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Alpine Resorts Winter Access

Kosciuszko National Park

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1 Introduction

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is responsible for the care, control and management of access, parking and oversnow vehicle use within Kosciuszko National Park. The following procedures on the use of parking areas and oversnow vehicles have been adopted to assist with the smooth operation of the ski resorts.

2 Vehicle access to Kosciuszko National Park ski resorts

All vehicles entering the resort areas within Kosciuszko National Park must display a valid park entry pass.

2.1 Road closures

The closure of the following roads from the beginning of the June long weekend to the close of the October long weekend ('the winter period'), will be subject to snow conditions and arrangements made between the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), NPWS and ski resort operators.

- Kosciuszko Road - between Perisher Valley and Charlotte Pass
- Link Road - between Smiggin Holes and the Guthega Road.

Both road closures are put in place by RMS road occupancy licences, which prevent access by the general public but allow controlled access for key stakeholders.

The following roads will be closed as road conditions require:

- Kings Cross Road - between Mt Selwyn and Cabramurra
- Cabramurra Road (KNP 5) - between Cabramurra and Khancoban turn-off.

Should snow conditions require, these closures may be extended or removed.

2.2 Resort roads

Perisher Range resorts

Perisher Valley and Guthega in-resort roads will be regarded as closed to all traffic other than oversnow vehicles from the start of the June long weekend to the close of the October long weekend. Snow conditions may allow access of wheeled vehicles and NPWS may adjust the road status to permit entry to certain authorised vehicles. There are four road status conditions (A to D) as detailed in Appendix A.

Smiggin Holes roads will be cleared as required to allow in-resort conventional vehicle access.

Thredbo

Thredbo village roads will be cleared of snow as required. Public access to the resort and parking in designated lodge car parks is allowed, provided it is in accordance with all signage and/or instructions.

Charlotte Pass

Charlotte Pass Village is snowbound in winter and only authorised oversnow vehicles will be permitted to access and park at Charlotte Pass Village. Access to this village for the general

public using conventional wheeled vehicles (including 4WDs) during the winter period is at the discretion of Charlotte Pass Village Pty Ltd, in consultation with RMS.

3 Resort parking

3.1 Day parking

During the day ski resort staff direct the parking of vehicles within daytime public car parks in accordance with parking arrangements agreed between the ski resorts and NPWS. Vehicles found obstructing traffic or parked in any way contrary to instructions or signage may be issued with an infringement notice.

Parking is not permitted in daytime public car parks during the winter period between 12am and 7am. This is to allow for unhindered snow clearing operations in the car parks and on roads, and to minimise vehicles being snowbound.

3.2 Overnight parking

Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes

There are no overnight public car parks at Perisher Valley or Smiggin Holes.

A limited number of spaces for long term winter overnight parking are available to lessees and operators in the authorised parking bays at Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes. For more information refer to section 4.1.

Guthega, Thredbo and Selwyn Snowfields

Overnight parking is permitted in the designated overnight car parks in Thredbo, Guthega and Selwyn Snowfields. No vehicle-based camping is permitted in overnight car parks.

3.3 Temporary vehicle parking

Authorised vehicle parking for temporary periods, including overnight, may be made available on an extremely limited basis. Applications will be assessed on merit and are subject to availability of space. These may include disabled vehicle parking, contractors undertaking emergency repairs and visiting performers. If an application is approved, a temporary vehicle parking permit will be issued and must be prominently displayed inside the nominated vehicle.

Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega

For temporary parking contact NPWS Perisher office on (02) 6457 4444.

Selwyn Snowfields

For temporary parking contact Selwyn Snowfields ski resort on (02) 6454 9488.

Thredbo

For temporary parking requirements contact Thredbo ski resort on (02) 6459 4100.

4 Vehicle access and parking permits

4.1 Resort Management Vehicles (RMV)

NPWS will authorise lodge management 4WD vehicles through the issue of an RMV permit to park overnight in an allocated parking bay following approval of an application and payment of a fee. This will also allow access to lodges for guest services and business management purposes when there is insufficient snow to operate an oversnow vehicle.

NPWS will authorise 4WD vehicles through the issue of an RMV permit following approval of an application and payment of a fee.

RMV access is only permitted when conditions allow and **Road Status B, C or D** is in place (see Appendix A). RMV permits must be prominently displayed inside the vehicle.

Priority for allocation of winter overnight parking at Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes is reviewed each year and based on each premises approved onsite parking and the following criteria.

1. Resort management
2. Hotels
3. Commercial lodges
4. Ski clubs and apartments with a resident manager, offering catering, and number of beds.

NPWS will lock each parking bay until the allocated occupier has completed the application process and paid all fees. Occupiers are responsible for security of their authorised parking bays over the winter period.

4.2 Lodge Parking Permits (LPP)

Lodge Parking Permits will be issued to lodge managers according to the number of car spaces available at the premise. The number of LPP issued to each premise has been determined by NPWS based on the available hardstand area and the Australian Standard for car parking.

LPP will be available to lodge guests for overnight parking when conditions allow and **Road Status D** is in place. LPP must be prominently displayed inside the vehicle.

4.3 Contractor permits

Contractor permits will be issued for the purpose of accessing premises to undertake repairs and maintenance.

The permit allows access and day parking using a conventional vehicle (4WD only) for the period that work is being undertaken. NPWS will authorise vehicles through the issue of a Contractor permit following approval of an application and payment of a fee.

Contractor access is only permitted for business purposes only, when conditions allow and **Road Status B, C or D** is in place. Contractor permits must be prominently displayed inside the vehicle.



5 Oversnow vehicles

An oversnow vehicle is defined as 'a vehicle specifically designed to be driven over snow and/or capable of driving over snow'. This includes snowmobiles, snowcats, all-terrain vehicles (Argos, quad bikes, vehicles fitted with rubber track system) and snow grooming machinery, defined below.

Conventional 4WD vehicles are not regarded as oversnow vehicles and will not be permitted on oversnow vehicle routes unless granted authorisation during marginal snow conditions (see section 4.1).

The carrying of passengers must comply with machine specifications.

Snowmobiles

Oversnow vehicles driven by continuous single or double rubber drive track(s), with ski/s for steering or equivalent system.

Quad bikes

Multi-purpose four or six wheeled motor bikes capable of being driven over snow.

All-terrain vehicles

Oversnow vehicles driven by six or eight low-pressured tyred wheels, with steerage by mechanical or hydraulic brake or equivalent system.

Snowcats / snow grooming machines

Oversnow vehicles driven by two separate full-length continuous tracks, with steerage by mechanical brake, hydraulic drive or skis, or equivalent system.

Vehicles fitted with rubber track system

Conventional 4WD vehicles with all wheels fitted with a rubber track system, capable of being driven oversnow.

Trailers

Trailers pulled behind oversnow vehicles may be either wheeled, tracked or skied, and must comply with RMS regulations and specifications. All items/loads in trailers must be adequately secured and/or covered to prevent any loss from the trailer.

Under the Australian Road Rules it is an offence to transport passengers in trailers.

5.1 Use of oversnow vehicles

Within Kosciuszko National Park, the use of oversnow vehicles shall be limited to the safe and efficient functioning of ski resort business. Oversnow vehicles are registered to operate in strictly limited areas, as approved. Away from resort centres, oversnow vehicles may only be used for official park management, Snowy Hydro Limited and search and rescue operations.

Recreational use of oversnow vehicles is **not permitted** in Kosciuszko National Park

The registered owner of the oversnow vehicle is responsible for ensuring any operator of the oversnow vehicle is licensed and aware of all regulations, policies and procedures pertaining to oversnow vehicles.

5.2 Oversnow vehicle operator licence

Every person using an oversnow vehicle must hold a current motor vehicle driver licence and a NPWS oversnow vehicle operator licence. Provisional car licences are permitted and **P** plates must be displayed but learner licences are not acceptable.

The NPWS oversnow vehicle operator licence shall become invalid should the motor vehicle driver licence expire or be cancelled.

NPWS will issue an oversnow vehicle operator licence following approval of a completed application form and payment of a fee. A written authority from the applicant's employer, stating the need to obtain a licence for business operations, and the type of vehicle(s) to be operated, must accompany the application.

Both the oversnow vehicle operator licence and motor vehicle driver licence must be carried at all times when operating an oversnow vehicle.

5.3 Oversnow vehicle registration

All oversnow vehicles must be registered with both NPWS and RMS. The RMS registration label and number plates must be correctly fitted to the vehicle. NPWS registration stickers must be fixed to the front of the vehicle.

Oversnow vehicles within Kosciuszko National Park that do not have current registration may be fined and/or removed by NPWS. The exception to this is vehicles that are stored within the appropriate premise lease area.

Applications for the registration of an oversnow vehicle must be presented, with the appropriate fee, to the NPWS Perisher Office. The current vehicle RMS registration papers must accompany the application.

Oversnow vehicles must be registered in the names of the respective lessees and licensees, contractor or emergency services authorities. Their use will be restricted to business management purposes consistent with the legislation and any applicable lease/licence, and NPWS policy.

The number of oversnow vehicles registered for any one operation will be determined by:

1. Demonstrated vehicle need (associated with the management/operation of a lease, licence, sub-lease or sub-licence, or trade or business conducted within the park). Detailed written reasons are required to be provided to the NPWS on the need for oversnow vehicle use.
2. Satisfactory proof that existing licensed vehicles do not provide an adequate service.
3. Lease conditions.
4. Distance to the operational centre of the relevant resort area.

Only licensed commercial oversnow transport shall be permitted to charge a fee for the oversnow transport of persons, freight, garbage, and luggage.

All other persons and organisations that do not fall within the above categories will not be permitted to register oversnow vehicles for use in the park. Oversnow transport for these persons is available from the licensed commercial oversnow transport operator and/or an appropriate commercial or ski club lodges.

5.4 Approved areas of operation

Oversnow vehicles must only be operated in areas as approved, and indicated by the registration sticker, as follows:



Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes



Charlotte Pass Village



Guthega



Management Services



Perisher Blue



Selwyn



Contractors

NPWS registration stickers **must** be prominently displayed on the front cowling of the vehicle.

Old labels **must** be removed from the vehicle or fully covered.

5.5 Oversnow vehicle routes and parking

Oversnow vehicles must travel on designated oversnow routes, including between Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes.

Areas have been set aside for snowmobile parking in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, and Guthega (refer to maps in Appendix B). During the winter period all oversnow vehicles must be parked within these designated parking areas or within the appropriate premise lease.

Outside the winter period oversnow vehicles need to be removed from Kosciuszko National Park or stored within the appropriate premise lease.

Oversnow vehicles that do not comply with the above may be fined and/or removed by NPWS.

6 Oversnow vehicle safety

Oversnow vehicles are hazardous to both operators and pedestrians/skiers. In order to minimise the risk of harm or injury, NPWS advise that:

1. The number of passengers on a snowmobile or ATV must be consistent with the manufacturer's requirements.
2. The owner of the oversnow vehicle(s) must satisfy themselves that any operator who uses the vehicle is competent in its use.
3. The use of Australian Standard motorcycle helmets for all occupants riding on open oversnow vehicles such as snowmobiles, quad bikes and all-terrain vehicles is recommended

6.1 Winch cat operations

Winch cat operations are undertaken in the ski resort in areas where oversnow vehicle use is restricted to official park management and authorised vehicles only. All oversnow vehicle and snowmobile operators need to be aware of the possibility of winch cat and winching operations occurring and the extreme dangers involved being in and around these operations.

Being in close proximity to a winch cat or the winch rope during winching operations could cause death.

6.2 Speed limits

In the Perisher Range Resorts area the following maximum speed limits apply:

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| 20 km/h | The pedestrian and oversnow vehicle shared zone around the Ski Tube building and Perisher Valley car park. |
| 30 km/h | All other oversnow routes and designated roads in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Charlotte Pass. |
| 60 km/h | The oversnow route from Perisher Gap to Charlotte Pass. |

7 Fees

Annual vehicle registration and licensing fees are:

Oversnow vehicle operator licence	\$15 per person per season
Snowmobile registration	\$80 per machine per season
Larger oversnow machine registration	\$100 per machine per season
Resort Management Vehicle Permit	\$50 per permit
Lodge Parking Permits	no charge
Contractor permit	\$15 per permit
Replacement registration stickers	\$20 per sticker
Re-registration of the same vehicle	\$20 per re-registration
Replacement of Parking Permit	\$15

8 Further information

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)

Cooma Registry
Corner Massie and Soho Streets
PO Box 825
COOMA NSW 2630

Phone: 13 22 13

Web: www.rms.nsw.gov.au

For vehicle standards contact RMS Technical Enquiries on 1300 137 302

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

9914 Kosciuszko Road
PO Box 41
PERISHER VALLEY NSW 2624

Phone: (02) 6457 4444

Fax: (02) 6457 4455

Email: perisher@environment.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/alpineresorts/kosciuszkonpresortswinteraccess

PERISHER RANGE RESORTS ROAD STATUS AND SIGNAGE

STATUS

SIGNAGE

ACCESS CONDITION

A



**ROAD CLOSED
OVERSNOW EXCEPTED**

Condition

Sufficient snow to support oversnow traffic

Allowed

Oversnow vehicles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles

No 4WD, 2WD vehicles and motorbikes

B



**ROAD CLOSED
RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED**

Condition

Snow on road, insufficient to support oversnow traffic

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles

No access for general public or lodge guests

C



**RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED
DROP OFF & PICK UP ONLY**

Condition

No snow on road
Snow forecast in immediate future

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles
Daytime parking for lodge guests at designated lodge spaces only

No access for general public

D



**RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED
LODGE PARKING PERMIT EXCEPTED**

Condition

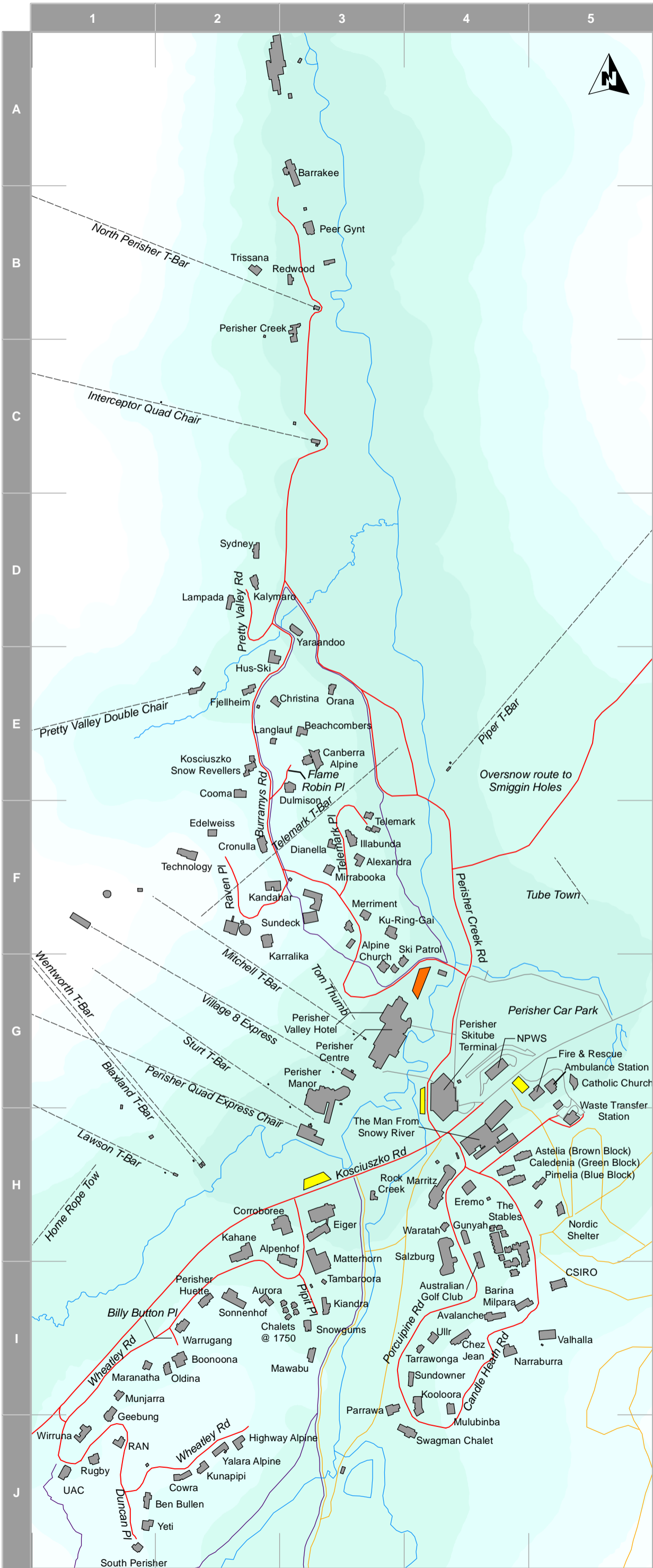
No snow on road

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles including lodge guests at designated lodge spaces only

No access for general public

Perisher Valley
Village Map



Accommodation

Alexandra	F3	Ski Patrol	G4
Alpenhof	H3	Snowgums	I3
Astelia (Brown Block)	H4	Sonnenhof	I2
Aurora	I2	South Perisher	J1
Australian Golf Club	H4	The Stables	H4
Avalanche	I4	Sundeck	F3
Barina Milpara	I4	Sundowner	I4
Barrakee	A3	Swagman Chalet	J4
Beachcombers	E3	Sydney	D2
Ben Bullen	J1	Tambaraora	I3
Boonoona	I2	Tarrowonga	I4
Caledenia (Green Block)	H4	Technology	F2
Canberra Alpine	E3	Telemark	F3
Chalets @ 1750	I3	Trissana	B2
Chez Jean	I4	University Alpine Club (UAC)	J1
Christina	E2	Ullr	I4
Cooma	E2	Valhalla	I5
Corroboree	H3	Waratah	H4
Cowra	J2	Warrugang	I2
Cronulla	F2	Wirruna	J1
CSIRO	I5	Yalara Alpine	J2
Dianella	F3	Yaraandoo	D3
Dulmison	E3	Yeti	J1
Edelweiss	F2		
The Eiger	H3		
Eremo	H4		
Fjellheim	E2		
Geebung	J1		
Gunyah	H4		
Highway Alpine	J2		
Hus-Ski	E2		
Illabunda	F3		
Kahane	H2		
Kalymaro	D2		
Kandahar	F2		
Karalika	F2		
Kiandra	I3		
Kooloora	I4		
Kosciuszko Snow Revellers	E2		
Kunapipi	J2		
Ku-Ring-Gai	F3		
Lampada	D2		
Langlauf	E2		
The Man from Snowy River	H4		
Maranatha	I1		
Marritz	H4		
Matterhorn	H3		
Mawabu	I3		
Merimint	F3		
Mirrabooka	F3		
Mulubinba	I4		
Munjarra	I1		
Narraburra	I4		
Oldina	I2		
Orana	E3		
Parrawa	I3		
Peer Gynt	B3		
Perisher Centre	G3		
Perisher Creek	B3		
Perisher Huette	I2		
Perisher Manor	G3		
Perisher Skitube Terminal	G3		
Perisher Valley Hotel	G3		
Pimelia (Blue Block)	H5		
Redwood	B3		
Rock Creek	H3		
Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	J1		
Rugby	J1		

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Alpine Church	G3
Ambulance Station	G5
Catholic Church	G5
The Eiger - The White Spider Restaurant	H3
Fire and Rescue	G5
The Man from Snowy River - Restaurant, Lounge, Bar	H4
Marritz - Marritz Bar and Restaurant	H4
Nordic Shelter	H5
NPWS - Information, cross country ski lessons and hire, snowshoe hire	G4
Perisher Centre - Ticket Sales, Lessons, Snowy Day Care, Restaurants, Bars, Equipment Sales and Hire, Tuning, Food Court, Cafes, Gifts	G3
Perisher Manor - Base 1720m Restaurant & Bar, The Pub Family Food Court	G3
Perisher Skitube Terminal - Ticket Sales, Police, Doctor, Pharmacy, Supermarket, Post Office, Cafes, Gifts, Oversnow Services, Charlotte Pass Transfer	G4
The Stables - The Loft Bar, Stables Restaurant	H4
Sundeck Hotel - Restaurant, Bar	F3
Waste Transfer Station	H5

— Cleared Road

— Oversnow Route

--- Resorts Lifts

— Snowshoe Trail

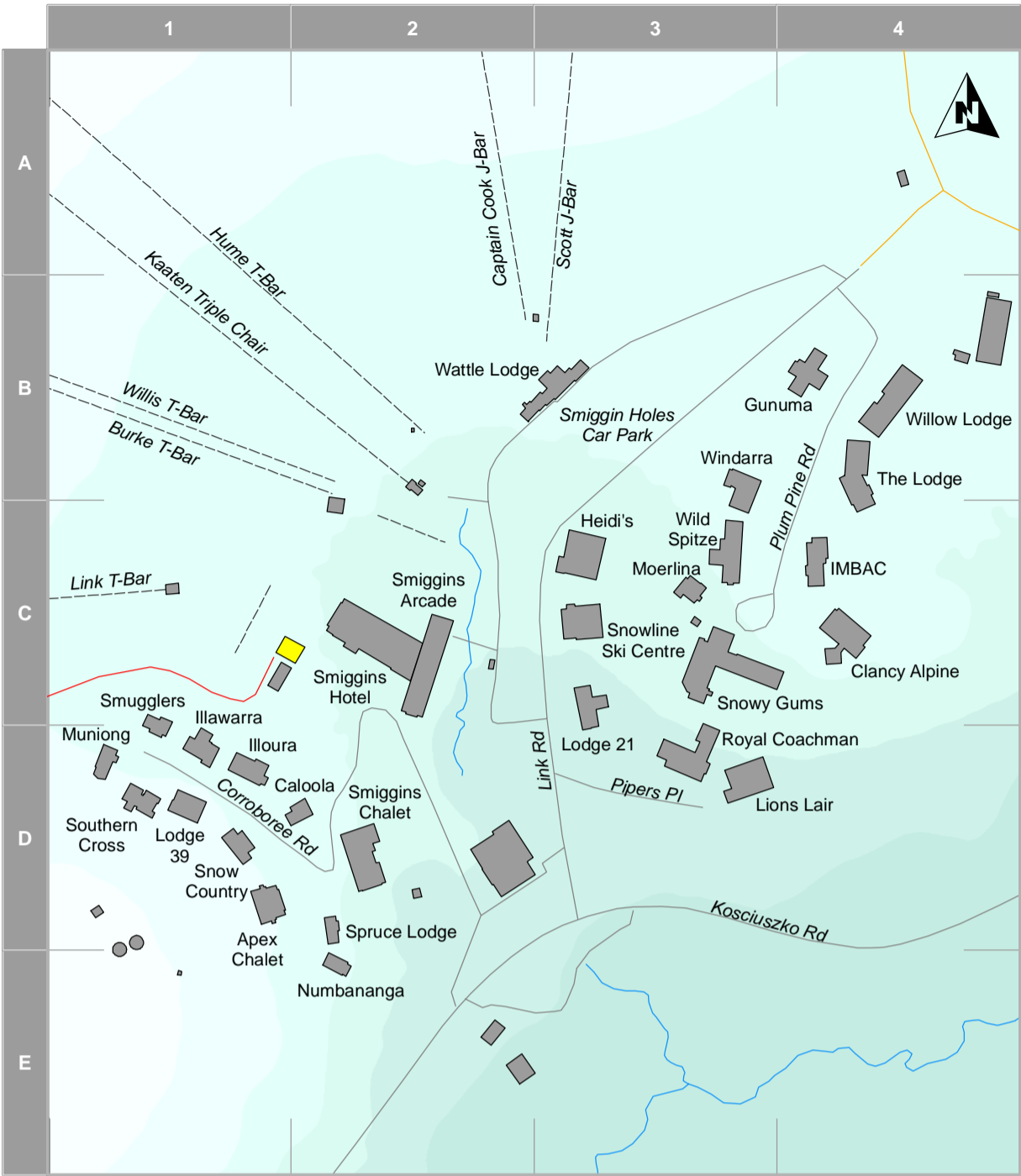
— Cross Country Ski Trail

Yellow Box: Oversnow Vehicle Day Parking

Orange Box: Oversnow Vehicle Overnight Parking

Oversnow routes subject to snow conditions





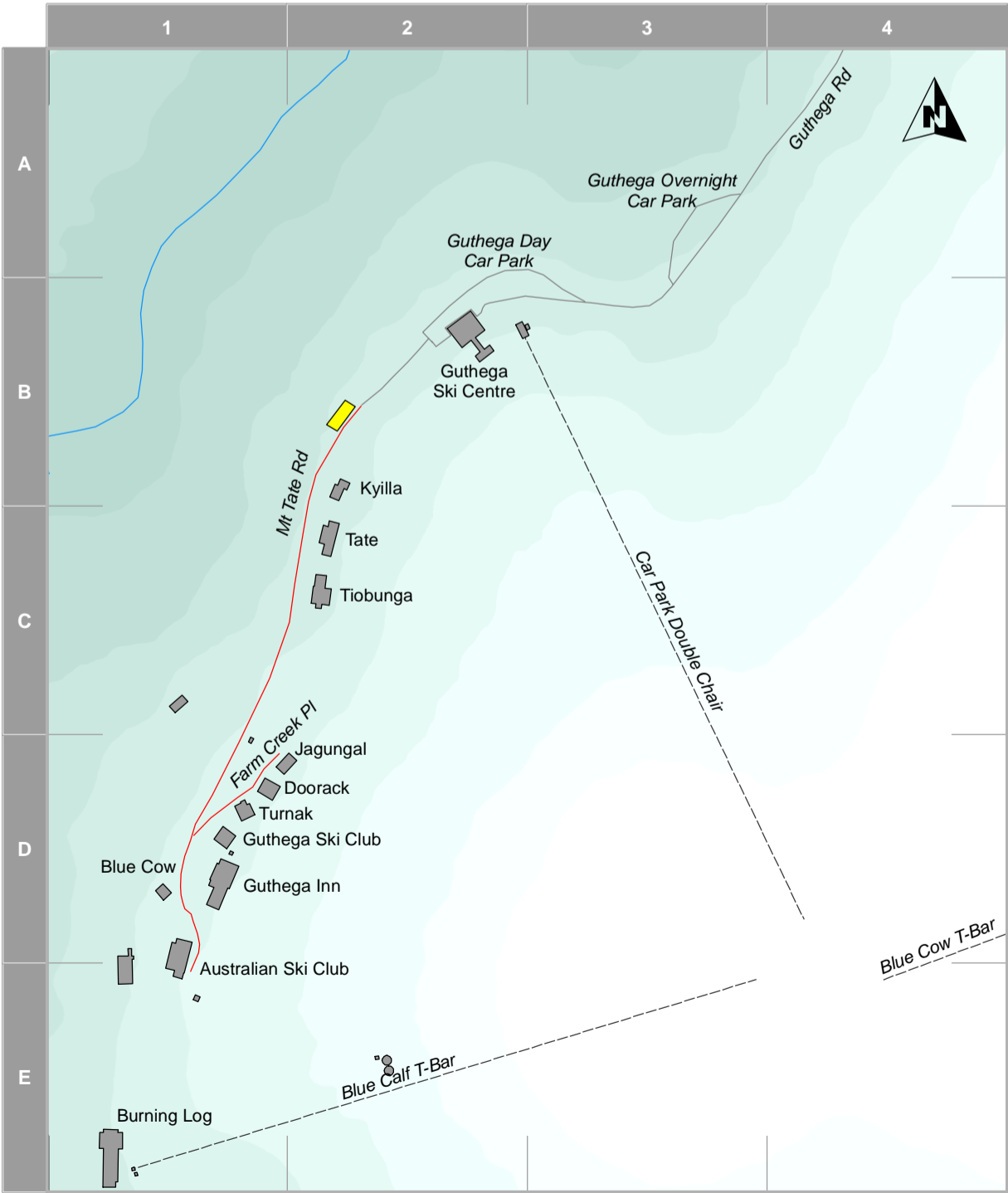
Smiggin Holes Village Map

Accommodation

Apex Chalet	D1
Caloola	D2
Clancy Alpine	C4
Gunuma	B4
Heidi's	C3
Illawarra Alpine	D1
Illoura	D1
IMBAC	C4
Lions Lair	D3
The Lodge	B4
Lodge 21	C3
Lodge 39	D1
Moerlina	C3
Muniong	D1
Numbananga	E2
Royal Coachman	D3
Smuggins Chalet	D2
Smuggins Hotel	C2
Smugglers	C1
Snow Country	D1
Snowy Gums	C3
Southern Cross	D1
Spruce Lodge	D2
Wattle Lodge	B3
Wild Spitze	C3
Willow Lodge	B4
Windarra	B3

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Smiggins Arcade - Equipment Hire, Lessons, Bistro, Tuning, Gifts	C2
Wattle Lodge - Lift Tickets, Kiosk	B3
Smiggins Hotel - Bibi's Restaurant, Chargrill Bistro, Bar, Cocktail Lounge	C2
Snowy Gums - Cascades Bar	C3
Snowline Ski Centre - Equipment Sales and Hire, Supplies, Gifts	C3



Guthega Village Map

Accommodation

Australian Ski Club	D1
Blue Cow	D1
Doorack	D1
Guthega Inn	D1
Guthega Ski Club	D1
Jagungal	D1
Kyilla	B2
Tate	C2
Tiobunga	C2
Turnak	D1

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Burning Log Restaurant	E1
Guthega Inn - Restaurant, Bar	D1
Guthega Ski Centre - Lift Tickets, Equipment Hire	B2

- Cleared Road
- Oversnow Route
- Resorts Lift
- Cross Country Ski Trail
- Oversnow Vehicle Day Parking

Oversnow routes subject to snow conditions