

Winter in Kosciuszko

As the landscape is blanketed in crisp white snow, there is plenty of fun to be had. Enjoy family time, groomed runs or backcountry adventures.

Snowsports are a big attraction in winter and there are plenty of options. Hit the slopes at one of the four resorts or enjoy a quiet day out on the cross-country trails. If you like bushwalking you will love snow-shoeing and the child in all will adore the thrills at one of the tubing and tobogganing slopes.

Of course, if you just want to take it easy there are cafes and restaurants with sparkling views of the snow covered mountains.

Our winter period lasts from the NSW June long weekend until the NSW October long weekend so there is time to do it all.



Photo: Shannon Pawsey



PERISHER

Perisher is the largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere with 1,245 hectares of skiable area serviced by 48 lifts. Areas include Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Guthega and Blue Cow. This gives skiers and boarders a wide choice of terrain to suit all abilities. There is also tubing and tobogganing and family snowplay areas. You can get there by the Kosciuszko Road or by Skitube from Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way. There is accommodation, eateries and retail shops.

Primarily a winter resort, there are also bike trails to enjoy during the summer months.

Perisher 1300 655 822
www.perisher.com.au

GETTING THERE: Kosciuszko Road (33km from Jindabyne) snow-chains must be carried—or use Skitube (from Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way)



THREDBO VILLAGE

Thredbo Village is a year-round alpine resort nestled in the Thredbo Valley.

In winter, the long slopes provide intermediate and experienced skiers and boarders with challenging runs. Gentle runs are provided for beginners at Friday Flat.

During the summer months, the ski runs become mountain bike tracks. There is a bob-sled ride and also a chairlift for those wishing to walk to Mt Kosciuszko.

The village has a variety of accommodation options, a golf course, gymnasium, indoor pool, tennis courts, shops and restaurants.

Thredbo
(02) 6459 4100
www.thredbo.com.au

GETTING THERE: Alpine Way (34km from Jindabyne and 77km from Khancoban)



CHARLOTTE PASS VILLAGE

Nestled at the foot of the Main Range, Charlotte Pass Village is snowbound in winter and accessed by oversnow transport meaning you can enjoy uncrowded slopes.

The isolation of the village is part of its charm, but there is still comfortable accommodation and restaurants.

Being close to the alpine area means that summer walks are within easy reach as is mountain biking along the Summit Trail to Rawson Pass.

The lookout at the top of the Kangaroo Triple Chair has spectacular views of the Main Range.

Charlotte Pass Village
(02) 6457 5247
www.charlottepass.com.au

GETTING THERE: Oversnow transport from Perisher Valley (33km from Jindabyne)



SELWYN SNOWFIELDS

Located in the northern end of Kosciuszko, Selwyn Snowfields is a family orientated day resort with gentle slopes for skiers and boarders. There is also tobogganing, snow biking and a snow tube park. An eatery and ski shop provides convenience to day visitors during winter.

The surrounding area has cross-country ski trails and snow-shoe tracks in winter and walking tracks in summer.

Proximity to the historic Kiandra Goldfields and stunning Yarrangobilly Caves make the Selwyn area a popular family destination.

Selwyn Snowfields (02) 6454 9488
www.selwynsnow.com.au

GETTING THERE: Snowy Mountains Highway then take the turn-off to Selwyn Snowfields (approximately 95km from Cooma or 80km from Tumut)

TUBING AND TOBOGGANING

Snow tubing and tobogganing can be fun activities for the whole family. Just make sure you head to one of the tubing and tobogganing parks to avoid the dangers of ungroomed or roadside slopes.

Tubing and tobogganing parks are provided at both Perisher in southern Kosciuszko and Selwyn Snowfields in the north. You can hire tubes and toboggans nearby.

Remember to wear appropriate clothing for the snow when tubing or tobogganing, especially gloves to protect your hands.

It's also a good idea to make sure you check that the tube and toboggan parks are open before heading off. If there is insufficient snow or the slope is unsafe, the area will be closed.

You can check their status at:

Perisher
1300 655 822
www.perisher.com.au

Selwyn Snowfields
(02) 6454 9488
www.selwynsnow.com.au

There is no tobogganing at Thredbo, Smiggin Holes, Blue Cow or Guthega.

CREEL LODGE

Creel Lodge is perfect for those wanting the comforts of home—in the middle of Kosciuszko National Park.

Located 10km from Jindabyne, it is within easy walking distance of Lake Jindabyne and can sleep up to eight.

There are four bedrooms (one queen, three twin share) each with ensuite. There is a fully equipped kitchen and gas heating will make sure you are warm even in the middle of winter.

Contact Snowy Region Visitor Centre for enquiries and booking
(02) 6450 5600.



Photo: Nolan Oayda



Near Perisher

Do you love bushwalking? Then you will love snow-shoeing. Rock Creek Snow-shoe Track is a great introduction to snow-shoeing or you can free your heel in cross-country skis.

The network of groomed trails at Perisher will suit cross-country skiers of all levels and information signs give an insight into the unique flora and fauna of the Australian snow country.

PERISHER CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

Cross-country trail reports are available to let you know the condition of the trails (including grooming) before you head out. Phone one of our visitor centres for the latest information.

The trackhead is approximately 400 metres behind the Perisher Fire Station (opposite the NPWS Office and Visitor Facilities). There is also a Nordic Shelter available to skiers using the trails. There are groomed trails ranging from 2.5km to 10km.

There are also recreational touring trails which are not a standard distance and are generally ungroomed.

One scenic trail to Porcupine Rocks, takes you through snow gum woodland to granite boulders which is the end of the trail. You can scramble to the top of these boulders for extensive views of the Main Range and Thredbo Valley.

SNOW-SHOEING

The Rock Creek Snow-shoe Track is a designated snow-shoe track for you to enjoy (see description).

For the safety of skiers please avoid snowshoeing on cross-country ski trails as snowshoe indentations are hazardous to skiers. Staying off the designated ski trails also means you will avoid colliding with skiers.

ROCK CREEK SNOW-SHOE TRACK 3KM ROUND-TRIP

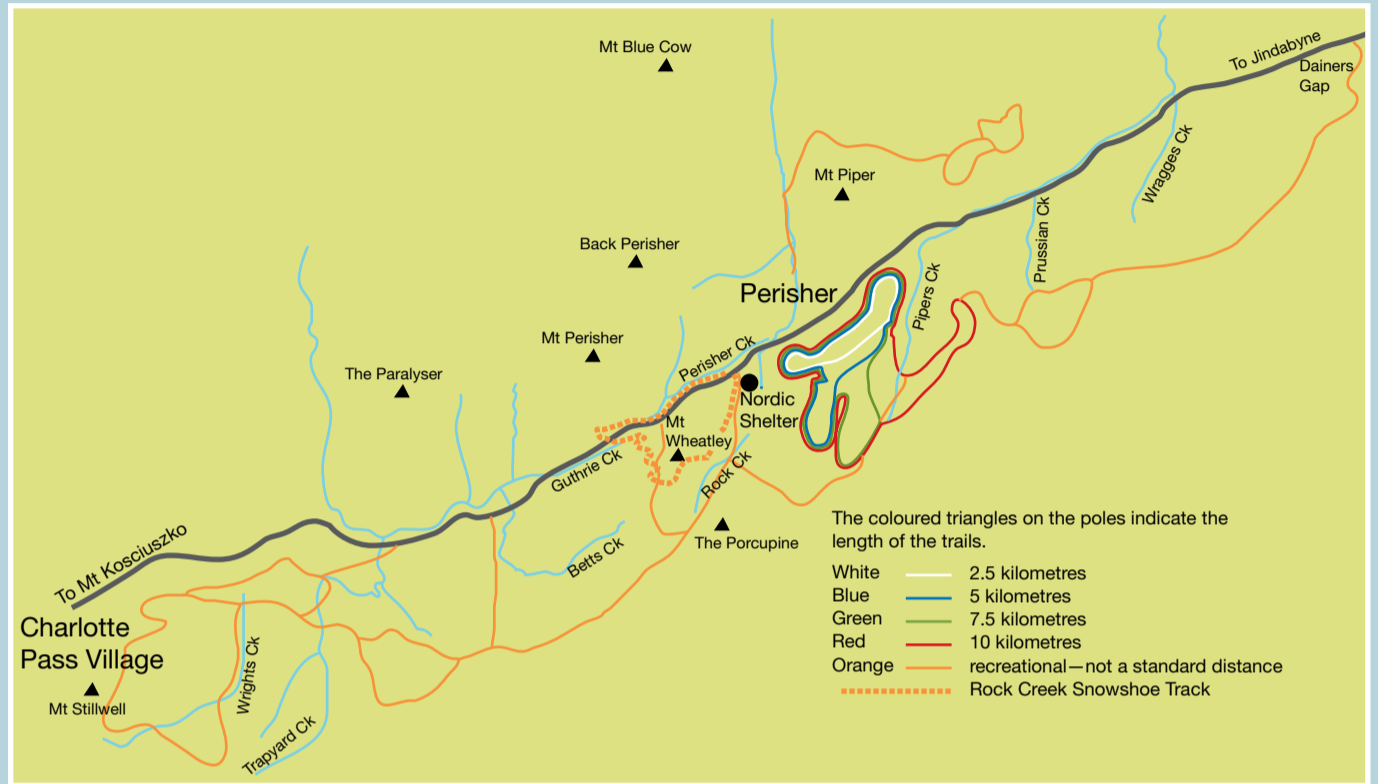
This gentle track begins approximately 400 metres along Kosciuszko Road from the NPWS Office and Visitor Facilities. It follows Rock Creek through a naturally treeless frost hollow then heads into snow gum woodland.

Please look out for oversnow vehicles as you cross Kosciuszko Road then follow the access track to Mt Perisher double chair, where you can buy a hot drink.

Head back down Perisher Valley towards the start. The car park is about 300 metres from the end of the trail.



Photo: Michael Scott Lees



Near Selwyn Snowfields

There are a few ungroomed cross-country ski trails to choose from in the north of the park. All are close to Selwyn Snowfields, historic Kiandra Goldfields and stunning Yarrangobilly Caves.

THREE MILE DAM AND SELWYN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

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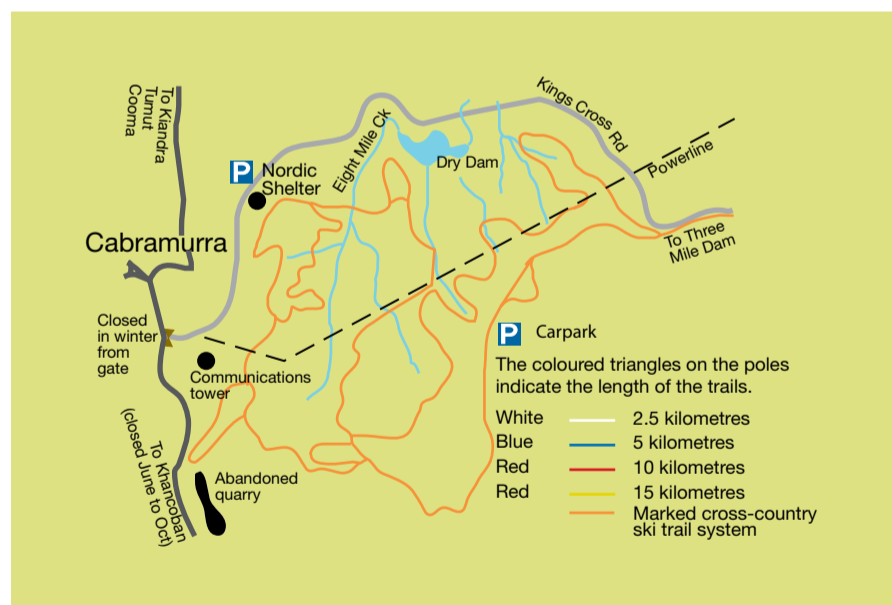
GOLDSEEKER'S TRACK 3KM ROUND-TRIP

This loop track begins opposite the western entrance to Three Mile Dam. It can also be accessed from Selwyn Snowfields. See Three Mile Dam map.

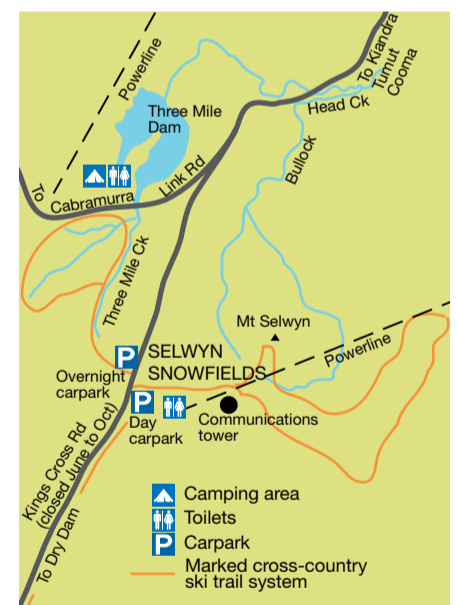
In winter, it is left ungroomed and so can be enjoyed by cross-country skiers as well as snow-shoers.

The track meanders through snowgrass flats, snow gum woodland and past an abandoned ore-crushing battery. There are views back to Three Mile Dam. Information signs also give an insight in the unique flora and fauna of the snow country.

DRY DAM SKI TRAILS



THREE MILE DAM SKI TRAILS



Three Mile Dam. Photo: Jo Caldwell