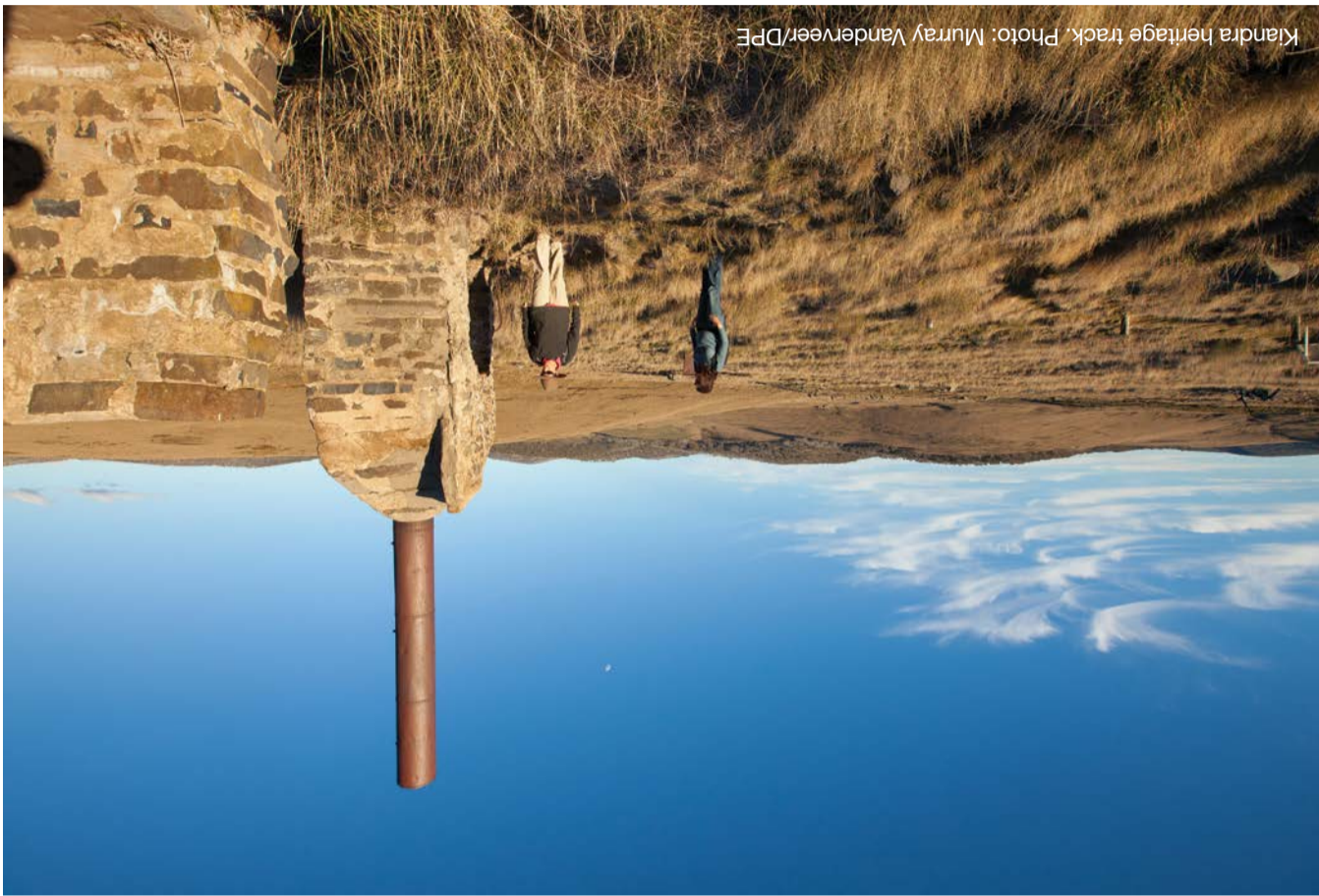


everlasting daisies. Birds are active in autumn and spring - keep an eye out for wedge-tailed eagles, flame robins and brown falcons. This track is also a great option for horse riding and mountain biking adventures.

Turn right at the junction with Tabletop trail and follow for 1.3km to reach the Four Mile Hut access trail, where you can spot faint remnants of the area's gold mining days. The Four Mile Hut ruins are 750m along the lightly marked trail, accessed by foot only. Built in 1937 by the last active gold miner in this area, the striking timber and tin strip hut was a scenic backdrop for a picnic before it was lost in the fires. Plans are underway to build a similar hut near the ruins to provide shelter and a new way to experience the area's unique heritage.



Kandra heritage track. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE



Wares Yards campground. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

Australian Alps walking track

Grade 5 

The Australian Alps walking track is a 655km long-distance walk from Walhalla, in Victoria, to Tharwa, near Canberra. Recommended for experienced, self-sufficient hikers only.

There are several points in Kosciuszko National Park where you can access the Australian Alps walking track, to walk a shorter section. Contact Tumut Visitor Centre for more information, including maps and guide books.

Accommodation and campgrounds

Outside winter, you can spend the night at historic Currango Homestead. Year-round accommodation is available at Yarrangobilly Caves House.

This moderate walk sets out from the Selwyn Snow Resort carpark, along the access trail behind the resort, winding through snow gum forest to Mount Selwyn Radio Tower. Further along, the trees open up on to vast sub-alpine grasslands with views of Tabletop Mountain and Mount Jagungal.

The open plains are awash with wildflowers in summer, including golden-stemmed billy buttons and orange buttercups, while silver snow daisies, and pink grass trigger plants. In winter, it becomes a pristine alpine cross-country skiing or snowshoe track, exciting enough to satisfy any snow-lover.

Follow this lovely self-guided loop track from Three Mile Dam campground as it meanders through snow gum woodlands, across snowgrass flats, and past an abandoned ore-crushing battery.

10km return, 3.5–4.5 hours
 Grade 3 

3 Four Mile Hut walk and ride

Step back in time and explore Kandra's unique heritage on this short, self-guided walk. Although many of its historic buildings have been lost to fire, the precinct still has fascinating stories to tell of pioneering life in the 1800s and early 1900s.

Start your walk at Kandra Courthouse that has served not only as a courthouse, but also as a private residence, ski chalet, hotel and bar. One of the holding cells can be seen at the back of the ruin.

Follow the track as it winds towards the site of Matthews Cottage. A replica of the original cottage has been constructed near its former location. The base of its structure after the fires.

1.2km loop, 30 mins – 1 hour
 Grade 3 

1 Kandra heritage track

From here the walk leads to the old gold diggings, easily identified by the tailing mounds and rusty remnants of excavating equipment. Kandra was home to one of the shortest gold rushes in Australian history, and up to 8000 prospectors flocked to the town in 1860 hoping to strike it rich. Within a few years, after harsh winters and falling gold finds, they had given up, and the population of this remote mountain town fell to just 350.

Discover Kandra's gold rush heritage, and enjoy summer wildflowers and birdwatching along easy tracks. The birthplace of snow skiing in Australia, this historic town has incredible tales to tell of life in the high country during the 1800s and early 1900s.

Much of the township was damaged in the 2019-20 bushfires, and the buildings remain closed while restoration works take place. The precinct itself is still open however, and you can see the remnants of historic sites such as the chimney of heritage-listed Matthews Cottage. Parts of Kandra Courthouse also remain intact; in fact, it's the only building in Kandra that retained some of its structure after the fires.

Topographic maps of its structure after the fires.

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Winter access and closures

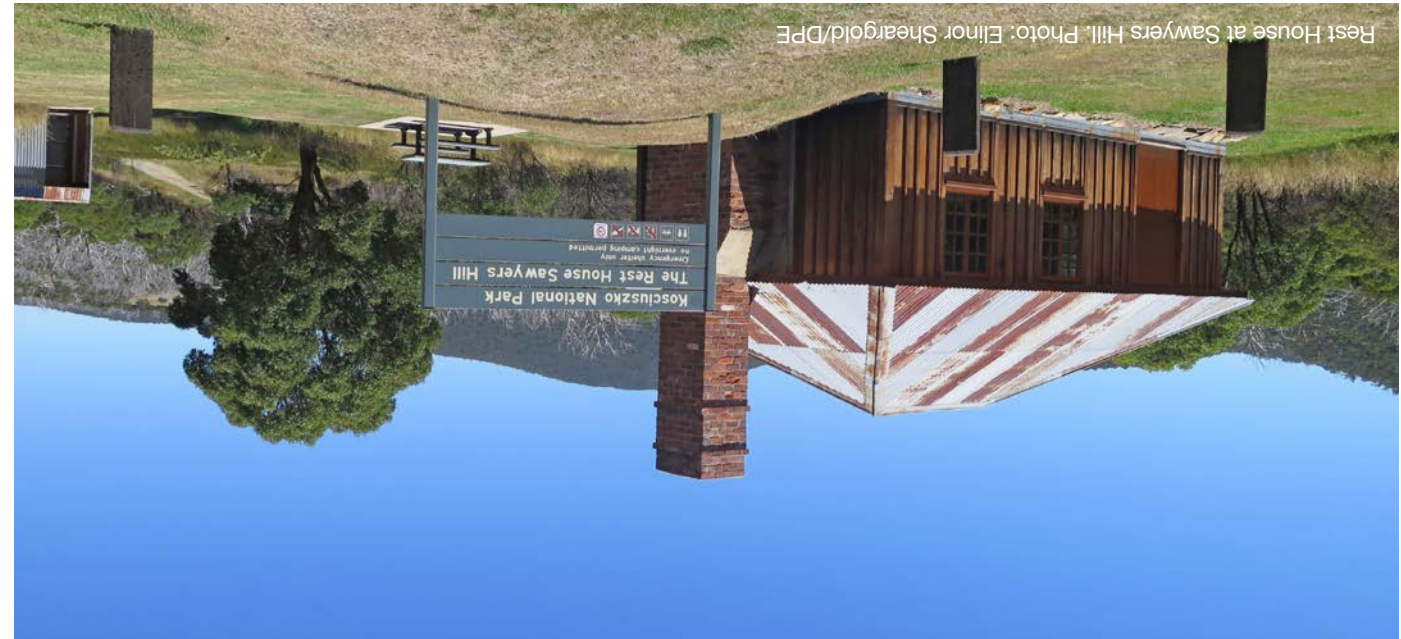
Walking tracks and riding trails may be affected by snow during winter. Several areas of northern Kosciuszko National Park are closed to vehicle traffic from the June to October long weekends each year.

Before you set out, it's a good idea to contact Tumut Visitor Centre and check park alerts for updates or closures that may affect your visit to the Selwyn area.

Ph: (02) 6947 7025 or visit: nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts

Caring for your park

- Mountain biking and horse riding are permitted on all public roads and most management trails in the Selwyn area.
- Bike riders please slow down. Give way to walkers and horses. Wear a helmet.
- Please stay on formed trails.
- Take water to the horse – hard hooves destroy stream banks.
- Use only weed-free feed.
- Small groups, 4–8 horses, is best.
- Observe all fire restrictions and never leave fires unattended. Extinguish fires completely with water before you leave. Consider using gas stoves instead of solid fuel for cooking.
- Bury toilet waste well away from water courses and public areas.
- All plants and animals in the national park are protected. Damage to, or removal of any plants or animals is an offence.
- Domestic pets, firearms and chainsaws are not permitted in the national park.



Rest House at Sawyers Hill. Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

- Ravine 1:25 000
- Denison 1:25 000
- Tantangara 1:25 000
- Cabramurra 1:25 000

Bring your walking shoes and wander through the heath and snowgrass flats along Goldseekers track or sit by the water's edge and enjoy a spot of fishing at Three Mile Dam. History buffs can explore remnants of the area's gold mining days on Four Mile Hut walk or in the historic town of Kandra. Many heritage structures were damaged or destroyed in the 2019-20 fires, but work is underway to rebuild these significant sites.

While you're here, why not stop and pay a visit to the recently restored rest house at Sawyers Hill.

Travel cross-country along some of the trails amongst Selwyn Snow Resort has some of the best value day skiing and snow play in NSW.

When it's time to retire, there's a good choice of campgrounds with a range of facilities where you can spend the night under the stars.

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Kandra and Selwyn walks and rides

Staying safe

Be aware of the risks and 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. Travel with others 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 and cold can affect batteries.

Visit: nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alpine-safety

General enquiries

- Tumut Visitor Centre – Ph: (02) 6947 7025
 - Yarrangobilly Caves Visitor Centre – Ph: (02) 6454 9597
 - Snowy Region Visitor Centre – Ph: (02) 6450 5600
 - Khancoban Visitor Centre – Ph: (02) 6070 8400
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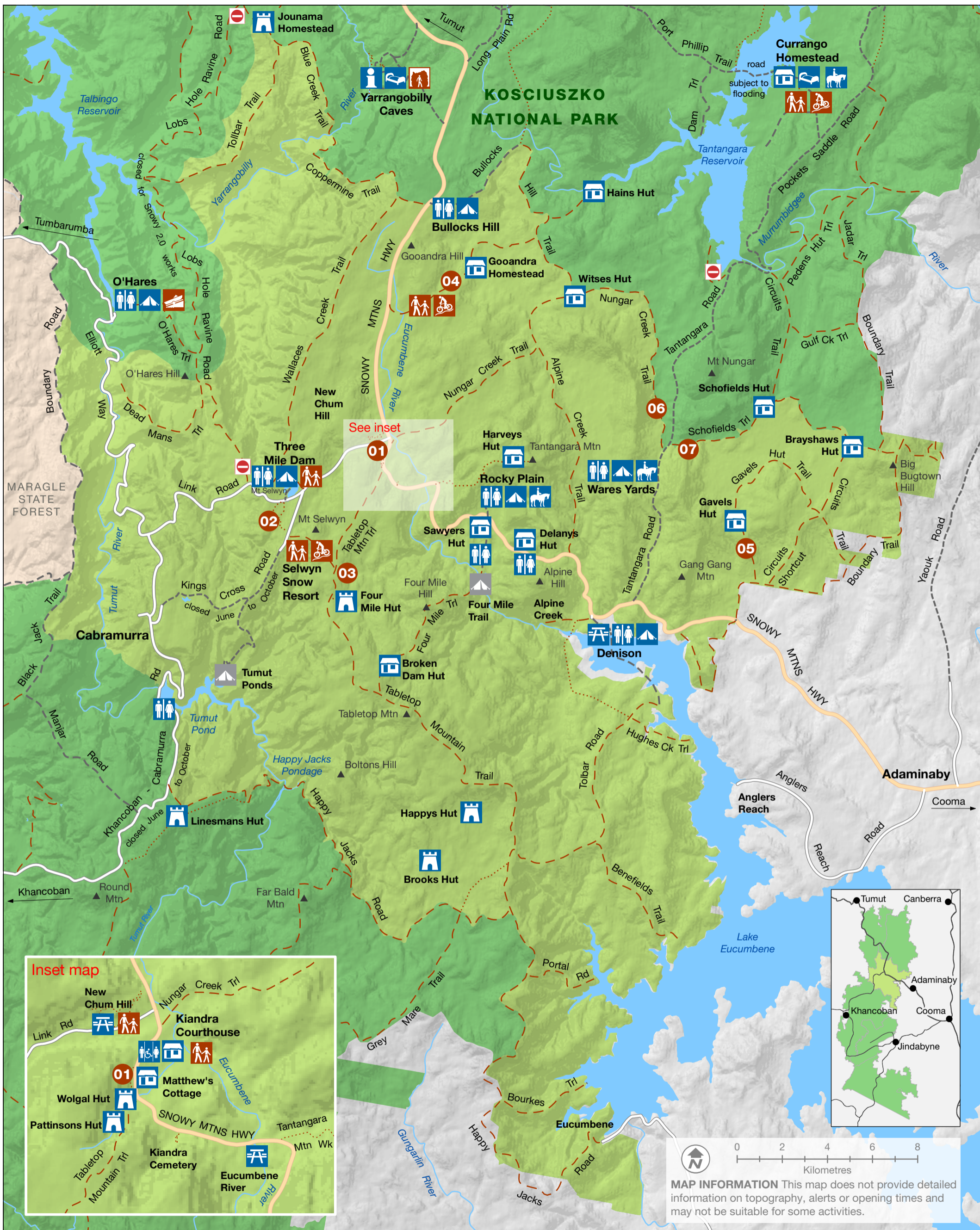


Experience **Selwyn area** walks and rides

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| Selwyn area | 4WD trail - may not be accessible in wet weather | Road closed | Campground | Historic ruin |
| NPWS reserves | Management trail - no public vehicular access | Visitor information | Campground (no facilities) | Boat ramp |
| Other reserves | Walking track/Shared use track | Toilets | Picnic area (day use only) | Walking track |
| Highway/Sealed road | Featured walking track or mountain bike trail | Accessible toilets | Historic hut | Mountain bike trail |
| Unsealed road - may not be accessible in wet weather | | Accommodation | Campground with facilities for horses | Caves |

High country plains walks and rides

The high plains and mountain woodlands east of the highway boast a network of summer trails to explore on foot, by bike or by horse. Discover the pioneering heritage of the NSW high country as you take in the beauty of this vast sub-alpine environment. If you visit in spring and summer, you'll be treated to the sight of the rolling plains covered in a dazzling display of native wildflowers.

Topographic maps

- Tantangara 1:25 000
- Denison 1:25 000

4 Goandra Homestead walk and ride

9.4km return, 3.5 hours

This day walk, or moderate ride, begins at the Goandra trail head, where it meets the Snowy Mountains Highway, around 6km north of Kiandra. Please note there may be Snowy 2.0 works at the trail head.

Follow the trail across the Eucumbene River and through sub-alpine frost hollows on the Kiandra Plain. You'll pass historic Six Mile Gold Diggings, circa 1864, and the headwaters of Gooandra Creek, before reaching the sign posted intersection with the footpad to Gooandra Homestead.

Goandra was built in 1913. Around 12,000 sheep were held on this lease, along with a woolshed and yards. The area's pioneering history goes back to the Kiandra gold rush, and you can still see the remnants of a miner's hut built in 1864, about 20m away. This structure is believed to be the oldest in Kosciuszko National Park.

5 Gavel's and Brayshaws Hut loop

27km loop, 9 hours (all huts)

Snowy Mountains Highway to:
Gavel's Hut: 5.5km one-way, 2 hours
Brayshaws Hut: 16km one-way via Gavel's Hut trail

Start at Boundary trail, off the Snowy Mountains Highway, near the park entrance. Gavel's Hut is 5.5km north of the highway. Turn left at the junction onto Gavel's Hut trail.

There are some narrow tracks with steep climbs and descents along this ride, or Grade 4 walk. In the southern part of the ride you'll head through snow gums, mountain gum and alpine ash forests that open onto the expansive Nungar Plain.

After reaching Gavel's Hut you can choose to return the way you came. Or the more adventurous can continue north on the trail that skirts the grassy plain, until you reach Circuits trail. Turn left towards Brayshaws Hut, which is 3.7km along the trail. Keep an eye out for red-necked wallabies, flame robins, and grey shrike-thrush, which are often seen in this area.

If you're equipped for an overnight walk, you can head directly back to Snowy Mountains Highway via Circuits shortcut trail, which is 10.8km from Brayshaws Hut.

Gavel's Hut: Built 1931, this quaint timber and corrugated iron-clad hut looks over the Nungar Plain. James T. Gavel leased the area in the 1930s as summer pasture for 4000 sheep.

Brayshaws Hut: Built in the 1950s, this tiny 2m x 3m weatherboard hut was originally a washroom and laundry for the Venables family of Adaminaby.



Gavel's Hut. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE



Goandra Homestead. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

6 Nungar walk and ride

23km return, 8 hours

Start at Nungar Creek trail, which is 8km along Tantangara Road from Snowy Mountains Highway. Witses Hut is 11.5km along the trail.

There are some narrow tracks with steep climbs on this undulating ride, or Grade 3 walk. The southern part of the ride travels and descends alongside the winding Nungar Creek to the Tantangara Dam trail intersection. Keep an eye out for red-necked wallabies and wedge-tailed eagles. You'll pass through sub-alpine woodland and plains and see evidence of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires as you approach Witses Hut. Return the same way.

Extra sections: From Witses Hut you can create a through trip by continuing south-west along Nungar trail for an extra 11.5km, to the Snowy Mountains Highway at Kiandra. You may get wet feet crossing the Eucumbene River near the highway.

Witses Hut: This vertical slab hut was built around 1952, on what was once Tantangara Station, using timber from Tantangara Homestead (circa 1880s).

7 Plains ride

21km return, 7 hours

Schofields trail head to:

Schofields Hut: 6km one-way, 2 hours
Circuits Hut: 10.5km one-way, 3.5 hours

This easy to moderate ride, or Grade 4 walk, starts at the Schofields trail head on Tantangara Road. Schofields Hut is 6km along Schofields trail, crossing Nungar Creek. Circuits Hut is 10.5km from Tantangara Road, following Schofields then Circuits trails.

For a longer ride, continue along Circuits trail to the intersection of Pedens trail. From here you can start the moderately difficult Murrumbidgee ride or ride down to the intersection with Tantangara Road and organise a car shuffle.

Schofields Hut: The simple hut is best known for its 16-pane window.

Circuits Hut: Built in 1938, this pretty weatherboard hut is more like a house, with 4 rooms and a verandah. It sits among mature black sallees overlooking the Gulf Plain. Circuits Hut was part of only 3 freehold grazing properties in what is now Kosciuszko National Park.

Walking grades

- Grade 3 walk**
Gentle hills, formed track with some obstacles, sign posted with occasional steps. Some bushwalking experience recommended.
- Grade 4 walk**
Short steep hills. Sign posted rough track with occasional steps and many obstacles. Recommended for experienced bushwalkers.
- Grade 5 walk**
Short steep hills. Rough unformed track with occasional steps and limited signage. Recommended for experienced bushwalkers.