



Cascade Hut. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

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Topographic maps

via Cascades trail.

This area is accessed from Alpine Way, near Thredbo.

historic huts and the remote Pilot Wilderness.

Well-prepared, experienced adventurers can tackle long-distance mountain bike rides or hikes, taking in

## Pilot Wilderness Area

especially after rain. Keep an eye out for wildlife.

winding. Watch out for minor rock falls and potholes.

vehicle length limit applies. It's steep, narrow and

is unsealed and is not suitable for caravans. A 1.25-m

For most of its length, Lower Snowy Drive (Barry Way)

hour's drive from Willis (170km from Jindabyne).

Before you start exploring, stop at Jindabyne's Snowy

Region Visitor Centre for maps, information, and

side of the Snowy Mountains.

panoramic views from the lookouts and see another

from Jindabyne to the Victorian border. Take in the

the scenic trails on a walk, as you follow the drive

Park. Camp or picnic by the Snowy River, and explore

areas embrace the wild south of Kosciuszko National

The remote Pilot Wilderness and Lower Snowy River



## Experience Pilot Wilderness and Lower Snowy River area

**Kosciuszko National Park**



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campground.

south to Suggan Buggan from Pinch River/Moyangul

Way, it's around 61km north (uphill) to Jindabyne or 30km

elevation. If you don't organise a car shuttle from the Barry

Most people tackle the full ride as a one-way trip north

white box woodlands in the Lower Snowy River valley.

Along the way, find a secluded site at a campground

gum and alpine ash at the heart of the Pilot Wilderness

through the montane forests of snow gum, mountain

The ride travels from the sub-alpine areas of Thredbo valley

steep section, along Nine Mile trail, drops 1000m in 5km.

River/Moyangul campground, on the Barry Way. This

then on to Nine Mile trail, which will take you to Pinch

the Tin Mine Huts turnoff. Turn on to Ingegoodbee trail

From Cascade Hut, experienced riders can continue past

Beacon (PLB), food and water supplies.

riding and pack riding. Bring a map, Personal Locator

Barry Way, you'll need to be experienced in long distance

plan to tackle the long, challenging ride through to the

Cascade Hut — a short detour off the main trail. If you

turn around once you reach the crest of Bobs Ridge, or

For a moderately difficult route with incredible views,

steep descent on Nine Mile trail will test your riding skills.

Bobs Ridge that will test your cardio fitness, while the very

take note — there are sustained steep climbing sections on

trail, Ingegoodbee trail and Nine Mile trail. Adrenaline junkies

Along the way, it follows several trails, including Cascades

on the Barry Way.

Wilderness Area to Pinch River/Moyangul campground,

Cascades trail head, and travels through the remote Pilot

Pilot Wilderness ride begins from Alpine Way, at the

(Mountain bikes are not permitted on Tin Mines and

Pinch River/Moyangul campground: 53km one-way

Nine Mile trail turnoff: 44km one-way

Ingegoodbee trail turnoff: 27km one-way

Cascade Hut: 10km one-way

Bobs Ridge: 4.8km one-way

**Alpine Way to:**

Hard: 53km one-way, 9.1hrs

**1 Pilot Wilderness mountain bike ride**



Halfway Flat campground and picnic area. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

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Topographic maps

Beaches, plus a mild and dry climate, make this area

sense of solitude. Easy access to the river and its sandy

Along the way, find a secluded site at a campground

74km from Jindabyne to Willis, on the Victorian border.

The Snowy River valley. It follows the Barry Way south for

that takes travellers past picnic spots and lookouts in

Lower Snowy drive is a sprawling, open-ended road trip

## Lower Snowy River area

makes up over 20% of this protected area.

Snowy River valley to sub-alpine areas over 1800m,

Pilot Wilderness, which rises from 200m in the Lower

Byadbo Wilderness in the Lower Snowy River area. The

wilderness. This includes the Pilot Wilderness and

350,000ha (almost 865,000 acres), has been declared

Biosphere Reserve. More than half of the park, over

in recognition of Kosciuszko's unique value as a

## Did you know?

Contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre for more

between Dead Horse Gap and Cowombat Flat in Victoria.

Gums trail and Pilot Creek trail all form part of the AAWT,

a shorter section. Cascades trail, Cowombat trail, Snow

You can access the Australian Alps walking track, to walk

There are several points in Kosciuszko National Park where

sufficient hikers only.

near Canberra. Recommended for experienced, self-

long-distance walk from Walhalla, in Victoria, to Tharwa,

The Australian Alps walking track (AAWT) is a 655km

occasional steps and limited signage.

**Grade 5** Short steep hills. Rough unformed track with

**2 Australian Alps walking track**

## Staying safe

Many parts of Kosciuszko National Park are

remote and rugged places. Weather can change

quickly and conditions may be unpredictable.

Be aware of the risks when swimming, paddling,

fishing or camping around rivers. Water levels in the

Snowy River and its tributaries can rise suddenly

due to water releases from dams, and after heavy

rainfall. There may be swift currents, rapids, deep

pools, hidden and submerged hazards.

Take responsibility for your own safety and the safety

of any children in your care. Remember to plan

ahead, choose your walks and activities to match

your stamina and fitness level, and tell someone

where you're going and when you'll be back.

Always check the weather before leaving and

change your plans if bad weather is approaching.

Think about filling in a trip intention form and hiring

a Personal Locator Beacon from one of our visitor

centres. Phone coverage in the park is patchy.

Visit: [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alpine-safety](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alpine-safety)

## Cycling safety

- Slow down. Give walkers right of way.
- Stay on formed trails. Avoid skidding and don't cut corners.
- Stay away from wet, muddy areas. Tracks made by bikes can cause erosion.
- Wear your bike helmet.



Wallace Craigie lookout. Photo: M.Vanderveer/DPE

will take you to Buchan Caves, a drive of about 2 hours.

the border into Victoria's Alpine National Park. This road

more campgrounds and picnic areas, before crossing

you've come. The road then winds down and passes

lookout, which lets you peer back at the scenic way

road climbs up and away from the river, leading to Jacks

After reaching Pinch River/Moyangul campground, the

your swimsuit and a fishing rod to make a lazy afternoon of it.

break up the drive with superb vistas of rugged

Located just off the road, this is a terrific place to

41km from Jindabyne

## 4 Wallace Craigie lookout

customers house stood at Willis picnic area, for the

crossing the border.

Victoria Government to collect taxes on cattle

From the park entry at Ingebyra, the road twists down

toward the Snowy River valley, where an ideal first stop

comes at Wallace Craigie lookout, offering scenic views

of the surrounding area, as well as great birdwatching.

From here, you'll pass Jacobs River/Tongarco campground

the first of many beautiful picnic areas that dot the road all

information, including maps and guide books.

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74km one-way

rings if you want to stoke up a barbecue.

The resident wattle trees bloom in late winter and spring,

the best time to visit Willis picnic area. As the lowest

altitude picnic area in Kosciuszko National Park, it can get

quite warm in the height of summer – a perfect excuse to

bring a pair of swimmers to cool down in the river.

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 shillings per head

of cattle.



Jacobs River. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

## Did you know?



Running Waters campground. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

## 10 Willis picnic area

74km from Jindabyne

Willis picnic area, at the tail-end of Lower Snowy drive,

offers one last place to settle down and rest on this

side of the Black-Allan line (NSW-Victorian border).

The Snowy River roars past on the other side of the

Barry Way, and shady trees make this a pleasant

option for morning or afternoon tea. Pack a thermos

and find a perfect picnic spot – there are even fire

## 5 Jacobs River/Tongaroo campground



54km from Jindabyne

Jacobs River/Tongaroo campground is a special spot, right by the riverbank and surrounded by gum trees. A 1-1.5hr drive from Jindabyne, the campground might be easy to reach from town, but once you arrive, the sense of solitude makes it feel miles away from civilisation. Outside of school holidays and long weekends, you can often have the entire place to yourself.

Bring a tent and pass a long weekend fishing and swimming in the river. Or bring a mountain bike and hiking boots and use it as a base for exploring further afield.

The campground caters to the very active, day-trippers looking for a picnic spot, and visitors who are simply scouting for somewhere to kick back in serene nature. As the sun sets, wombats and platypus emerge. If you're lucky you might even catch a glimpse of the elusive spotted-tailed quoll.

During winter, the campground also offers a great, warmer alternative to Jindabyne and the ski resorts. In spring, the area blooms with stunning wildflowers.

## 6 Halfway Flat campground



55km from Jindabyne

Right on the banks of the Snowy River sits Halfway Flat campground, one of Kosciuszko National Park's best-kept

secrets. Pitch your tent, then go swimming, fishing, or take a relaxing walk through the bush.

With just a few unmarked sites, this riverfront campground, just off the Barry Way, is surrounded by eucalyptus, cypress pines and wattle, making it a quiet and peaceful spot. By day, kangaroos, wallabies and emus can be seen. As the sun sets, wombats and quolls make their appearance.

Late summer into autumn is a particularly good time for families or small groups to visit, as the days aren't too hot, but the water is warm. You may even have the entire campground to yourself.

The stretch of the Snowy River between here and Willis is a popular spot for canoeing and kayaking, when water levels are high (and safe). It's a great place for introductory to intermediate white-water paddling, with appropriate experience, skills and safety equipment.



Pinch River/Moyangul campground. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

If you're not an experienced kayaker, why not try a day tour with expert guides and gear. For more information about guided tours visit the Snowy Region Visitor Centre in Jindabyne.

## 7 Pinch River/Moyangul campground



60km from Jindabyne

This is an important Aboriginal site and was also used as a stock reserve on the Bairnsdale route. Today it's the largest camping and picnic area on the Barry Way, and the end point to the epic Pilot Wilderness mountain bike adventure ride.

Located at the junction of the Pinch and Snowy rivers, you'll find a large, peaceful campground nestled by the river. Set up camp surrounded by tall eucalypts, cypress pines and flowering wattles in spring and summer. Enjoy swimming, fishing, liloing and paddling from dawn to dusk, or set out on a bushwalk on some of the trails in this area of Kosciuszko National Park.

## 8 Jacks lookout

62km from Jindabyne

This lookout above the Snowy River was named after Jack Shannon, a local park worker and stonemason.

Jacks lookout offers superb views across the pine-clad ridges, Snowy River valley and its famous river. It's a gorgeous spot at any time of year, but is particularly striking on clear winter days when a bright blue sky makes the perfect backdrop to the surrounding peaks.

Enjoy the panorama fringed with towering eucalypts and cypress pines. In spring, the coloured wattles that bloom here are a delight to see.

There's plenty of interesting wildlife to spot around this area too, so keep your eyes open for kangaroos, wallabies and emus. If you're keen to pitch your tent, it's a short drive to Running Waters campground.

## 9 Running Waters campground

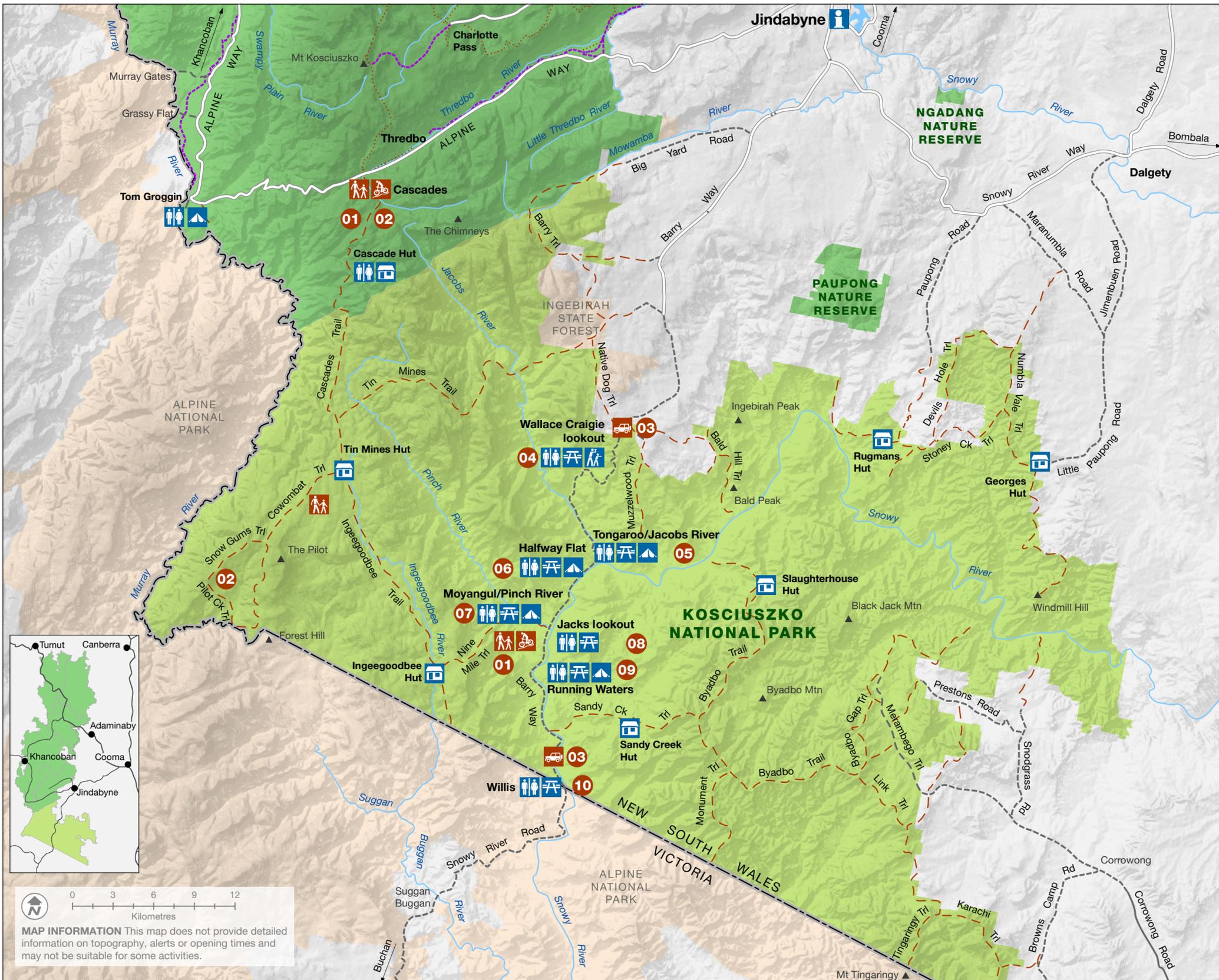


63km from Jindabyne

Nestled between the river and the roadside, Running Waters campground is an ideal escape from the crowds of Jindabyne during winter – and even better in the warmer months. Surrounded by gum trees and pine forest, it offers plenty of space for small and large groups alike. Bring the extended family and settle down for a long weekend of picnics and relaxation in this stunning Kosciuszko setting.

With plenty of resident kangaroos, wallabies and emus, photography opportunities are everywhere. Birdwatchers can add to their twitch list, including the spectacular rainbow bee-eater and brown treecreeper. It's a short drive to Jacks lookout for stunning views and more chances to see the birdlife up close.

But where this campground particularly shines is in its offering of water sports. Easy access to the river means this is a fantastic spot for fishing, paddling, and liloing. Pack a tent and wood for the barbecue, and be sure to bring swimmers (and maybe a kayak) to make the most of your natural escape.



Lower Snowy River area	Highway/Sealed road	Management trail - no public vehicular access	Visitor information	Picnic area (day use only)	Walking track
NPWS reserves	Unsealed road - may not be accessible in wet weather	Walking track/Shared use track	Toilets	Lookout	Mountain bike trail
Other reserves	4WD trail - may not be accessible in wet weather	01 Featured walking track	Campground	Historic hut	Driving route

For more information or to book a site at one of the campgrounds in this area, call 1300 072 757 or visit [nswparks.info/campkosci](http://nswparks.info/campkosci).