

# Kosciuszko National Park

## Northern Kosciuszko Walking tracks

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### BLUE WATERHOLES WALKS

Discover a landscape that is truly magical—towering limestone cliffs and crystal clear streams. You will need to take a map to make sure you follow the correct route—horse pads in the area resemble walking tracks.

**Take 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 for up-to date information.

#### 01 Clarke Gorge Walk 5km loop

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.

#### 02 Nichols Gorge Walk 7km loop

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.

### YARRANGOBILLY CAVES WALKS

Take a relaxing bushwalk along a shady trail then enjoy a soothing swim in the thermal pool or a relaxing barbecue.

There are also guided cave tours if you would like to venture underground.

#### 03 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 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.

#### 04 River Walk 3km loop

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.



## 05 Glory Hole Farm Walk

2.8km loop

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 Kiandra 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.

## 06 Castle Walk

3.2km loop

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.

## 07 Bluff Lookout Walk

3.5km loop

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 Jillebenan 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, past the visitor centre to the Glory Hole car park.

## 08 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.

## KIANDRA WALKS

Take a beautiful and fascinating walk into the history of Kiandra, home to one of the shortest gold rushes in Australian history.

## 09 Kiandra Heritage Track

1km loop

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.

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## 10 Goldseeker's Track

3km loop

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.

## BLOWERING FORESHORE WALKS

Take a more challenging walk to extensive views of the surrounding area or towering cliffs.

## 11 Warogong Sugarloaf Walk

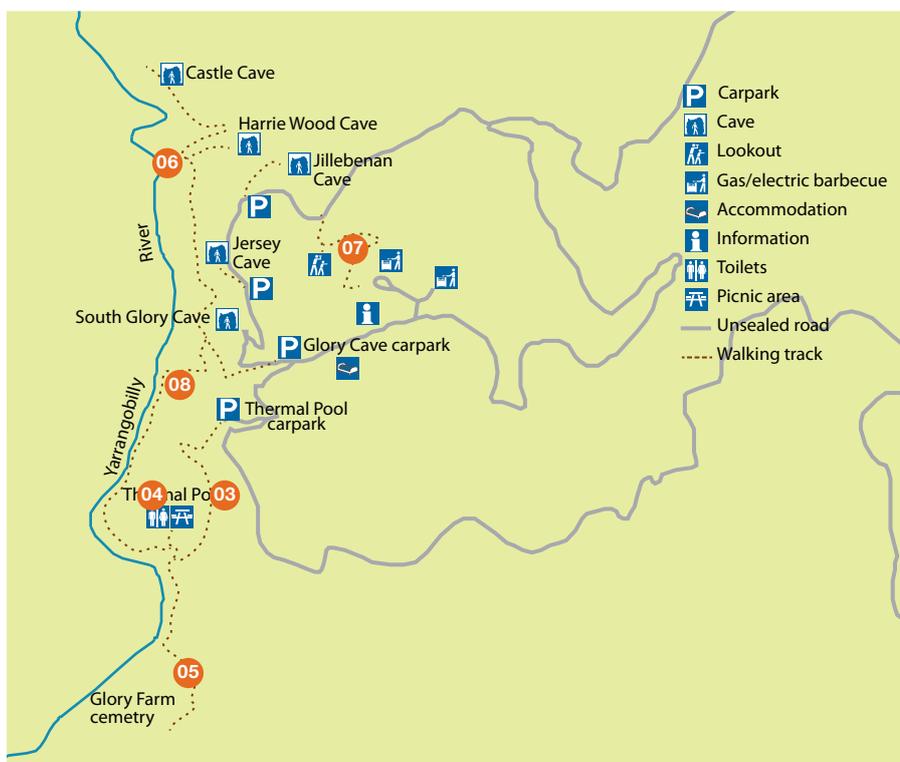
11km loop

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 Warogong Sugarloaf itself is dominated by scribbly gum and grass trees.

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## 12 Blowering Cliffs Walk 5km loop

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.

### TALBINGO AREA WALKS

Cool mountains creeks and waterfalls make these walks perfect for a hot summers day.

## 13 Jounama Creek Walk 6km loop

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.

## 14 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.

## 15 Buddong Falls Walk 3km loop

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.

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### CUMBERLAND RANGE WALKS

Challenge yourself and you will be rewarded with spectacular views.

## 16 Landers Creek Walk 13km loop

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.

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#### 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.

### TO FIND OUT MORE

For further information, including detailed maps and directions, contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre 02 69477025 or visit:

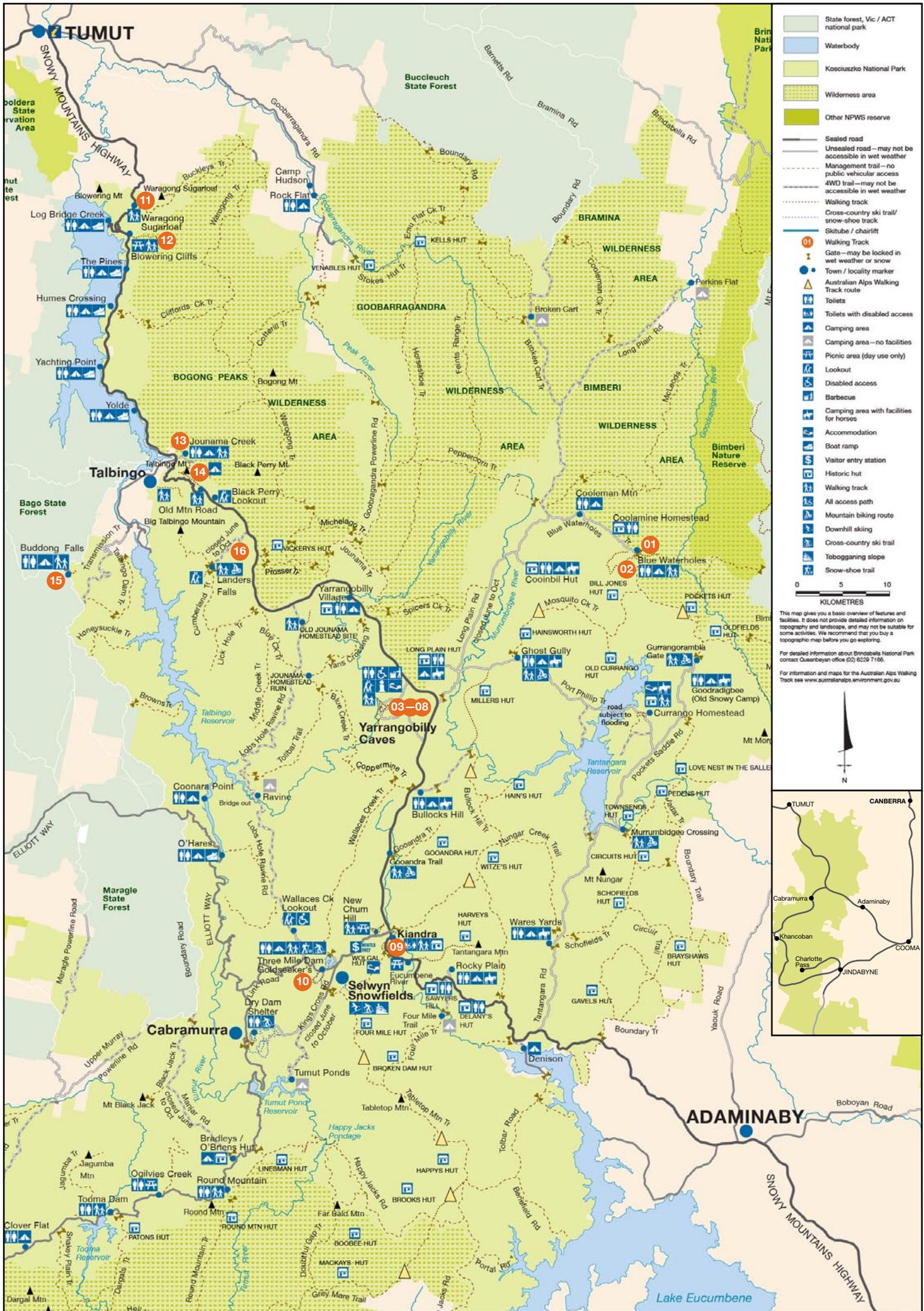
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### STAYING SAFE

Many parts of Kosciuszko National Park are remote and rugged places, weather can change quickly and conditions in the bush and exposed alpine areas may be unpredictable.

When visiting Kosciuszko National Park, 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, and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.

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- State forest, Vic / ACT national park
- Waterbody
- Kosciuszko National Park
- Wilderness area
- Other NPWS reserve
- Sealed road
- Unsealed road—may not be accessible in wet weather
- Management trail—no public vehicular access
- 4WD trail—may not be accessible in wet weather
- Walking track
- Cross-country ski trail/ snow-shoe track
- Skitube / chairlift
- Walking Track
- Gate—may be locked in wet weather or snow
- Town / locality marker
- Australian Alps Walking Track route
- Toilets
- Toilets with disabled access
- Camping area
- Camping area—no facilities
- 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
- All access path
- Mountain biking route
- Downhill skiing
- Cross-country ski trail
- Tobogganing slope
- Snow-shoe trail

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

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