

Kosciuszko National Park

Northern Kosciuszko 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, horseriding and mountain bike riding.

HIGH COUNTRY PLAINS

1 Four Mile Hut Ride 10km return

Take maps Cabramurra 1:25 000

This moderate walk or ride begins at Mt Selwyn Resort Carpark at the Mt Selwyn Radio Tower Access Trail behind Selwyn Ski Resort. Leave your car in the Mt Selwyn Resort Carpark. The trail contours through snowgum woodland for 1.2km to the radio tower then opens up into subalpine grassland through to the junction with Tabletop Trail (3km). Turn right (south) onto Tabletop Trail and follow for 1.3km to the junction with Four Mile Hut Access Trail. Access to Four Mile Hut from here is by foot only. Walk bikes down the foot pad and leave near the creek crossing. Follow the lightly marked foot track for 700 metres east to Four Mile Hut.

The huts

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

2 Gooandra Homestead Ride 9.4km return



Take maps Tantarara 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.

3 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

Take maps Tantarara 1:100 000 and Rules Point 1:25 000

Also a suitable walk. 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 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. Ghost Gully to Pockets Hut is part of the Australian Alps Walking Track.

The huts

Hainsworth Hut – A simple structure built around 1951.

Old Currango Homestead – Constructed around 1873, it is one of the oldest houses in the park. The homestead is just below the treeline overlooking Currango Plains.

Bill Jones Hut – Built in the early 1950s and possibly one of the last huts built as part of the grazing era.

4 Pocket Ride 13km return (all huts)



Gurrangorambla Creek to:
Oldfield's Hut 3.1km one-way
Pockets Hut 4.4km one-way

Take maps Tantarara 1:100,000, Rules Point 1:25 000 and Rendezvous Creek 1:25 000

Also a suitable walk, 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 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, it has views across the secluded valley where the Goodradigbee River originates.

Pockets Hut – Built in the early 1930s, this weatherboard hut has four rooms.

5 Nungar Bullock Ride 39km return

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

Take 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 bright 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.

6 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

Take 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, there's also a shed at the rear of the building.

Peden's Hut – Built in 1929, it replaced an 1890s slab hut.

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

7 Plain Ride 21km return

Schofield's trail:
Schofield's Hut 6km one-way
Circuits Hut 10.5km one-way

Take 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.

Circuits Hut – Built in 1938, this weatherboard hut sits among mature black sallees overlooking Gulf Plain.

8 Gavels Circuit 21km return

Snowy Mountains Highway to:
Gavels Hut 6km

Take 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.

THE CUMBERLAND RANGE

9 Big Talbingo Ride 27.6km return



Take maps Talbingo 1:25 000 and
Yarrangobilly 1: 25 000

Also a suitable walk. From the Snowy Mountains Highway, ride along the Cumberland Trail for 4.8km. 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 4.4km one-way ride from Cumberland Trail.

TO FIND OUT MORE

For further information, including detailed maps and directions, contact Tumut Region Visitor Centre 02 6947 7025 or visit:

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CARING FOR YOUR PARK

- On your mountain bike, slow down. Give horses and walkers right of way.
- Mountain bike on formed trails. Avoid skidding and don't cut corners.
- Stay away from wet, muddy areas. Tracks made by bikes cause erosion.
- Wear your bike helmet.
- No bikes on walking tracks.
- Keep your horse under control and 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 your horse before your visit – new shoes cut the ground

CAMPING WITH HORSES

You can camp with your horse at designated camp sites in Kosciuszko National Park at Ghost Gully, Old Snowy Camp, Long Plain Hut, Cooinbit 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 Currango Homestead (non-winter only) with your horse. You will need to book for yourself and your horse. All horses must be penned in the permanent electrified yard.

