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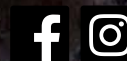
# Thredbo–Perisher area walks

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Spring, summer or autumn, the Thredbo and Perisher areas spoil you with an incredible variety of walks. Climb Mount Kosciuszko, take a gentle stroll by a mountain stream or follow winding trails to historic huts. Along the way, you'll be treated to the sight of dramatically twisted snow gums, woodland valleys and some of Australia's highest peaks.

For a truly immersive experience in the Snowy Mountains, embark on the exhilarating Snowies Alpine Walk across the rooftop of Australia. When complete, this 55km, 4-day trek will link Guthega, Charlotte Pass, Perisher and Lake Crackenback with breathtaking views of the surrounding alpine landscape.

Get a taster of the full track on the 9km stretch that winds from Guthega to Charlotte Pass with expansive views of the Main Range. The next leg of the walk travels through majestic alpine scenery to Porcupine Rocks before descending into Perisher Valley. Intrepid hikers will be able to walk the complete track to Bullocks Flat in 2024.

Snow can fall at any time of year, covering the tracks and bringing freezing conditions. There may be snow at higher altitudes all year round. The best time to visit is mid-November to late April. Plan with weather and track conditions in mind.



Thredbo to Mount Kosciuszko walk. Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

## Walking grades



### Grade 1 walk

No experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections that is suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Clearly sign posted, well-formed track.



### 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.

## Alpine area walks

When the winter snow melts, you'll discover an ancient landscape of granite tors, glacial lakes and summer wildflowers.

Topographic maps

- Perisher Valley 1:25 000
- Youngal 1:25 000
- Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000
- Geehi Dam 1:25 000
- Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000
- Jindabyne 1:25 000

### 1 Snow Gums boardwalk

400m return, 15–30mins

Grade 3

This summer walk starts at Charlotte Pass lookout and has some of the best, and easily accessed views of Australia's highest peaks. The boardwalk winds along the tree-line, past gnarled snow gums and spring wildflowers. After 200m, climb the steps to the lookout for sweeping views of the Main Range, Mount Kosciuszko, and the Snowy River.

### 2 Mount Stilwell walk

2km return, 1.5–2.5 hours

Grade 3

In summer, start this walk to the left of the toilet facility at the turning circle at Charlotte Pass. Walk 850m to the lookout at the top of the Kangaroo Ridge chairlift where you'll enjoy unbroken views to Mount Stilwell, Mount Kosciuszko and the Main Range. For a longer walk, continue along an unmarked track to the summit of Mount Stilwell, which is marked by a trig (4km return from Charlotte Pass).

### 3 Mount Kosciuszko Summit walk

18.6km return, 6–8 hours

Grade 3

Charlotte Pass to:

Snowy River: 4.5km one-way

Seamans Hut: 5.9km one-way

Rawson Pass: 7.6km one-way

Mount Kosciuszko: 9.3km one-way

This summer-only walk starts at Charlotte Pass and follows the old road to Mount Kosciuszko, which was closed to public vehicles in 1976 due to safety and environmental concerns.

Pass through snow gums, heath and herb fields and enjoy expansive views of the Main Range. Cross the famous Snowy River and climb the winding trail to Seamans Hut, which was built in 1929 as a memorial to skiers Laurie Seaman and Evan Hayes.

Continue on to Rawson Pass where you'll find toilet facilities along with scenic views overlooking Lake Cootapatamba. Climb the last 1.7km to the top of Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain, and soak in the 360° views and fresh alpine air at 2228m above sea level. Refuel with a snack and revel in your sense of achievement before returning the way you came.



Seamans Hut.  
Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE



Main Range walk.  
Photo: Tourism Snowy Mountains

#### 4 Main Range walk

22km loop, 7–9 hours

Grade 4 

##### Charlotte Pass to:

Blue Lake lookout: 5km one-way

Carruthers Peak: 5.8km one-way

Mount Kosciuszko: 13km one-way

In spring and summer, Main Range walk and Mount Kosciuszko Summit trail are linked as a loop walk. It's best walked in an anti-clockwise direction, so the final section heads downhill along the Summit trail. This walk is not recommended if the stepping stones across the Snowy River are covered.

From Charlotte Pass, descend along Main Range walk to the Snowy River. If water levels are safe, rock-hop across the river, then climb the track past Hedley Tarn lookout, to Blue Lake lookout.

The track then climbs Carruthers Peak, which has dramatic views of the Western Fall Wilderness and beyond. On a clear day, Mount Bogong and Mount Buffalo in Victoria can be seen in the distance.

Continue along the exposed ridge of the Main Range, above glacial Club Lake and Lake Albina. The track meets the Mount Kosciuszko Summit trail before you reach Rawson Pass. Turn right to climb to the top of Mount Kosciuszko, or left to head downhill to Rawson Pass. Return to Charlotte Pass via Mount Kosciuszko Summit trail.



Snow Gums boardwalk.  
Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

### Snowies Alpine Walk

55km, 4 days

Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk, 9km one-way

Main Range walk, 22km loop

Charlotte Pass to Perisher walk, 12.9km one-way

Perisher to Bullocks Flat walk, 11.5km one-way

For a truly unforgettable experience, take an epic journey across the alpine roof of Australia on the multi-day Snowies Alpine Walk. Starting from Guthega, this world-class track will take you on a 55km adventure past Charlotte Pass and on to Main Range walk before winding its way to Perisher and ending at Bullocks Flat.

Along the way, you'll be treated to the breathtaking sight of high country plains, snow-capped mountain ranges and uninterrupted views of the surrounding alpine and sub-alpine landscape. Have your camera at the ready to capture the twisted snow gums, seasonal wildflowers and native birdlife as you walk.

If you're an intrepid hiker looking for a multi-day adventure, you'll be able to experience the full 4-day walk once the final section is completed in 2024. Those after a single day or half-day walk can take their pick from one of the 4 shorter sections, 3 of which are currently open to walkers.

In winter you can ski or snowshoe cross-country along the track when parts of the walk are covered in snow.



Guthega skink.  
Photo: Mel Schroder/DPE

#### 5 Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk

9km one-way, 3 hours

Grade 3 

Guthega to Snowy River and Illawong Bridge: 2.7km

Illawong Bridge to Charlotte Pass: 6.3km

Wind your way through the Australian Alps on this walk that links Guthega Village and Charlotte Pass. Start your journey at Guthega and meander through the breathtaking Snowy River valley as you experience the full splendour of Kosciuszko's sub-alpine landscape. Cross Spencers Creek on Australia's highest suspension bridge and take in the sweeping views on to the grandstand of the Main Range.

In late spring, the mountains come to life as the rivers and creeks swell with snow melt, and the clear, icy water cascades in a mighty rush toward the low country. And as summer arrives, the high country is transformed into a kaleidoscopic carpet of wildflowers.

When you arrive at Charlotte Pass, you can choose to return the way you came or continue your hike on to Main Range walk.

**Main Range walk:** This challenging Grade 4 loop forms an optional second leg of Snowies Alpine Walk. Travel through glacier-carved landscapes, across the fabled Snowy River and take the gradual climb to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko. See walk number 4 for more information.

#### 6 Charlotte Pass to Perisher walk

12.9km one-way, 6 hours

Grade 3 

Enjoy incredible views of Australia's highest peaks and explore the natural wonders of the Snowy Mountains on this invigorating day walk. Starting from Charlotte Pass Village, you'll traverse through majestic alpine and sub-alpine landscapes on the way to Porcupine Rocks before descending into Perisher Valley.

Breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in the spectacular sight of rolling plains, crystal-clear rivers and the Ramshead Range. If you visit in summer, you'll be treated to amazing displays of wildflowers including marsh marigolds, golden billy buttons and mountain eyebright.



Blue Lake. Photo: John Spencer/DPE



Dead Horse Gap walking track.  
Photo: Rob Mulally/DPE

Pause for a breather when you reach Porcupine Rocks and take in the expansive views to Thredbo River Valley and Bullocks Flat below. From here, you can also see Perisher and the Main Range. Begin your descent through open woodland and notice the landscape around you shift from hardy snowgrass and rock boulders to wet heath and alpine mint bush as you approach Perisher Valley.

### 7 Perisher to Bullocks Flat walk

11.5km one-way, 5 hours

Grade 4

Experience the natural beauty of the Snowy Mountains on this day walk that takes you from Perisher to Bullocks Flat. Currently under construction and due for completion in 2024, this section of track is the last leg of Snowies Alpine Walk.

Start the walk from Perisher Valley and wind your way south-east through picturesque scenery and ghostly-looking snow gums. In spring and early summer, flowering shrubs and a blanket of wildflowers add a splash of colour to the surrounding landscape.

You'll find yourself tracing the Thredbo River as you approach Bullocks Flat. Enjoy the views of the glassy waters against the backdrop of the rocky Ramshead Range, which may be snow-capped even in summer.

While you're here, make sure you pay a visit to historic Bullocks Hut, just 200m away from Bullocks Flat. Built in 1934 and idyllically nestled where the Thredbo River and Little Thredbo River meet, it's a great place to stop for a picnic or to take some photos. From here you can exit at Bullocks Flat or walk the remaining 1.4km to Lake Crackenback.



Ramshead Range.  
Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

### 8 Thredbo to Mount Kosciuszko walk

13km return, 4–5 hours

Grade 4

**Thredbo to:**

Kosciuszko lookout: 2km one-way

Rawson Pass: 5km one-way

Mount Kosciuszko: 6.5km one-way

This late spring, summer and autumn track begins at the top of the Kosciuszko Express chairlift at Thredbo (cost applies and specific chairlift may change, check with Thredbo Resort). It runs beside the rocky outcrops of the Ramshead Range and passes through alpine herb fields and heath to Kosciuszko lookout. Cross the headwaters of the Snowy River, then climb to a saddle above Lake Cootapatamba before continuing past Etheridge Range to Rawson Pass.

It's a gradual 1.7km climb (40 mins) along the Summit trail to reach the top of Mount Kosciuszko. Return the same way.



Bridge over Cascades.  
Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

### 9 Dead Horse Gap walking track

5km one-way, 1.5–2.5 hours

Grade 4

This walk forms part of the Australian Alps walking track and can be walked in late spring, summer and autumn. It's best to start from the top of the Kosciuszko Express chairlift at Thredbo (cost applies). The track passes through alpine herb fields and heath below the craggy peaks of the Ramshead Range. It then winds down a ridge through snow gums to the Thredbo River, near Dead Horse Gap, on Alpine Way. You can return to Thredbo along the 4km Thredbo River walk.

## Access-friendly

Kosciuszko National Park provides a TrailRider all-terrain wheelchair for hire free of charge, from the Snowy Region Visitor Centre in Jindabyne.

The TrailRider offers visitors with mobility restrictions more opportunity to experience our park with family and friends.

Contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre on (02) 6450 5600 or visit: [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/access-friendly/mobility-chairs](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/access-friendly/mobility-chairs)

## Thredbo area walks

Stroll beside cool mountain rivers or walk to historic huts. Some walks can only be enjoyed when there's no snow – always check with one of our visitor centres before setting out.

Topographic maps

- Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000
- Tom Groggin 1:25 000



Thredbo wildflowers. Photo: Tourism Snowy Mountains

## 10 Thredbo Valley track

37.3km one-way, 16 hours

Grade 3 

### Thredbo to:

- Bridge 1: 1.4km one-way
- Old Ranger Station: 6.5km one-way
- Ngarigo campground: 9.3km one-way
- Thredbo Diggings campground: 14.1km one-way
- Bullocks Flat: 16.7km one-way
- Gaden Trout Hatchery: 36.1km one-way
- Thredbo River picnic area: 37.3km one-way

Starting from Friday Drive in Thredbo, this track meanders along the pretty Thredbo River, crossing five suspension bridges on the way to Ngarigo campground and then on to Bullocks Flat. From there, the track heads off to Gaden Trout Hatchery before making the final stretch to Thredbo River picnic area.

There are many spots along the way to catch your breath, have a picnic by the river or simply sit and rest your legs while listening to the sounds of nature. Soak in the views of the Ramshead Range as you walk along the banks of the Thredbo River through tall mountain gum forest, snow gum woodland, and open grasslands.

The track is mostly smooth walking with some short climbs and descents, making it a great family walk that's suitable for most ages.

If you choose to do the full walk, which is 37.3km or 16 hours, it's best to plan an overnight stay. Sleep under the stars at Ngarigo or Thredbo Diggings campgrounds, or treat yourself to a night of pampering at Lake Crackenback Resort. To return to Thredbo at the end of the walk, arrange a car shuffle or take advantage of several shuttle services and tours in summer.

If you've only got time to complete a section of the full walk, there are access points at Ngarigo and Thredbo Diggings campgrounds, Bullocks Flat or Gaden Trout Hatchery.

Thredbo Valley track is a multi-use trail and one of the Snowy Mountain's most popular summer mountain bike rides. As you walk, take care and keep an eye out for mountain bike riders. The track is open year-round for walking, but closed to bikes from May to November (sections may open in May and October when conditions allow).

## 11 Bundilla accessible track

1.1km return, 30min–1hr 30min

Grade 1 

Although only 1.1km return, Bundilla accessible track has a lot to offer with impressive mountain and river views. Along the way you'll find great places to stop for a swim, fish and picnic.

Start the walk from Bullocks Flat Skitube Carpark D and follow a small stream as it winds its way to the Thredbo River, where you'll be rewarded with superb views of the Crackenback Range. Continue along the banks of the Thredbo River until it meets the Little Thredbo River at historic Bullocks Hut, a fishing lodge built in 1934.

Mostly flat with a small slope at the end, Bundilla accessible track is a shared-use track suited to families with prams and young children, cyclists and wheelchair users. Accessible all year round, in summer you can enjoy the cooler mountain weather and in winter and spring you'll have the chance to take in the snow-covered peaks and higher water level in the rivers.



Thredbo Valley track. Photo: Lucy Morrell/DPE



Bundilla accessible track. Photo: John Spencer/DPE



Thredbo Resort.  
Photo: Tourism Snowy Mountains

## 12 Thredbo Resort walks

Various Grades

Pick up a trail map and explore the natural beauty of Thredbo along one of the many self-guided bushwalks in the area. With tracks that take you around Thredbo Resort, through its fragile environments, along a memorial walk and to art sculptures, there's something for everyone. If you don't feel like navigating on your own, you can also choose to book in a guided summer hike around the alpine area or to Mount Kosciuszko through Thredbo Resort's guest services.

## 13 Bullocks track

2.5km one-way, 30mins–1 hour

Grade 3 

This track is open for year-round walking and begins from either Thredbo Diggings campground or from Bullocks Flat Skitube Carpark D. The main track follows the Thredbo River to Bullocks Hut, which was built in 1934 as a holiday cottage for Dr H. Bullock. As you stroll along the Thredbo River, you'll be treated to views of the rocky Ramshead Range. Return the same way, or loop back along Thredbo Valley track. From Bullocks Hut you can also continue 1.4km to Lake Crackenback.

## 14 Muzzlewood track

2.9km one-way, 1–1.5 hours

Grade 3 

Starting from either Thredbo Diggings campground or Bullocks Flat Skitube Carpark D, this 1hr intermediate walk loops around Muzzlewood Wetland with expansive views of the Ramshead Range. In spring and early summer, flowering shrubs such as gorse bitter pea and a variety of wattle add a splash of colour along the track.

The narrow track is graded intermediate, so expect some steep hills and a few tricky obstacles along the way. When you reach the end, return the same way, or head back on Thredbo Valley track or Bullocks track.

Muzzlewood track is also a popular mountain bike trail so please keep an eye out for bikes as you walk. The track is open year-round for walking, but closed to bikes from May to November (sections may open in May when conditions allow).



Thredbo Resort.  
Photo: Tourism Snowy Mountains



Muzzlewood track. Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE



Thredbo River walk.  
Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE

## 15 Thredbo River walk

4km one-way, 1–2 hours

Grade 3 

This track begins on the left of the Thredbo Resort Golf Course, off Crackenback Drive or opposite the Cascades trail head at Dead Horse Gap on Alpine Way. See gums growing around granite boulders and watch the water race beneath your feet as you cross the Thredbo River several times over footbridges.

Around halfway along the track you'll reach a waterfall platform, which is a good place for a quick rest before you continue your journey. The track passes cascades and still pools that provide habitat for both introduced trout and native platypus – look for the circular ripple patterns they make in the water.

You can combine this track with Dead Horse Gap walking track, for a more difficult 9km loop.

## 16 Cascades trail

20km return, 7–10 hours

Grade 4 

**Alpine Way to:**

Bobs Ridge: 4.8km one-way

Cascade Hut: 10km one-way

Starting from the lower carpark at Dead Horse Gap, on Alpine Way, Cascades trail follows the Thredbo River upstream before crossing it and climbing to the top of Bobs Ridge. Enjoy the views over the Murray River valley into Victoria. Then continue on to historic Cascade Hut, which was 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.

This versatile trail is part of the Australian Alps walking track. It's open to bike riders and walkers in summer and for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter.



Cascade Hut. Photo: Murray Vanderveen/DPE



Mountain pygmy-possum.  
Photo: Linda Broome/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 Snowy Region Visitor Centre for more information, including maps and guide books.

## Perisher area walks

Take a walk through scenic sub-alpine landscapes with great views of the Main Range, woodland valleys and picturesque lakes. The first three tracks listed on the next page can be walked all year round. The higher you go, the more chance snow will cover the ground during the winter months. Always check with one of our visitor centres before setting out on your walk.

Topographic maps

- Perisher Valley 1:25 000
- Geehi Dam 1:25 000
- Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000
- Nimmo Plain 1:25 000



Waterfall track. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE



Eastern grey kangaroo.  
Photo: John Spencer/DPE

### 17 Sawpit walk

2km loop, 45mins–1.5 hours

Grade 3 

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

The track follows Sawpit Creek downstream through a woodland of candlebark, black sallee, white sallee, manna gum and mountain gum. The thick shrub growing beside the creek is predominantly woolly tea tree. After around 1km, Sawpit walk takes a sharp turn to the right while Pallaibo track continues following the creek. Sawpit walk climbs back to Kosciuszko Tourist Park. Walk through this complex of tourist cabins and campsites to return to the picnic area.

### 18 Pallaibo walk

5.5km one-way, 1.5–2.5 hours

Grade 3 

This track connects Sawpit Creek picnic area with Thredbo River picnic area, and can be walked in either direction. Most visitors start from Sawpit Creek and arrange to be picked up from Thredbo River picnic area. You can also start or finish the walk at Gaden Trout Hatchery.

The first part of the track follows Sawpit walk. After around 1km, Sawpit walk branches to the right while Pallaibo track continues along the creek, past two small cascades (locally known as Sawpit Falls and Charlies Cascades).

As the track drops down towards the Thredbo River, it crosses former grazing land, known as Collins Paddock. Cross Sawpit Creek and follow the river downstream to Thredbo River picnic area. Alternatively, you can turn right at Collins Paddock and exit to Gaden Trout Hatchery along a short section of Thredbo Valley track.

While you're at Thredbo River picnic area, visit the 300m long elevated platform immediately above it, where you'll find scenic views of the crystal-clear Thredbo River. There's also an easy, family-friendly 1.6km walk between the picnic area and Gaden Trout Hatchery.

### 19 Waterfall walk

6km loop, 1.5–2.5 hours

Grade 3 

This track starts at Sawpit Creek picnic area and passes under Kosciuszko Road bridge. It runs roughly parallel to the left bank of Sawpit Creek through tall eucalypt forest and flowering and fruiting heathland until it crosses the creek below a picturesque waterfall.

The tall trees with fibrous bark growing near the falls are alpine ash, which was logged in this area late in the 19th century and can grow to 90m tall.

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

### 20 Rennix walk

13km return, 4.5–5.5 hours

Grade 3 

This undulating walk provides views over the Snowy River to the west and Lake Jindabyne to the east. There are some steep sections as you walk up a shallow sub-alpine valley and across several forested ridges, to a rock outcrop called Giants Castle. Wildflowers bloom along the track between January and Easter, adding an array of vibrant colours to your bushwalking adventure.

Turn back at the Snowy Hydro radio repeater tower and return the same way.

### 21 Rainbow Lake trail

2.5km return, 45min–1.5 hours

Grade 3 

Start from Dainers Gap, downhill from the chain bay on Kosciuszko Road, around 1.7km past Sponars Chalet. The walk winds through snowgrass and snow gums to Rainbow Lake. Return the same way.

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

This is a great short walk for families, with the lake at the end being the perfect place to indulge in a spot of fly fishing or a lakeside picnic. Visit in spring to see the area covered in wildflowers.

### 22 Porcupine walk

5.7km return, 1.5–2.5 hours

Grade 3 

This summer walk starts at the Perisher Valley reservoir. To reach the start of the track, turn left off Kosciuszko Road beside the Man from Snowy River Hotel and follow the road until you reach the reservoir.

The track wanders through snowgrass and snow gums until it reaches a large group of granite boulders known as Porcupine Rocks. These boulders provide extensive views of the Main Range and down to Thredbo Valley and Bullocks Flat.

Now a part of the iconic Snowies Alpine Walk, you can choose to return the way you came, or extend your walk by continuing on to Charlotte Pass.

### 23 Perisher–Blue Cow walk

8km return, 3 hours

Grade 5 

This easy to moderate walk is graded difficult as it's not sign posted. You can walk from Perisher to the Blue Cow Skitube Terminal during summer, where there are views of the Main Range. Return along the same management trail. Watch for traffic.

Please note, there are limited facilities in Perisher during summer. There are no toilet facilities on weekends and the Blue Cow Terminal is closed.



Illawong walk. Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

## Guthega area walks



Spencers Creek bridge on the Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk. Photo: Boen Ferguson/DPE

The cultural heritage of the Snowy Mountains comes alive in this area. You'll discover historic huts previously used by graziers, the mighty hydro-electric scheme and scenic walks amongst the snow gums.

Topographic maps

- Geehi Dam 1:25 000
- Scammells lookout 1:25 000
- Youngal 1:25 000

### 24 Illawong walk

5km return, 2–3 hours

Grade 3 

This summer-only walk starts from Guthega Village. Follow the Snowy River valley through alpine heath and majestic snow gums up to Illawong Hut (formerly Pounds Creek, Tin Hut 1), one of the oldest buildings in the park.

Cross the Snowy River on a suspension bridge before returning the way you came. Alternatively, you can extend your walk from Illawong Bridge to Charlotte Pass along a short stretch of the multi-day Snowies Alpine Walk.



Spencers Creek bridge on the Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk. Photo: Boen Ferguson/DPE



## 25 Schlink Hut overnight walk

22km loop, 2 days

Grade 5 

**Guthega Power Station (1320m) to:**

Horse Camp Hut (1560m): 4km one-way

Whites River Hut: 8km one-way

Schlink Hut (1780m): 11km one-way

Valentines Hut: 22km one-way

From Guthega Power Station (Munyang) the road zig-zags steeply for about 2.7km. Take care as vehicles may use this road to service infrastructure.

After another 1.3km, an unmarked track to the left leads to Horse Camp Hut. Built in the 1950s by the Snowy Mountains Authority, it housed surveyors before being abandoned in the 1960s. This is a good place to camp overnight, if starting late. You'll need to take your own tent though, as the huts are for emergency use only.

From here, it's around 4km to Whites River Hut, which was built as a shepherds' hut in 1934, then used by ski tourers. There's a track to the left over a shallow river. Head back up Schlink trail to Schlink Pass and on to Schlink Hut (3km from Whites River Hut). Schlink Hut, also called the 'Hilton' because of its size, was built in 1961 by the Snowy Mountains Authority to house maintenance workers. Look for galaxias, a small native fish, in the creek that runs by the hut. You may see these fish climbing on the rocks. Camp overnight, then return the same way.

Alternative routes: On your return, you can veer left on to Disappointment Spur trail, below Whites River Hut. Walk past Disappointment Spur Hut (no toilet facilities) and down to Guthega Power Station. Note that the bridge on Disappointment Spur trail just above Guthega Power Station has been washed out and a replacement bridge has not yet been built. Disappointment Spur Hut was built as a survey shelter by the Snowy Mountains Authority in the 1950s. This side trip adds only a few kilometres to your walk.



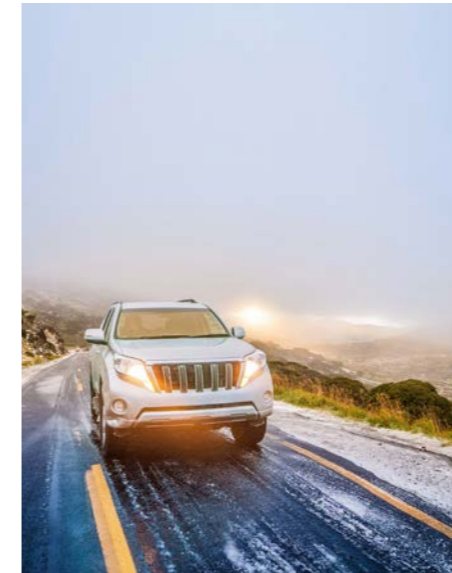
Main Range walk.  
Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

## Winter access and closures

Conditions can change rapidly, and trails may close in poor weather. Before setting out, it's a good idea to check park alerts for updates or closures that may affect your visit to the Thredbo-Perisher area. Visit: [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts)

Kosciuszko Road to Charlotte Pass and Link Road from Smiggin Holes are closed in winter from June to October long weekends.

For further information on conditions and closures, contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre on (02) 6450 5600, or call in to pick up guide books and topographic maps.



Driving in Kosciuszko National Park.  
Photo: Murray Vanderveer/DPE

## Staying safe

The Australian Alps may not be as high or steep as mountain ranges overseas, but strong winds, rain and low temperatures can make our exposed alpine areas dangerous. Weather can change quickly so always be realistic about the current and approaching conditions as well as your own abilities.

Remember to plan ahead. Choose your activities to match your stamina and fitness level. Travel with others and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. Check weather before leaving and change plans if bad weather's approaching – at any time of year.

Take layers of warm, waterproof clothing – even in summer and even on day trips – as well as plenty of food as it helps provide heat for the body.

Think about filling in a trip intention form and hiring a Personal Locator Beacon from one of our visitor centres as phone coverage in the park is patchy and cold can affect batteries.

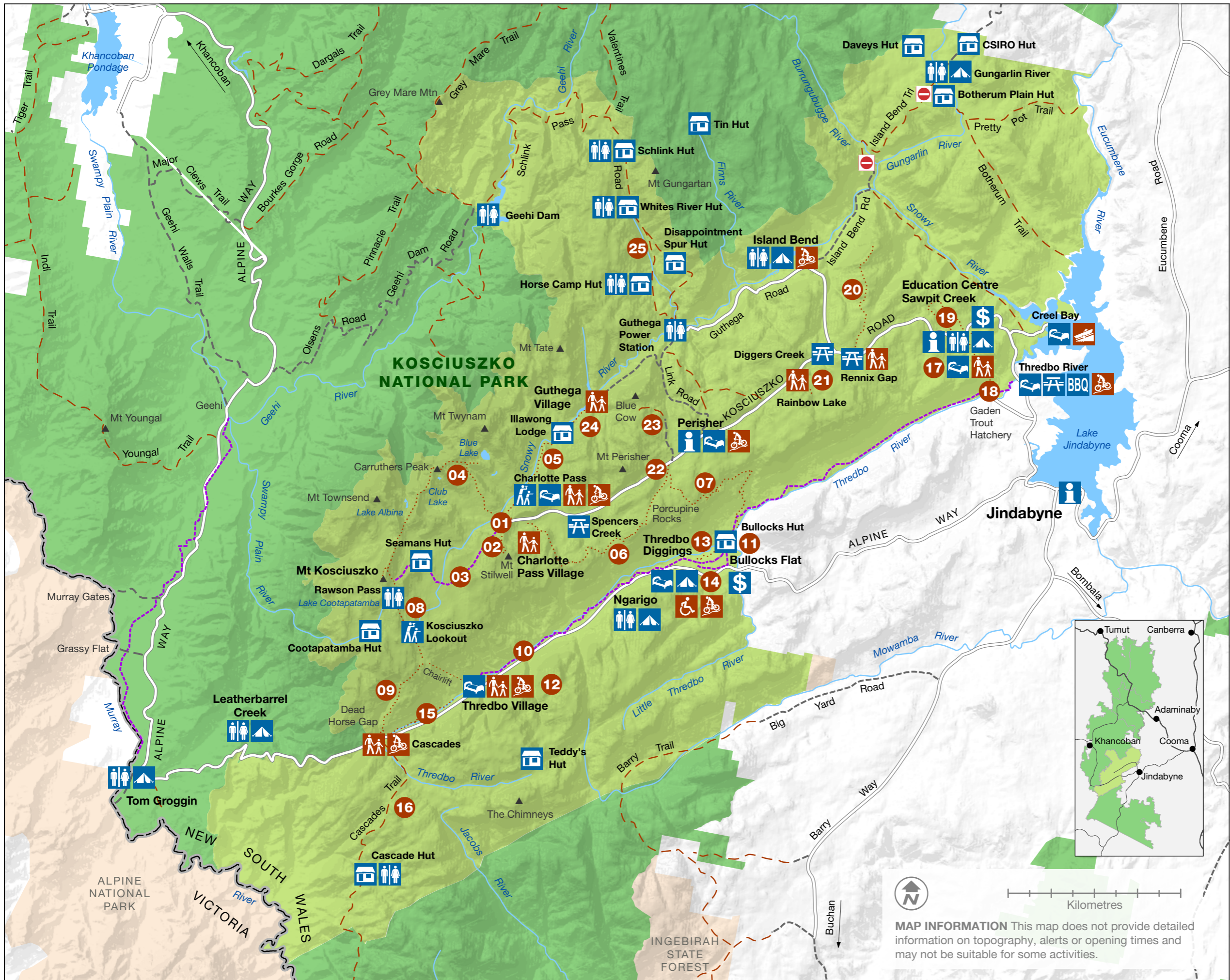
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Stream along the Schlink Hut walk. Photo: John Spencer/DPE



Thredbo to Mount Kosciuszko walking track. Photo: Elinor Sheargold/DPE



- Thredbo-Perisher area
- NPWS reserves
- Other reserves
- Highway/Sealed road
- Unsealed road - may not be accessible in wet weather
- 4WD trail - may not be accessible in wet weather
- Management trail - no public vehicular access
- Walking track/Shared use track
- 01 Featured walking track or mountain bike trail
- Road closed
- Visitor information
- Toilets
- Visitor entry station
- Accomodation
- Campground
- Picnic area (day use only)
- Barbecue
- Lookout
- Historic hut
- Boat ramp
- Walking track
- Mountain bike trail
- Accessible path

**MAP INFORMATION** This map does not provide detailed information on topography, alerts or opening times and may not be suitable for some activities.

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