

# Kosciuszko

## National Park

### Southern Kosciuszko Mountain bike trails



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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.



## 07 Burrungubugge Ride 15km loop

**Take maps** Geehi Dam 1:25 000, Kalkite Mountain 1:25 000 and Nimmo Plain 1:25 000  
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

This easy to moderate ride becomes more difficult the further you go.

Park at Island Bend and ride down the Island Bend Road about 5km to the Snowy River. Cross the river and continue straight on, then take the first left and go through the locked gates. From here it is about 2km to the river flat area. Take a break here before returning the way you came.

### Alternative routes

If you are feeling energetic continue on to the Gungarlin River.

The ride can also be started at the bridge on the Snowy River, shortening the ride by about 5km one-way. This also allows for a shorter, steeper ride to the Gungarlin River.

## ALPINE WAY TRAILS

### 08 Thredbo Valley Track



Bullocks Flat to Thredbo Diggings  
2.4km one-way  
Thredbo to the Old Ranger Station  
6.5km one-way

This is also a suitable grade 3 walk. Parts of this multi-use track are currently under construction, however, you can access two sections. The first section begins at either Thredbo Diggings camping area or from the western side of the Bullock's Flat car park (car park 'C') opposite the Skitube terminal. Both routes are signposted.

The second section of the track begins at Thredbo Village and goes to the Old Ranger Station past Bullocks Yard.

### 09 Geehi Huts Ride 10km loop



**Take maps** Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000  
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

This is an easy ride with two river crossings and also a suitable grade 2 walk.

Start at the Geehi campground and ride 2km up the Alpine Way towards Khancoban. Turn left onto the Geehi Walls Trail. After 3.4km turn left for Old Geehi Hut which was built in the 1940s of large rounded river stones and restored after the 2003 wildfires. Follow the trail via two river crossings back to Geehi campground. Check the river level at Geehi campground before you begin to make sure you can return safely.

### 10 Major Clews' Hut Loop 35km loop



**Take maps** Scammells Lookout 1:25 000 and Youngal 1:25 000  
OR Rooftop's Jindabyne–Khancoban

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 turnoff 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 Clews, 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.

### 11 Pilot Wilderness Ride 53km one-way

Alpine Way to:  
Bob's Ridge – 4.8km one-way  
Cascade Hut – 22km loop

You will need to organise a car at the Barry Way end.

**Take maps** Chimneys Ridge 1:25 000, Charcoal Range 1:25 000 and Suggan Buggan 1:50 000

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.

### 12 Round Mountain Ride 41km loop



**Take maps** Toolong 1:25 000 and Jagungal 1:25 000

This moderately difficult ride starts at the Round Mountain trailhead and travels through Jagungal Wilderness Area so stay on the approved trails. It is also a suitable grade 5 overnight walk for self-sufficient experienced walkers.

Ride along the Round Mountain Trail, onto Hellhole Creek Trail and up Dargals Trail, returning along the Cabramurra Road. There are some steep, loose sections.

## 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:

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## 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.



