

# Charlotte Pass to Mt Stilwell return

## 1 hr 45 mins 3.8 km Return

# Hard track

This enjoyable walk starts from the end of Kosciuszko Rd, Charlotte Pass, and follows the ridgeline, on the western side of the village, up to the top of Mt Stilwell. The walk passes the Tbar and Chairlift stations along the way. This walk follows a clear track to the top, and is great for those looking for a short walk with some great views.

### Kosciuszko National Park

2040m

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#### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to End of Kosciuszko Road (gps: -36.4321, 148.3285). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/cptmsr

#### 0 | Covered in snow part of the year

This walk leads through an extreme alpine environment and all walkers must be well prepared. During summer, be prepared for both very hot and cold weather, high winds, rain, snow, extreme UV levels and some sections of snow or ice on the ground. Before starting this walk, check advice with Snowy Region Visitor Information Centre (02) 6450 5600, the weather forecast and the snow conditions then change your plans as needed. These notes, grades and walking times have been written for use in the summer months only. Between May and the end of October, this walk is likely to be covered in snow/ice, visitors should carry and be prepared to use snowshoes or cross country skis. When there is a chance of significant snow on the ground, visitors will need particularly strong navigation and snowcraft skills - tracks and signage may not be visible. For most visitors, it is best to consider this walk closed during the colder months. Between the long weekend in June and October, the road between Perisher Village and Charlotte Pass is closed by the RTA. It is possible to organise oversnow transport.

#### 0 | End of Kosciuszko Road

(180 m 4 mins) From just uphill of toilet block (at the end of Kosciuszko Rd), this walk follows the wide dirt management trail, initially keeping the toilet block to your right. The trail soon leads to a small clearing where the walk turns left following the 'Mt Stilwell' sign along the narrower track. The track soon bends left and follows the side of the hill, heading up the series of stone steps, keeping the valley to your left. Approximately 130m from the sign, the track comes to an intersection under the cables at the top of the Pulpit Tbar.

#### 0.18 | Top of Pulpit Tbar

(650 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the top of the Tbar, the

walk follows the clear track up the ridge line towards the rusty ruins of an old ski lift. The track soon passes in front of the old lift and then continues to climb up a series of stone steps winding between the granite boulders and snow gums. The track enjoys wide views down over Charlotte Pass village to your left. The track continues up to come a metal platform and lookout (on your right) just near the top of the Kangaroo Ridge Chairlift.

#### 0.83 | Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform

At the top of the Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lies a steel platform. This partially fenced lookout offers broad views to the northwest over the Snowy River valley and across the Main Range. From the chairlift, there are also views down to Charlotte Pass Village.

#### 0.83 | Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform

(1.1 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform, this walk heads south, behind the chairlift station and along the grassy track, keeping Charlotte Pass village to your left. The track leads up between some granite boulders and becomes much clearer again. Here the track winds gently uphill and up a series of stone steps before heading down across a valley and over two small metal grate bridges. About 100m after the second metal grate the track leads to a rocky and boggy hollow. From here the track narrows and starts to round Mt Stilwell (to your right). The track continues to bend right to the side of Stilwell saddle (where you can see down to the snow poles on your left). Here the fainter track leads almost straight up the side of Mt Stilwell heading for the rocky summit marked with a metal trig. Near the top the walk climbs over the granite boulders to find the summit and the impressive 360 degree view.

#### 1.88 | Mt Stilwell

At approximately 2040m above sea level, Mt Stilwell is the highest peak in the ridge line winding around the southern side of Charlotte Pass village. With arguably one of the best views in the Kosciusko National Park, Mt Stilwell's peak looks down at the village, and out across the main range to Headley Tarn, Blue Lake and Mt Twynam, and the Snowy River. There is also the lower half of an old trig point located at the peak which, when whole, was used for navigation.