hut, waterway or camping area.
- Take the water to the horse—hard hooves destroy stream banks.
- Use only weed-free feed—no hay.
- Keep the group small—4–8 horses per group is best.
- Avoid shoeing a horse before your visit—new shoes cut the ground more.

CAMPING NEAR HUTS

- Always take a suitable tent—huts are for emergencies only.
- Get familiar with the Camping Code on page 3.



C Trails along the Kosciuszko Road



1 BURRUNGUBUGGE RIDE 15KM RETURN

Take maps—Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000 and Nimmo Plain 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

This easy to moderate ride becomes more difficult the further you go.

Park at Island Bend and ride down the Island Bend Road about 5km to the Snowy River.

Cross the river and continue straight on, then take the first left and go through the locked gates.

From here it is about 2km to the river flat area. Take a break here before returning the way you came.

+ Alternative routes

If you are feeling energetic continue on to the Gungarlin River.

The ride can also be started at the bridge on the Snowy River, shortening the ride by about 5km one way.

This also allows for a shorter but steeper ride to the Gungarlin River.



2 SUMMIT TRAIL 16KM RETURN

To Seaman's Hut 6km one-way

A moderate ride from Charlotte Pass although the weather must be taken into account. Check weather conditions before heading out. This is also a popular walk.

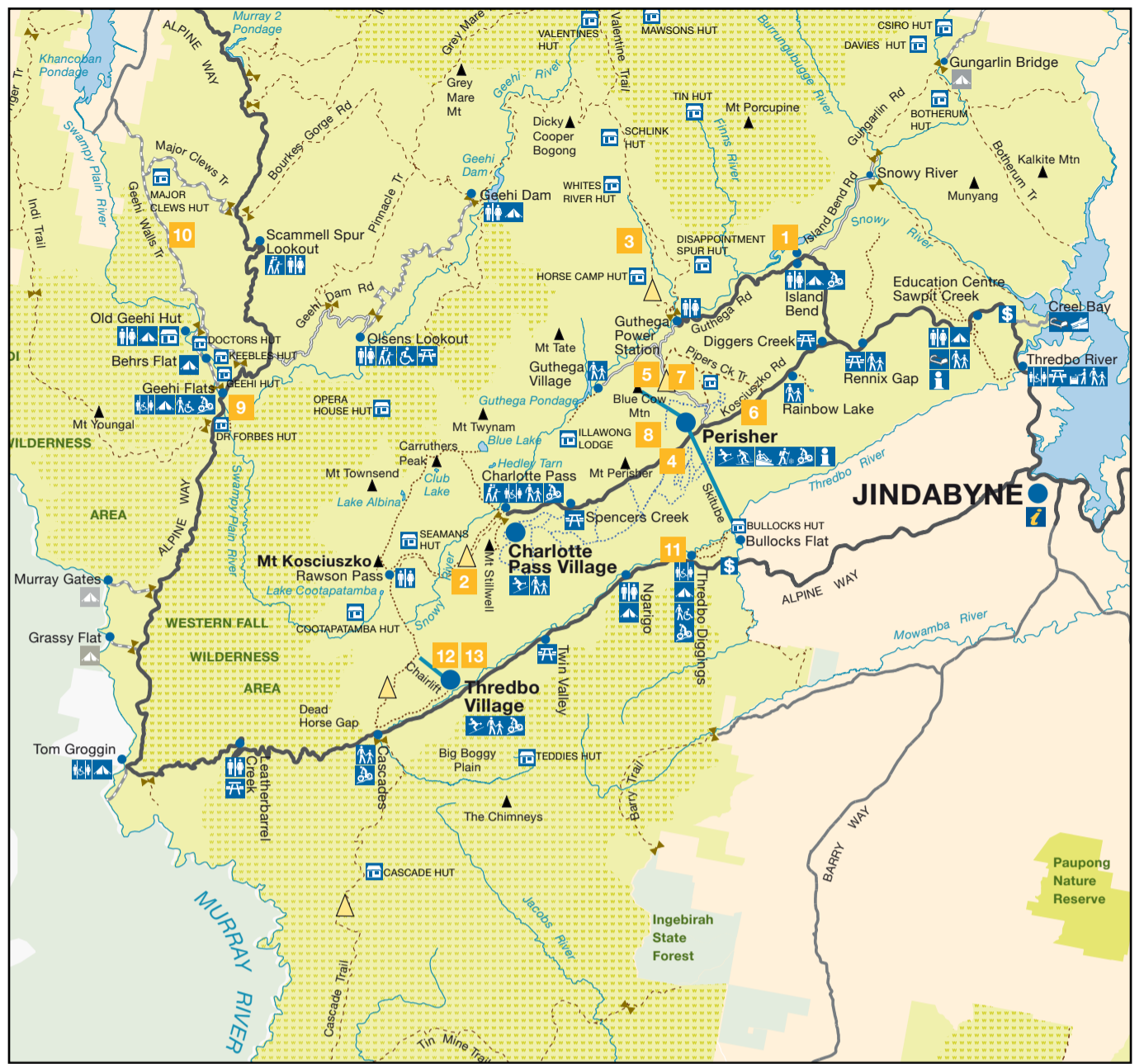
This is the highest ride in Australia and the weather needs to be respected—even in summer it can be cold and snow can fall

Clothing and equipment adequate for the backcountry must be carried.

Set out early and return early, and don't go alone. If you plan to ascend Mt Kosciuszko (1km) you will need to leave your bike at Rawson Pass and walk—so carry a bike lock.

The road has some steep sections but the return is mostly downhill. Go slowly and be aware of walkers.

Seaman's Hut—Built in 1929 as a memorial to skiers Laurie Seaman and Evan Hayes.



3 GEEHI RESERVOIR RIDE 31KM ONE WAY

Take maps— Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

! This ride will only be possible during peak periods. The road from Geehi Dam to the Alpine Way will be closed at other times due to construction works. Call one of our visitor centres for current information.

This difficult ride starts from Guthega Power Station with a solid climb up to Schlink Pass.

You will pass close to White's River Hut. After Schlink Pass, travel along the valley for a couple of kilometres past Schlink Hut before the steep, winding and undulating descent to Geehi Reservoir.

Organise return transport from Geehi Reservoir or it is a further 27km ride to Geehi campground on the Alpine Way.

There is a moderate descent from Olsen's Lookout to the Alpine Way.

+ Alternative routes

Alternatively, ride to Schlink Pass and return along the Disappointment Spur Trail below White's River Hut back to Guthega Power Station (15km return).

The huts

White's River Hut—Built as a shepherds hut in 1934 then used by ski tourists.

Schlink Hut—Built by the Snowy Mountains Authority in the 1950s.

D Trails around Perisher



4 PERISHER—CHARLOTTE PASS 20KM RETURN

A climbing ride along the sealed surface of Kosciuszko Road to spectacular views of the Main Range. From Charlotte Pass you can ride the Summit Trail Ride to Rawson Pass.



5 PERISHER TO GUTHEGA 18KM RETURN

Take maps—Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000 and Nimmo Plain 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

A moderate ride starting from Smiggin Holes. From the end of the car park turn left.

After approximately 5km on the Link Road turn left onto Guthega Road and continue to Guthega Village where there is a bar and restaurant open to the public most of the year.



6 PIPERS CREEK TRAIL 14KM LOOP

Take maps—Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000 and Nimmo Plain 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

A moderate ride from Perisher Valley car park with two small creek crossings.

Ride down Kosciuszko Road to Smiggin Holes. From the end of the car park turn left.

After approximately 2.5km turn right at the aquaduct just past the Ridge Chairlift on the left. If you reach the Guthega Road you've missed the turn-off.

There is a short tricky uphill section, then the trail follows some power lines. There's a short uphill to the right then a traverse along an open section.

Where the trails merge keep going straight. Take the trail to cross Pipers Creek and then turn right onto the Kosciuszko Road. Return to Perisher Valley car park 4km along Kosciuszko Road.



7 AQUADUCT HUT TRAIL 2–3KM RETURN

Take maps—Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000 and Nimmo Plain 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

A moderate ride starting from Smiggin Holes. From the end of the car park turn left. Take the link road to Guthega. After 50 metres turn right onto the KNP management trail. This is a steep and rocky downhill ride to the aquaduct. Return the way you came.



8 RESORT BIKE TRAILS

Easy to moderate riding along resort roads to spectacular views.

See 'Perisher Mountain Bike Trails Guide' for details.

Blue Cow Lookout—5–6km
Resort Cruising—2–4km

E Trails along the Alpine Way near Geehi



9 SWAMPY PLAIN LOOP 10KM ROUND TRIP

Take maps—Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

This is an easy ride with two river crossings. Start at the Geehi campground and ride 2km up the Alpine Way towards Khancoban. Turn left onto the Geehi Walls Trail. After 3.4km turn left for Old Geehi Hut and follow the trail via two river crossings back to Geehi campground.

Check the river level at Geehi campground before you begin to make sure you can return safely.

Old Geehi Hut—Built in the 1940s of large rounded river stones, it was restored after the 2003 wildfires.



10 MAJOR CLEWS' HUT LOOP 35KM ROUND TRIP

Take maps— Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

This challenging ride starts from the Alpine Way 2km from Geehi campground at the Geehi Walls Trail.

Continue riding past the Old Geehi Hut turnoff for about 9km. Turn right to Major Clews' Hut before heading up the Major Clews Trail—watch for 4WDs. This is a constant climb but finishes near Scammell's Lookout with great views of the Main Range. Ride the Alpine Way to return to your car.

Major Clews' Hut—Built in the late 1950s as the residence of Major Clews, a surveyor for the Snowy Mountains Scheme.



Thredbo Diggings. Photo: Mike Edmondson

F Trails along the Alpine Way near Thredbo



11 THREDBO VALLEY TRACK

Thredbo Diggings to Bullocks Hut
2.2km one-way

Park use fees are being used to construct a shared-use track for walkers, mountain bike riders and low mobility users in the Thredbo Valley. The track will eventually link Thredbo with Bullocks Flat (Skitube) within Kosciuszko National Park.

Please watch out for walkers, workers and machinery operating on the track.

G Around Thredbo



12 CANNONBALL RUN 6.2KM DOWNHILL

For those who want an adrenalin rush. All riders using the chairlift must be on a guided ride and have completed an initiation session. Contact Thredbo for details (02) 6459 4100.



13 VILLAGE BIKE TRACKS

Some easy riding for all to enjoy. See 'Thredbo Walks Map and Activities Guide' for details.

Contact one of our visitor centres for a copy or go to www.thredbo.com.au.

AUSTRALIAN ALPS CYCLING CODE

- Slow down. Give walkers and horse riders right of way.
- Stay on formed trails. Avoid skidding and don't cut corners.
- Stay away from wet, muddy areas. Tracks made by bikes lead to erosion.
- Wear your helmet.
- Bikes are not permitted on walking tracks.



Mountain bike trails in wilderness areas

Riding your mountain bike through Kosciuszko's wilderness areas is a real treat. It is only permitted on the following trails so please help us protect these special places and stay on the approved trails.



ROUND MOUNTAIN 41KM ROUND TRIP

Take maps—Toolong 1:25 000 and Jagungal 1:25 000

This moderately difficult ride starts at the Round Mountain trailhead and travels through Jagungal Wilderness Area so stay on the approved trails.

Ride along the Round Mountain Trail, onto Hellhole Creek Trail and up Dargals Trail, returning along the Cabramurra Road. There are some steep, loose sections.



CASCADE—BARRY WAY 53KM ONE-WAY

To Cascade Hut 22km return

You will need to organise a car at the other end.

Take maps—Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000, Charcoal Range 1:25 000 and Suggan Buggan 1:50 000

This ride leaves from the Alpine Way, at the Cascade trailhead and travels through the Pilot Wilderness—stay on approved trails.

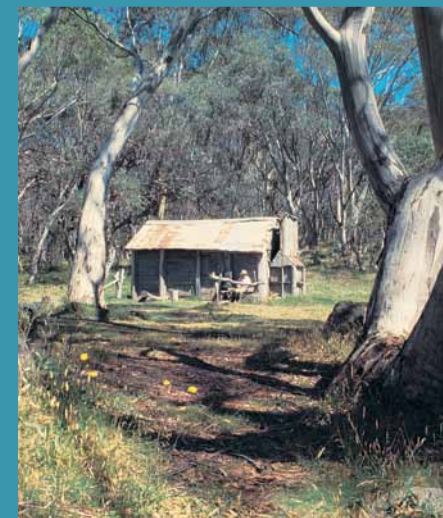
For a moderately difficult ride turn around at Cascade Hut.

For a challenging long day or overnight ride, continue past Tin Mine huts to the Nine Mile Trail. You will need to be fit and experienced. This very steep section (you drop 1,000 metres in 5km) will take you to the Pinch Campground on the Barry Way.

The huts

Cascade Hut—Built in 1935 from horizontal slabs and a bark roof. The roof was replaced by iron in the 1950s.

Tin Mine huts—Two huts built by the Mt Pilot Tin Syndicate in 1935–36.



Cascade Hut © OEH

Fire bans

In NSW there is a defined bush fire danger period— which is set under the NSW Rural Fire Service Regulations from October to March.

TOTAL FIRE BANS

- Declared by the Rural Fire Service based on the forecast weather, fire conditions for the day and existing fire activity.
- Declared for 'fire weather districts' such as Monaro Alpine and Southern Slopes.
- Last 24 hours from midnight.

Total fire ban signs are usually placed at popular picnic and camping areas or call the Rural Fire Service 1800 679 737.

PARK FIRE BANS

- Declared by the NPWS based on concerns about local fire conditions.
- May be in force even though a Total Fire Ban is not. If a Total Fire Ban has been declared in one of the 'fire weather districts', a Park Fire Ban is declared for all of the park.
- May be in place for longer than 24 hours depending on conditions.

NO FIRE MAY BE LIT IN THE OPEN DURING FIRE BANS

This includes incinerators and barbecues which burn solid fuel (wood or charcoal).

Camp fires, liquid fuel stoves and portable gas cookers cannot be lit within tents or annexes in Kosciuszko National Park during fire bans.

Fuel stoves in huts can be used. Permanently fixed gas cookers within campervans and caravans can be used in Kosciuszko National park, but only if:

- it is in a designated camping or picnic area managed by NPWS
- there is an immediate and continuous supply of water available
- it is under the direct control of a responsible adult

You may use a gas or electric barbecue, but only if:

- it is on a residential property within 20 metres of the house or dwelling or
- it is a permanent fixture within a picnic area managed by council, NPWS or Forests NSW

and

- it is under the direct control of a responsible adult
- there is a clear area for 2 metres around the barbecue
- you have an immediate and continuous supply of water available.

Penalties for lighting a fire on a day of Total Fire Ban include a maximum fine of \$100,000 and 14 years imprisonment.

KEEP FIRES IN FIREPLACES

- A campfire should be in a properly constructed fireplace at least five metres from any log or stump. Clear combustible material around the fire for two metres.
- Avoid lighting fires and fuel stoves in huts except for warmth and cooking—huts are for emergencies only.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Ensure the fire is completely out when you leave, use water, not soil.
- Do not light a fire during hot, windy weather or if in any doubt about safety.
- Keep the fire small, use only small pieces of wood and have water close by.

CAMPING IN THE ALPINE AREA

All five lakes in the Kosciuszko alpine area were formed by glaciers and they are naturally low in nutrients. To maintain this nutrient balance and prevent contamination, camping is not permitted in the catchment areas of Lake Albina, Lake Cootapatamba, Blue Lake, Hedley Tarn or Club Lake.

The catchment comprises all the areas surrounding the lakes where rainfall could drain into the lakes via streams or as runoff. Imagine dropping a ball from where you intend to camp. If the ball would roll into a lake (disregarding obstacles) you are in its catchment.

Camping is also not permitted at any time within 200 metres of:

- the trackheads at Charlotte Pass, Crackenback Chairlift, Guthega Village, Guthega Power Station and within the resort boundaries;
- the walkway from Crackenback Chairlift;
- the summit of Mt Kosciuszko;
- Rawson Pass;
- Foreman's Crossing (where the Main Range Track crosses the Snowy River).

Woodfires are not permitted at any time of year although a fuel stove is permitted except when advised otherwise.

Bushfire safety

Fire can start in many ways including lightning strikes, sparks from other bushfires and from campfires.

HELP IN A BUSHFIRE

- If you are caught in a bushfire, try not to panic. Stop, think and look for a refuge. The air is freshest close to the ground, so get down low.
- The greatest danger comes from radiant heat (the heat you feel on your exposed skin). You can shelter from radiant heat behind a fallen log, rock outcrop or by digging a shallow trench in the ground. Lie face down and cover exposed skin.
- Shelter in a spot where vegetation is low and sparse. A bushfire passes quickly and when it has passed, move on to the burnt ground where you will be safer.
- If you are in a car do not drive through the smoke. Park on the side of the road, or the barest spot you can find, and face the fire—the windscreen provides strength. Leave the vehicle idling, turn on the headlights, close windows and block all vents and crevices. You are safest in the car. Lie on the floor and cover all exposed skin—a woollen blanket is best. Do not leave the car until the main fire has passed.

REPORTING A FIRE

If you think you see a fire, note its position and phone the NPWS incident service on 1800 629 104 (24 hours) or call emergency services on 000.

Mountain safety

Alpine areas present special safety issues, particularly in winter. Take precautions all year round, though, as weather can still change quickly in summer.

- Travel with at least two others and tell a reliable friend of your travel plans—and tell them when you return.
- Check the weather before leaving and change your plans if bad weather is approaching—at any time of year.



- Bad weather includes an approaching low pressure system, approaching cold front, strong wind warning or severe weather warning.
- Take layers of warm, waterproof clothing— even in summer and even on day trips.
- Take plenty of food as it helps provide heat for the body.
- Take plenty of water or boil all stream water before drinking.
- Wear sunblock and sunglasses all year. UV is high and new snow reflects much of the sun—children are especially prone.
- Know where you are going. If leaving the marked tracks in summer or heading into the backcountry in winter, take a topographic map and compass and be sure you know how to use them.
- Take a bivouac bag or space blanket for emergencies. You may also want to hire a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) from the Snowy Region Visitor Centre.

BACKCOUNTRY RISKS IN WINTER

- Know how to stay in control—you should be experienced as ungroomed surfaces may be unpredictable.
- Know how to check for unstable layers before skiing or boarding.
- Stay away from overhanging cornices and edges where overhangs may develop. Although avalanches are uncommon (except on the western side of the Main Range), you should take precautions.

DON'T RELY ON TECHNOLOGY

- Mobile phones are no guarantee of safety. The coverage within the park is patchy and the cold can severely affect batteries.
- Global Positioning System (GPS) devices use a satellite network to provide you with your location. However batteries are affected by cold and they should be used with a topographic map and compass.
- PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons) can be hired from NPWS visitor centres. They transmit a signal via satellite to the emergency centre in Canberra. Technology won't guarantee your safety though as mountain weather means helicopters can only fly about 50 percent of the time.
- The analogue EPIRB network has now been shut down.

IF LOST OR INJURED

- Stay where you are. You will be harder to find on the move and will use a lot of energy. It's best to find a sheltered spot and leave something visible for searchers such as an item of colourful clothing.
- If you're above the treeline, don't drop down into the trees except for temporary shelter. It is almost impossible to be seen by helicopters if you do. The only sensible way back out of the alpine area is along the trails to Charlotte Pass, Guthega or Thredbo.

HYPOTHERMIA

- In cold and wet conditions inadequate clothing, tiredness and insufficient food can combine to cause a lowering of normal body temperature which can result in collapse or death if untreated.
- Children get colder and tire faster than adults. They are especially susceptible to hypothermia. Check them regularly, especially inactive babies in backpacks.
- Signs of hypothermia are often mistaken for fatigue. The victim is exhausted, lags behind, stumbles, may have slurred speech and appear drunk, is reluctant to keep walking or skiing, is cold to touch and has a slow pulse.
- Treat the victim immediately by providing shelter and warm, dry clothes, a sleeping bag or shared body warmth. Warm the person from the inside out so give them a warm drink if they are conscious.
- Around wind chill -30°C there is a serious danger of frostbite on exposed skin.
- Wind chill is a combination of temperature and wind speed.

	Wind speed km/hr				
	0	10	20	40	60
10	7	4	0	-3	
5	4	-2	-7	-7	
0	-2	-8	-14	-17	
-5	-7	-14	-21	-24	
-10	-12	-20	-28	-32	
-15	-18	-26	-35	-39	
-20	-23	-32	-42	-47	
-25	-28	-39	-49	-54	

If weather conditions are bad, summer or winter, change your plans

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE SNOW

- Have your vehicle checked especially the tyres, battery, brakes, cooling system, engine and windscreen.
- Add anti-freeze to your engine radiator and windscreen washing fluid. Make sure the anti-freeze/coolant copes with temperatures down to -25°C.
- Check tyre pressure is at manufacturers recommendations.
- Use cold-weather diesel in diesel engines during winter. This is usually only available from service stations close to Kosciuszko National Park during the winter months.
- Allow enough time. Weather can change quickly in the mountains and you may need to fit chains.
- Avoid fatigue. Driving to and from the snow can be more tiring than normal driving given the difficult conditions you may encounter. Stop, revive, survive.

SAFE DRIVING IN THE SNOW

- Drive to weather conditions in all vehicles—4WD doesn't help your vehicle stop
- Keep a steady momentum going uphill—don't start and stop
- Use your gears to slow down or when going downhill—not your brakes
- Use short, gentle pumps on the brakes
- Keep twice the normal distance between yourself and the car in front
- Put headlights on in white-outs, fog and blizzards
- Keep to the correct side of the road
- Watch for snow-clearing machinery—give them plenty of room
- Watch for wildlife which are most active at dawn and dusk. If you injure an animal report it to a carer group such as WIRES or LAOKO.
- Watch for black ice—especially from dusk until dawn. Black ice can remain in shaded areas even during fine days so reduce your speed.
- Have plenty of fuel so that you can keep the engine running in traffic
- Carry spare blankets, spare warm clothing, food and drink
- Carry correct fitting snow chains (compulsory in 2WD vehicles)
- Don't brake hard—even 4WDs slide
- Don't use sharp steering movements
- Don't let children play near the road
- Don't toboggan near the road—you can't steer a toboggan to get out of danger

WINTER PARKING

- Park in designated day parking areas. Outside these areas your vehicle is prone to damage by snowploughs or may be buried under snow.
- Park in designated overnight parking areas. Overnight parking is available at Thredbo, Guthega (1.6km before the main car park), Sawpit Creek and Bullock's Flat Skitube.
- There is no overnight parking during winter at Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Blue Cow or Charlotte Pass.

Overnight visitors to these areas in winter may leave their vehicle at Sawpit Creek car park and arrange a car shuffle or leave their vehicle at Bullock's Flat Skitube Terminal on the Alpine Way and travel to the resorts by train (winter only).

FITTING AND USING SNOW CHAINS

Chains that are the correct size for your vehicle must be carried in two-wheel drive vehicles from the NSW June long weekend to the NSW October long weekend:

- from the park boundary at the Thredbo River on the Kosciuszko Road
- along Guthega Road
- between Thredbo and Tom Groggin on the Alpine Way.

You can hire chains from ski hire outlets and service stations. Ask for advice on fitting them and practice before you head into the snow and ice-risk sections. Fit chains when directed at chain fitting bays or when indicated by signage.

Fitting snow chains can be a wet and muddy job so carry a sheet of plastic to kneel on and an old pair of gloves.

In two-wheel drive vehicles you only need to fit chains to the two driving wheels:

- Front-wheel drive vehicles fit to front wheels
- Rear-wheel drive vehicles fit to rear wheels.

In four-wheel drive vehicles you only need to fit chains to the front wheels.

In all-wheel drive vehicles you will need to consult your vehicle manual for which wheels to fit chains to.

Some vehicles can't be fitted with chains so always consult your vehicle manual.

- Pull over on a clear stretch of road. When fitting chains, pull off the road as far as possible. Choose a clear stretch of road where you can be seen from a distance. Never stop on the crest of a hill. Generally you will be directed to fit chains by an authorised officer in a chain-fitting bay along the route.
- Do not use a jack. Do not use a jack to lift a vehicle to put on snow chains. In icy conditions your car will slide off a jack. All snow chains can be fitted without the need to lift the vehicle.
- Drive at a maximum speed of 40km/hr. Tyre manufactures recommend that cars with radial tyres shouldn't travel faster than 40km/hr when fitted with chains. Stop and check the tension of the chains after about 200 metres.

REPORT WILDLIFE INJURED BY VEHICLES

Jindabyne-Adaminaby/Kiandra

LAOKO (Looking After Our Kosciuszko Orphans)
24 hours phone (02) 6456 1313

Tumut-Talbingo/Batlow

WIRES (Wildlife Information & Rescue Service)
24 hours phone (02) 6949 5999

Khancoban-Tumbarumba/Adelong

SONA (Saving Our Native Animals)
24 hours phone (02) 6946 2222

General advice

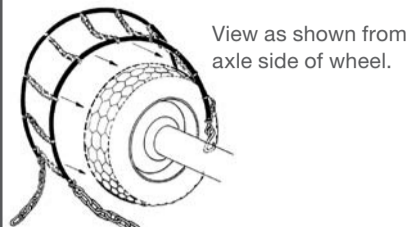
WIRES General advice line NSW
13000WIRES (1300 094 737)

NPWS Emergency 1800 629 104

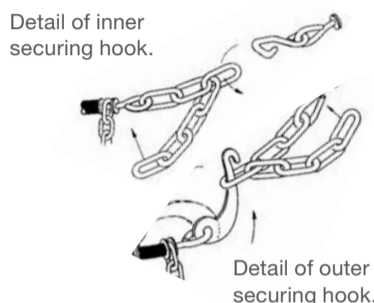
Animals are marked with paint after they have been checked for young. They are often left on the roadside to warn motorists of animal presence. Please slow down in these areas.

FITTING LADDER-STYLE CHAINS

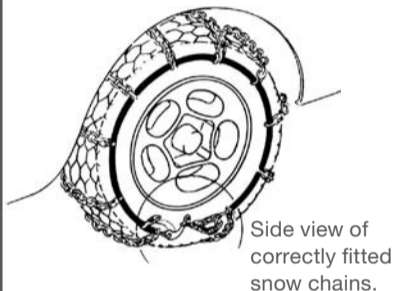
1. Snow chain is fitted over tyre.



2. Make sure inner and outer securing hooks are correctly fastened.



3. Tie loose ends of chain down to prevent damage to mudguards.



4. Tighten after 200 metres

- Keep your distance. Snow chains are not infallible and many accidents still occur involving vehicles with chains fitted. Chains can also increase the braking distance of your vehicle.
- Remove chains when clear of snow. Remove chains as soon as they are not needed — unnecessary use of chains wears out tyres and the road surface.



Swamp Wallaby. Photo: Stephanie Jackson

YOUR PARK ENTRY PASS

If you lose your pass it can't be replaced.

Your pass should be fixed to the bottom right-hand corner of the windscreen

The front of your pass must be clearly visible from the outside. Please don't fix your pass to any dark tinted area of the windscreen.

Your pass is not transferable between vehicles.

UPGRADE A DAY PASS OR UNEXPIRED MULTI-DAY PASS

Upgrade your day pass to an annual All Parks Pass within 7 days of purchase.

Upgrade your unexpired Kosciuszko multi-day pass to an annual All Parks Pass. Once your pass has expired you won't be able to upgrade.

Only one pass (day or unexpired multi-day) can be upgraded.

ANNUAL ALL PARKS PASS ONE & TWO YEARS

Your annual All Parks Pass is only for private-use vehicles with up to 8 seats.

An annual All Parks Pass mustn't be altered in any way or it will be considered invalid and further action may be taken.

An annual All Parks Pass allows you to use the Passholders Only Lane during winter on Kosciuszko Road, Alpine Way and to Selwyn Snowfields, as well as access all other NSW national parks.

SECOND HOUSEHOLD PASS ONE & TWO YEARS

Provide proof of purchase of the first annual All Parks Pass and valid registration papers for both vehicles showing the same address.

Any second household annual All Parks Pass must be dated the same as the first annual All Parks Pass.

REPLACE AN ANNUAL PASS

If you are purchasing a new vehicle provide a copy of new registration papers, bill of sale for original vehicle plus the original annual All Parks Pass.

If replacing your windscreen provide a receipt for the work and the original annual All Parks Pass.

If your vehicle is stolen or written-off provide documentation such as a police report.

SHORT BREAKS PASS

This operates from the end of the NSW October long weekend to the start of the NSW June long weekend.

It provides five days access to Kosciuszko National Park for the price of four.

This product cannot be upgraded to an annual All Parks Pass or upgraded from a day pass or multi-day pass.

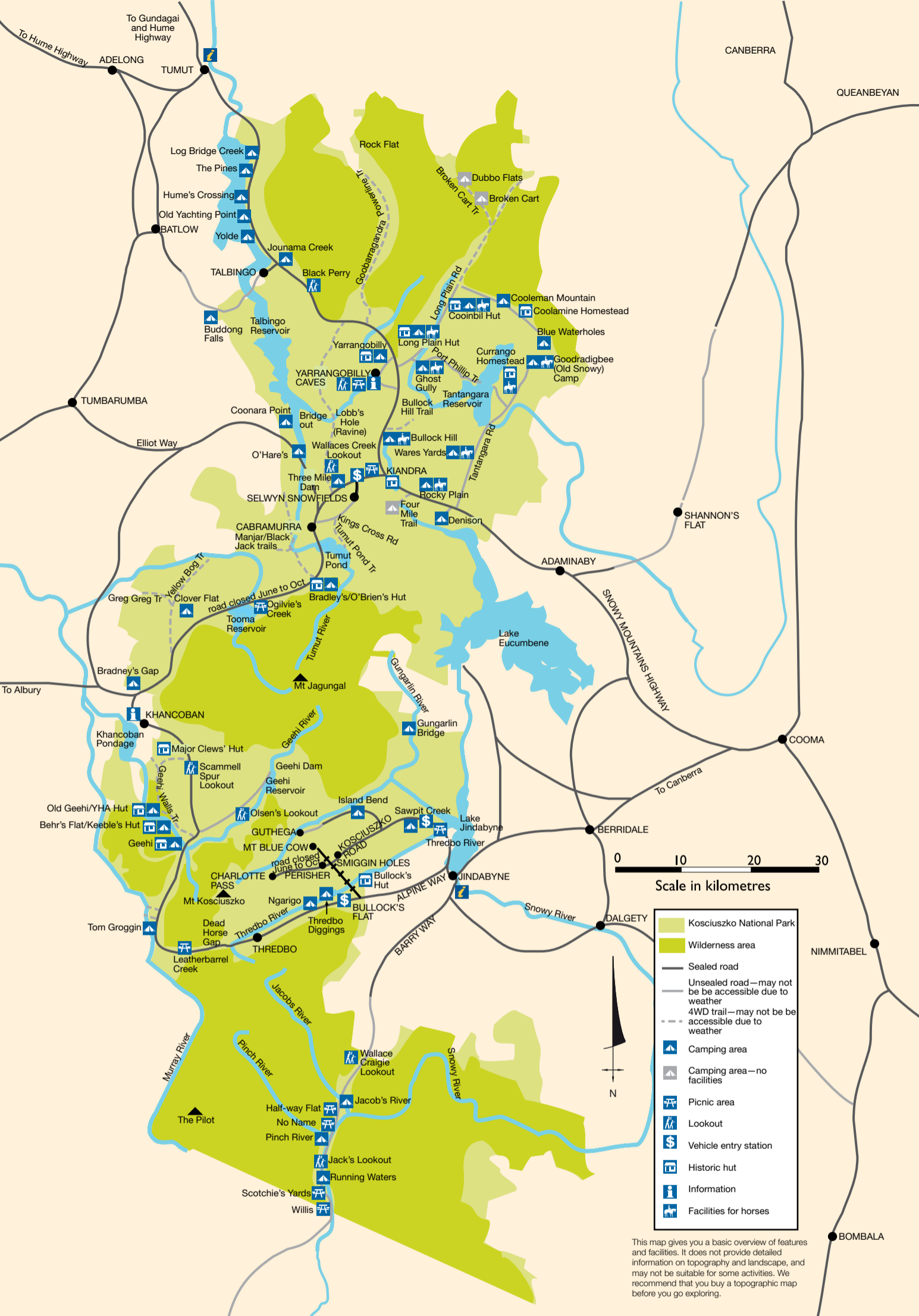
PRE-PURCHASE AN ANNUAL ALL PARKS PASS

Purchase an annual All Parks Pass at any local visitor centre, over the phone or www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au.

TRANSIT PASS

This is a free non-stop pass through the park along the Alpine Way and from Kiandra to Tumbarumba.

Check with our visitor centres for a list of local agents who sell passes during winter.



This map gives you a basic overview of features and facilities. It does not provide detailed information on topography and landscape, and may not be suitable for some activities. We recommend that you buy a topographic map before you go exploring.

NPWS Visitor Centres

NPWS visitor centres provide up-to-date information on road and weather conditions, visitor facilities and activities, fire bans and park regulations. They also carry a range of books, maps and souvenirs. Closed Christmas Day

JINDABYNE

Snowy Region Visitor Centre
Kosciuszko Road, Jindabyne
Phone: (02) 6450 5600

7 days a week
8.30am – 5.00pm

July to August
Saturday 7.00am – 5.00pm

TUMUT

Tumut Region Visitor Centre
The Old Butter Factory
Adelong Road, Tumut
Phone: (02) 6947 7025

7 days a week
9.00am – 5.00pm

KHANCOBAN

Khancoban Information Centre
Cnr Scott and Mitchell Ave
Phone: (02) 6076 9373

Open most days
9.00am – 12.00pm &
1.00pm – 4.00pm

PERISHER VALLEY

Kosciuszko Road,
Perisher Valley
Phone: (02) 6457 4444
Fax: (02) 6457 4455

Visitor facilities
7 days a week in winter
8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday to Friday in summer
8.00am – 4.00pm

Office
7 days a week in winter
8.00am – 4.00pm
Monday to Friday in summer
8.00am – 12.00pm &
1.00pm – 4.00pm

YARRANGOBILLY CAVES

Located 6.5km off the Snowy Mountains Highway between Tumut (77km) and Cooma (109km)
Phone: (02) 6454 9597

7 days a week
9.00am – 5.00pm

Emergencies

There is someone to speak to at all times in an emergency.

If someone is lost, injured or overdue call the Police 000

For all accidents call the Ambulance Service 000

To report a fire, gas leak, chemical, fuel or oil spill call the Fire Brigade 000

To report car trouble and request assistance call the NRMA 13 11 11

To report a bushfire within the park call the NPWS Emergency line (24 hours) 1800 629 104 or emergency services 000

To find out about fire bans call our visitor centres or the Rural Fire Service 1800 679 737.

To report injured wildlife see page 6

For other emergency issues within the national park call the NPWS Emergency line (24 hours) 1800 629 104

