

## A Trails on the High country plains

Discover high country huts and homesteads. Imagine life in the mountains 100 years ago.

! Long Plain Road is open between the NSW October and June long weekends and is closed in winter and at other times due to weather.

Horses are restricted to Blue Waterholes Trail as Bimberi Wilderness area is east of the trail. Horses and mountain bikes are also not permitted in Clarkes or Nicole Gorge or Karst Management area. Please stay on all trails as indicated below.

### 1 MILLERS HUT 4KM RETURN

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Rules Point 1:25 000

Park 2.5km east of Long Plain Road on Port Phillip Fire Trail. A foot pad goes south for about 2km. Return the same way.

Millers Hut—Built 1943-44, it is a single roomed corrugated iron and timber frame building with the remains of yards nearby.

### 2 MOSQUITO RUN 34KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Ghost Gully to:  
Hainsworth Hut 3.5km one-way  
Old Currango 12.1km one-way  
Bill Jones Hut 15km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Rules Point 1:25 000

Some moderate riding with river crossings. Start at Ghost Gully—park your car at the designated horse camping area 4.5km east of Long Plain Road on Port Philip Trail.

Head north along the Mosquito Creek Trail. Hainsworth Hut is on the right. Continue for about 6.5km then veer right for Old Currango.

The hut is 1.8km along the access trail. Ride 1.8km back to Mosquito Creek Trail and continue along to Bill Jones Hut.

The hut is on the treeline, west of the junction of Bill Jones and Mosquito Creek trails.

From Bill Jones Hut you can return the way you came or for a longer ride continue to either Blue Waterholes or to Pockets Hut which becomes the Pocket Ride.

### + Extra sections

For Blue Waterholes, head east across the plain for 2.3km and turn left onto the Blue Waterholes trail and continue for about

# Trails in Kosciuszko

Journey through mountain woodlands to high country huts. Stay for a cuppa and soak in the history.

Beyond Kosciuszko's walking tracks are a network of management trails suitable for walking and mountain bike riding as well as horseriding. Many lead to historic huts for a taste of life in the high country early last century.

Only wilderness areas have restrictions on biking and horseriding so why not venture further into the park along one of these scenic routes and discover what more Kosciuszko has to offer.

3km. At Blue Waterholes, all riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail.

For Pockets Hut head east across the plain for 2.3km and turn right on the Blue Waterholes Trail for 4.8km. Organise a car shuttle from the locked gate at Gurrangorambla Creek, on Pockets Saddle Road.

The route from Ghost Gully to Pockets Hut is part of the Australian Alps Walking Track.

### The huts

Hainsworth Hut—Built around 1951, it is a simple structure with a timber frame and covered in corrugated iron.

Old Currango Homestead—Constructed around 1873, it is one of the oldest houses in the park. It is timber with a corrugated iron roof. The homestead is just below the treeline overlooking Currango Plains.

Bill Jones Hut—Built in the early 1950s—possibly one of the last huts built as part of

the grazing era. The hut has a timber frame and covered in corrugated iron.

### 3 POCKET RIDE 13KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Gurrangorambla Creek to:

Oldfield's Hut 3.1km one-way  
Pockets Hut 4.4km one-way

Continue from Pockets Hut to:  
Blue Waterholes

Maps—Tantangara 1:100,000,  
Rules Point 1:25 000 and  
Rendezvous Creek 1:25 000

This easy ride starts at the locked gate at the northern end of Pockets Saddle Road at Gurrangorambla Creek. Oldfield's Hut is 3.1km from here. Ride along Pockets Saddle Road and turn right onto Murray Gap Trail.

Pockets Hut is 4.4km from the locked gate at Gurrangorambla Creek. Travel along Pockets Saddle Road and turn left onto Blue Waterholes Trail then right onto Pockets Hut Trail.

From Pockets Hut, you can return the way you came or start the Mosquito Run. Alternatively continue on to Blue Waterholes which lengthens the route by approximately 14km return. At Blue Waterholes, all riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail.

### The huts

Oldfield's Hut—Built in 1925, this is a typical slab hut with vertical boards. It has a covered verandah with views across the secluded valley where the Goodradigbee River originates.

Pockets Hut—Built in the early 1930s, this weatherboard hut has four rooms and is lined with fibro. The chimney and roof are made of iron.



### HORSERIDING

Horse riding is permitted on many management trails but not on walking tracks or in wilderness or karst management areas.

Most horse riding opportunities in Kosciuszko are near the Bicentennial National Trail. The 182km section in the park utilises a series of management trails, linked by short sections of public road. For more information go to [www.nationaltrail.com.au](http://www.nationaltrail.com.au)

At Blue Waterholes, riders must remain on the Blue Waterholes Trail. No horse riding is permitted on the summit of Mt Morgan or at Yarrangobilly Caves.

### CAMPING WITH HORSES

You can camp with your horse at designated camp sites at Ghost Gully, Old Snowy Camp, Long Plain Hut, Cooinbil Hut, Bullocks Hill, Wares Yard and Rocky Plain. These areas have toilets. Some also have facilities such as loading ramps and permanent yards.

You can stay the night at historic Currango Homestead with your horse. You will need to book for yourself and your horse. All horses must be penned in the permanent electrified yard.

Currango is only accessible between the NSW October long weekend and the NSW June long weekend each year and vehicle access is along Long Plain Road, Port Phillip Trail or Tantangara Road (weather permitting).



### 4 MURRUMBIDGEE RIDE 20KM RETURN (ALL HUTS)

Murrumbidgee bridge crossing to:

Townsend Hut 4km one-way  
Peden’s Hut 6km one-way  
Love Nest in the Sallees 8.5km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Tantangara 1:25 000

Some moderate riding with river crossings becoming more challenging the further you go. Start on Tantangara Road at the Murrumbidgee bridge crossing, 20km from the Snowy Mountains Highway. Pocket Saddle Road is beyond the crossing.

Walk or ride your bike up Circuits Trail (heart starter). Continue onto Circuits Hut (total of 3.2km) or turn left onto Peden’s Trail and cross Gulf Plain for the other huts. Turn left onto Townsend Trail for Townsend Hut (signposted).

Ride back to Peden’s Trail and continue along until you reach the track leading to Peden’s Hut.

Ride back to Peden’s Trail and then after a while turn left onto Murrumbidgee Trail.

Love Nest (in the Sallees) Hut is located off Murrumbidgee Trail, 200m north of the Clear Ridge and Murrumbidgee Trail intersection.

### Alternative routes

For a shorter ride or walk, Circuit’s Hut is 3.2km one-way from the Murrumbidgee bridge along Circuit’s Trail.

For a longer ride start at the intersection of Pockets Saddle Road and Murrumbidgee Trail and continue past Love Nest in the Sallees, Peden’s, Townsend, Circuit’s and Schofield’s huts to the intersection of Tantangara Road and Schofield’s Trail. Organise a car shuttle.



### The huts

Townsend Hut—Constructed around 1940, the hut has three rooms, wood and fibro walls and an iron roof. There’s also a shed at the rear of the building.

Peden’s Hut—Built in 1929, it replaced an 1890s slab hut. The hut is a simple construction with a timber frame and covered with galvanised iron.

Love Nest in the Sallees Hut—This vertical slab hut is nestled amongst mature black sallees above Payten’s Creek.



### 5 PLAIN RIDE 21KM RETURN

Schofield’s trail:

Schofield’s Hut 6km one-way  
Circuits Hut 10.5km one-way

Maps—Tantangara 1:100 000 and Tantangara 1:25 000

This easy to moderate ride starts at the Tantangara Road and Schofield’s Trail intersection.

Schofield’s Hut is 6km along Schofield’s Trail crossing Nungar Creek.

Circuit’s Hut is 10.5km from Tantangara Road following Schofield’s then Circuit’s trails.

For a longer ride continue along Circuit’s Trail to the intersection of Peden’s Trail. From here you can start the moderately difficult Murrumbidgee Ride or organise a car shuttle.

### The huts

Schofield’s Hut—The hut is a simple construction with a timber frame and floor and galvanised iron walls and roof.

Circuits Hut—Built in 1938, this weatherboard hut has four rooms and an iron roof. It sits among mature black sallees overlooking Gulf Plain.



### 6 GAVELS CIRCUIT 21KM RETURN

Snowy Mountains Highway to: Gavels Hut 6km

Maps— Tantangara 1:100 000, Tantangara 1:25,000 and Denison 1:25 000

Start this difficult ride at Boundary Trail off the Snowy Mountains Highway near the park entrance.

Gavels Hut is 5.7km north of the Snowy Mountains Highway. Head along Boundary Trail then turn left onto Gavels Hut Trail.

Some sections of the ride are two wheeled tracks, with steep climbs and descents.

In the southern part of the ride you will head through snow gum woodland and mountain

gum and alpine ash forests. The ride then skirts the grassy Nungar Plains before returning to Boundary Trail.

### The huts

Gavels Hut—Built 1931, it may have been established close to an earlier hut built nearby in 1922.

Brayshaws Hut—Estimated to have been built in 1950, it could have been a Snowy Mountains Authority transportable hut moved to the site around that time. It is tiny made of weatherboard with a timber floor, a small window and a corrugated iron roof.



### 7 NUNGAR BULLOCK RIDE 39KM RETURN

Witze’s Hut 11.5km one-way  
Hain’s Hut 35.6km

Maps Tantangara 1:100 000, Rules Point 1:25 000 and Rendezvous Creek 1:25 000

Start at Nungar Creek Trail 8km along Tantangara Road from the Snowy Mountains Highway.

Witze’s Hut is 11.5km along Nungar Creek Trail.

Hain’s Hut is 35.6km from Tantangara Road, following Nungar Creek, Bullocks and Hains trails. It is west of Tantangara Dam, on a gentle slope above the Murrumbidgee River. In spring and summer the slopes surrounding the hut are covered in wildflowers.

If you are feeling more energetic consider expanding the ride to include Nungar Creek Trail to Kiandra or Bullocks Trail.

### The huts

Witze’s Hut—Built around 1952, it is a good example of a vertical slab hut.

Hain’s Hut—This corrugated iron hut was built in 1947.



### 8 GOOANDRA HOMESTEAD 9.4KM RETURN

Maps— Tantangara 1:25 000

This moderate walk or ride begins at the Gooandra Trail where it meets the Snowy Mountains Highway, 6km north of Kiandra.

The trail takes you across the Eucumbene River, traverses sub-alpine frost hollows on the Kiandra Plain, past the historic Six Mile Diggings, the headwaters of Gooandra Creek to the historic Gooandra Homestead.

Gooandra has its origins in the Kiandra goldrush. The remains of another miners hut about 20 metres away is still visible.

### The huts

Gooandra Homestead—The homestead is constructed of timber and weatherboard with an iron roof.



### 9 FOUR MILE HUT 14KM RETURN

Maps—Cabramurra 1:25 000

This difficult walk or ride begins at the Tabletop Trail where it meets the Snowy Mountains Highway, 500m south of Kiandra Courthouse. Leave your car at the trackhead or at the old courthouse.

The trail first climbs Dunns Hill but levels out after about 1km. From here it follows the broad ridge to the south. After 6km head east walk on an undefined foot pad. The hut is a further 600m down this track.

### The huts

Four Mile Hut—Built in 1937 by Robert Hughes, the last active miner in the area.

## B Trails on the Cumberland Range



### 10 CUMBERLAND RIDE 27.6KM RETURN

Maps—Talbingo 1:25 000 and Yarrangobilly 1: 25 000

From the Snowy Mountains Highway, ride along the Cumberland Trail for 4.4km. The road is narrow and slippery when wet. Be aware of vehicles and walkers. Leave your bike in the four-wheel drive car park to walk the Landers Creek Falls Walking Track. Mountain bikes are not permitted on the Landers Creek Falls Walking Track.

Continue along Cumberland Trail 5.7km to Lickhole Trail. It is then 3.9km east back to the Snowy Mountains Highway. Return the way you came or along the highway.

The ride to the Talbingo fire tower is a steep 3.3km one-way ride from Cumberland Trail.

### AUSTRALIAN ALPS HORSERIDING CODE

- Keep your horse under control.
- Keep horses 50 metres from any hut, waterway or camping area.
- Take the water to the horse—hard hooves destroy stream banks.
- Use only weed-free feed—no hay.
- Keep the group small—4–8 horses per group is best.
- Avoid shoeing a horse before your visit—new shoes cut the ground more.

### CAMPING NEAR HUTS

- Always take a suitable tent— huts are for emergencies only.
- Get familiar with the Camping Code on page 3.



## C Trails along the Kosciuszko Road



### 1 BURRUNGUBUGGE RIDE 15KM RETURN

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 but steeper ride to the Gungarlin River.



### 2 SUMMIT TRAIL 16KM RETURN

To Seaman’s Hut 6km one-way

A moderate ride from Charlotte Pass although the weather must be taken into account. Check weather conditions before heading out. This is also a popular walk.

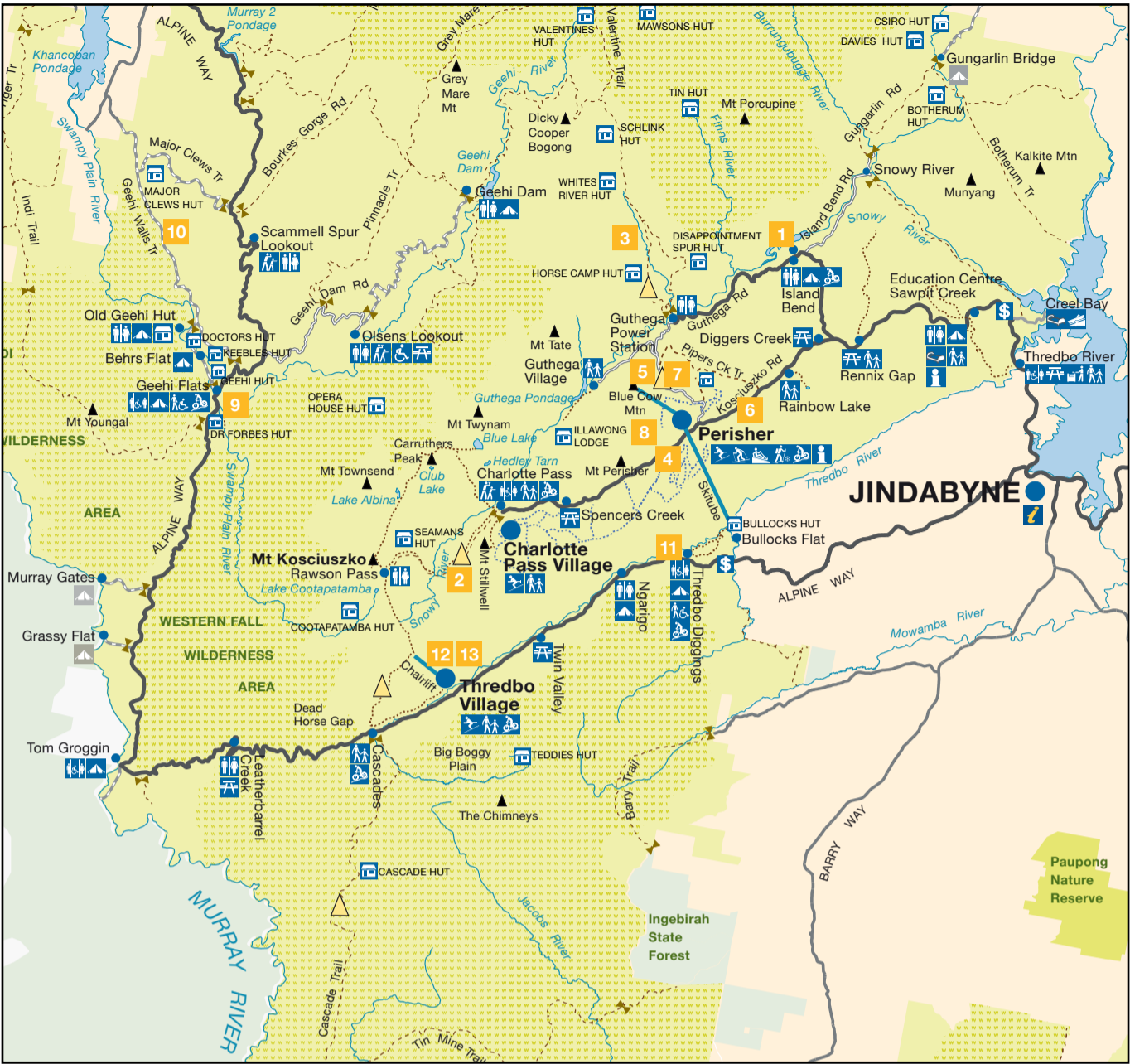
This is the highest ride in Australia and the weather needs to be respected—even in summer it can be cold and snow can fall

Clothing and equipment adequate for the backcountry must be carried.

Set out early and return early, and don’t go alone. If you plan to ascend Mt Kosciuszko (1km) you will need to leave your bike at Rawson Pass and walk—so carry a bike lock.

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

Seaman’s Hut—Built in 1929 as a memorial to skiers Laurie Seaman and Evan Hayes.



## D Trails around Perisher



### 4 PERISHER—CHARLOTTE PASS 20KM RETURN

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 Ride to Rawson Pass.



### 5 PERISHER TO GUTHEGA 18KM RETURN

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.

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.



### 6 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.



### 7 AQUADUCT HUT TRAIL 2–3KM RETURN

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.



### 8 RESORT BIKE TRAILS

Easy to moderate riding along resort roads to spectacular views.

See ‘Perisher Mountain Bike Trails Guide’ for details.

Blue Cow Lookout—5–6km  
Resort Cruising—2–4km

E Trails along the Alpine Way near Geehi



9 SWAMPY PLAIN LOOP 10KM ROUND TRIP

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. 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 and 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.

Old Geehi Hut—Built in the 1940s of large rounded river stones, it was restored after the 2003 wildfires.



10 MAJOR CLEWS’ HUT LOOP 35KM ROUND TRIP

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.

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. 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.

Major Clews’ Hut—Built in the late 1950s as the residence of Major Clews, a surveyor for the Snowy Mountains Scheme.



Thredbo Diggings. Photo: Mike Edmondson

F Trails along the Alpine Way near Thredbo



11 THREDBO VALLEY TRACK

Thredbo Diggings to Bullocks Hut 2.2km one-way

Park use fees are being used to construct a shared-use track for walkers, mountain bike riders and low mobility users in the Thredbo Valley. The track will eventually link Thredbo with Bullocks Flat (Skitube) within Kosciuszko National Park.

Please watch out for walkers, workers and machinery operating on the track.

G Around Thredbo



12 CANNONBALL RUN 6.2KM DOWNHILL

For those who want an adrenalin rush. All riders using the chairlift must be on a guided ride and have completed an initiation session. Contact Thredbo for details (02) 6459 4100.



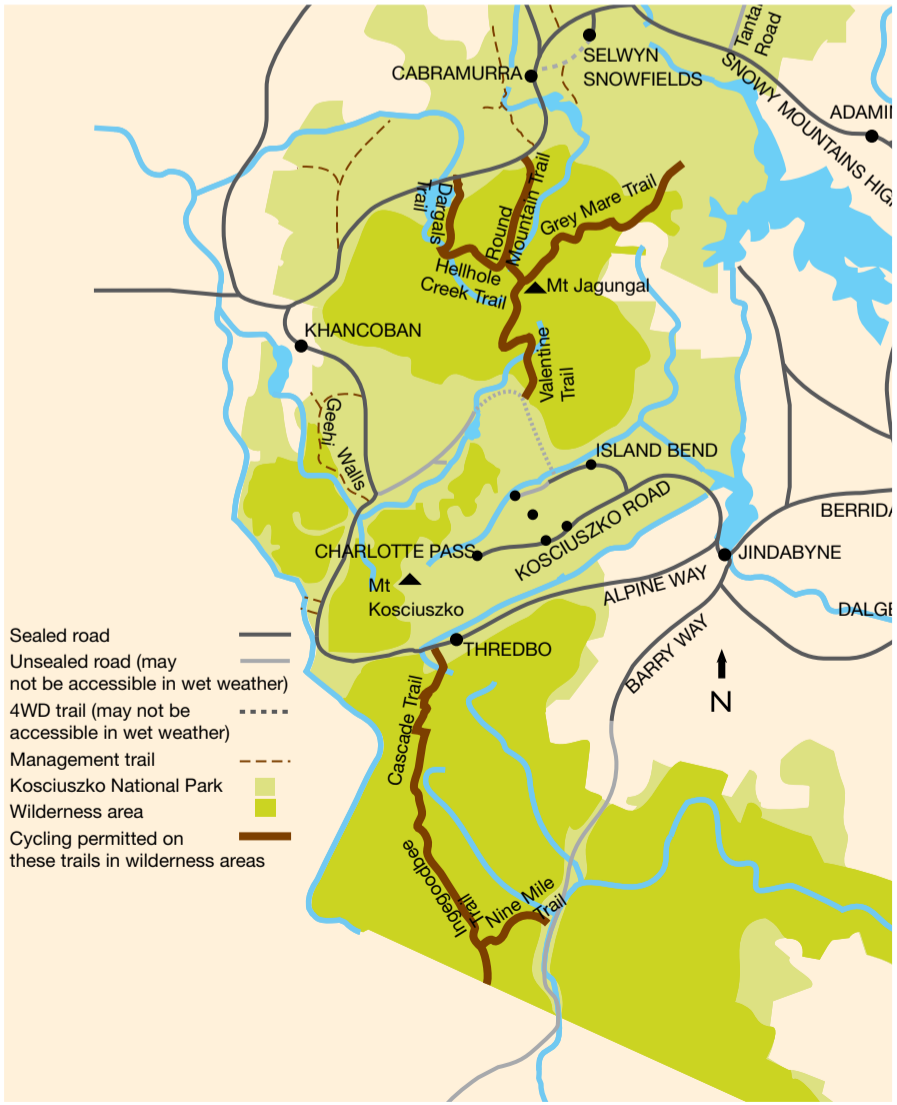
13 VILLAGE BIKE TRACKS

Some easy riding for all to enjoy. See ‘Thredbo Walks Map and Activities Guide’ for details.

Contact one of our visitor centres for a copy or go to [www.thredbo.com.au](http://www.thredbo.com.au).

AUSTRALIAN ALPS CYCLING CODE

- Slow down. Give walkers and horse riders right of way.
- Stay on formed trails. Avoid skidding and don’t cut corners.
- Stay away from wet, muddy areas. Tracks made by bikes lead to erosion.
- Wear your helmet.
- Bikes are not permitted on walking tracks.



Mountain bike 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 the approved trails.



ROUND MOUNTAIN 41KM ROUND TRIP

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.

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.



CASCADE–BARRY WAY 53KM ONE-WAY

To Cascade Hut 22km return

You will need to organise a car at the other end.

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

This ride leaves from the Alpine Way, at the Cascade trailhead and travels through the Pilot Wilderness—stay on approved trails.

For a moderately difficult ride turn around at Cascade Hut.

For a challenging long day or overnight ride, continue past Tin Mine huts to the Nine Mile Trail. You will need to be fit and experienced. This very steep section (you drop 1,000 metres in 5km) will take you to the Pinch Campground on the Barry Way.

The huts

Cascade Hut—Built in 1935 from horizontal slabs and a bark roof. The roof was replaced by iron in the 1950s.

Tin Mine huts—Two huts built by the Mt Pilot Tin Syndicate in 1935–36.



Cascade Hut © OEH