



# Charlotte Pass to Village Lookdown



1 hr 30 mins 2.4 km Return

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Hard track

This is a fun walk, starting from the bottom of the Kangaroo Ridge Triple Chairlift, and following the management trail and bush track up the side of the ridge through a great snowgum forest to the top, where it comes to the village lookdown, near an old demolished Tbar station.

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Kosciuszko National Park

#### 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 Bottom of Kangaroo Ridge chairlift (gps: -36.4358, 148.332). 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 <a href="http://wild.tl/cptvl">http://wild.tl/cptvl</a>

# 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 <u>snow conditions</u> 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 | Charlotte Pass Village

Charlotte Pass is a small village consisting mostly of resorts and hotels, and a number of neighbouring ski runs. This small township is located a stone's throw from the end of Kosciuszko Road, where the turning circle and public toilets were put in place after the last stretch of the road (that winds down across the Snowy River and up to Rawsons Pass via Seamans Hut) was closed to public vehicles. More info.

# 0 | Bottom of Kangaroo Ridge chairlift

(240 m 6 mins) From the bottom of the chairlift, this walk follows the management trail, heading west up the steep grassy hill, parallel to the chairlift. The trail turns away from the lift and

comes to the intersection of the Village Lookdown track.

## 0.24 | Optional sidetrip to Charlotte Pass Dam

(150 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the faint grassy management trail, winding southwest up the hill and alongside the creek. The walk follows the snow poles as it winds up the hill to the small dam above Charlotte Pass village. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp right.

#### 0.24 | Charlotte Pass Dam

Charlotte Pass Dam is a relatively small store of water in the upper reaches of Spencers Creek, and a short stroll south from the Charlotte Pass village.

## 0.24 | Int of Dam and Village Lookdown tracks

(900 m 32 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads south down the short hill, crossing over a metal pipe following the narrow track. The walk then crosses the creek (where you can see the remains of an old timber bridge) to follow the narrow track as it winds up the side of the ridge, through a thick snowgum forest for about 500m. The walk crosses a line of snowpoles about halfway up the hill, and continues to the saddle at the top of the rocky ridge line, about 300m after leaving the snowgum forest.

#### 1.13 | Village Lookdown saddle

(80 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads east gently uphill, passing what appears to be the remains of a demolished ski lift for about 80m to come to a rocky outcrop on the side of the ridge with views north into the valley (and to the Main Range), known as Charlotte Pass village lookdown.

## 1.22 | Charlotte Pass Village Lookdown

The Charlotte Pass village lookdown is located on the ridge line east of Mt Stilwell, where the remains of what appears to be an old Tbar lift leading down into the valley to the south are located. From the lookdown you can also see all the way across to the tall cliffs behind Blue Lake and to Mt Twynam in the distance.

