Kosciuszko National Park

Southern Kosciuszko Mountain bike trails

Journey through mountain woodlands to high country huts. Beyond Kosciuszko’s walking tracks are a network of trails suitable for walking and mountain bike riding.

KOSCIUSZKO ROAD TRAILS

01 Summit Trail
18km loop
Charlotte Pass to:
Seaman's Hut – 6km one-way
Rawson Pass – 7.6km one-way
Mt Kosciuszko – 9km one-way
A moderate ride from Charlotte Pass although the weather must be taken into account. Check weather conditions before heading out. Also a popular grade 3 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. Take a break at Seaman’s Hut which was built in 1929 as a memorial to skiers Laurie Seaman and Evan Hayes. If you plan to ascend Mt Kosciuszko you will need to leave your bike at Rawson Pass and walk (1.4km) – so carry a bike lock.

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

02 Perisher to Charlotte Pass Ride
20km loop
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 to Rawson Pass.

03 Perisher to Guthega Trail
18km 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 starting from Smiggin Holes. This is also a suitable grade 5 walk.

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. Return the way you came.

04 Aquaduct Hut Trail
3km 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 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.

05 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.

06 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 which was built as a shepherds hut in 1934 then used by ski tourers. After Schlink Pass, travel along the valley for a couple of kilometres past Schlink Hut, which was built by the Snowy Mountains Authority in the 1950s, 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 (11km one-way) and return along the Disappointment Spur Trail below White’s River Hut back to Guthega Power Station.
This challenging ride starts from the Alpine Way 2km from Geehi campground at the Geehi Walls Trail. It is also a suitable grade 4 walk.

Continue riding past the Old Geehi Hut for about 9km. Turn right to Major Clews’ Hut before heading up the Major Clews Trail – watch for 4WDs. Major Clews’ Hut was built in the late 1950s as the residence of Major Clew, a surveyor for the Snowy Mountains Scheme. 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.

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 these approved trails.

Pilot Wilderness Ride
53km one-way
Alpine Way to:
Bob’s Ridge – 4.8km one-way
Cascade Hut – 22km loop

This ride starts from the Alpine Way, at the Cascade trailhead, and travels through the Pilot Wilderness so stay on the approved trails. For a moderately difficult ride turn around at Cascade Hut which was built in 1935. It originally had a bark roof which was replaced by iron in the 1950s.

For a challenging long day or overnight ride, continue past Tin Mine huts to the Nine Mile Trail. Tin Mine huts are two huts built by the Mt Pilot Tin Syndicate in 1935–36. For this section you will need to be fit and experienced as it is very steep (you drop 1,000 metres in 5km). This will take you to the Pinch Campground on the Barry Way.

TO FIND OUT MORE
For further information, including detailed maps and directions, contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre 02 6450 5600, Khancoban Visitor Centre 02 6076 9373 or visit: nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kosciuszko-national-park

CARING FOR YOUR PARK
• 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 cause erosion.
• Wear your helmet.
• No bikes on walking tracks.