

## Guthega River Snowshoe

**1 hr 30 mins**

**Hard track**

**3.3 km Return**

**▲ 115m**

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This pleasant snowshoe walk starts from the car park at Guthega. You will wander down the gently hill following a wide trail, then cross Guthega Dam wall. There are great views over the pondage as you continue along the snow covered trail past Guthega Shaft. The flat trail soon ends and the more challenging walking starts as you make your way along the side of Guthega River valley, gently leading down to the edge of the river. A little upstream is a small timber bridge. Do not walk on or anywhere near the ice on the pondage - the water level often changes and the ice will not hold your weight.

### 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 Guthega Centre (gps: -36.3775, 148.3759). 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 including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/grs>

### 0 | Share the Snow

Here are some tips to help you share the snow with skiers. Please avoid snowshoeing on ski trails, whether groomed or ungroomed - it is fine to walk right next to the ski trail. When crossing a ski trail, please do so in a single file and on a flat, more visible, section. These tips aim to minimise trail ruts and collisions. Visit [Wilderness Sports](#) for snowshoe hire.

### 0 | Guthega

Guthega is a relatively small township, north of Perisher, and comprises mostly of hotel and lodge-style buildings. The most popular service in town is the Guthega Alpine Inn, open year round. The town is remote and access is by an all-weather dirt road. There are great views over the main range and the Guthega Pondage (part of the Snowy River Scheme). Guthega offers a great place to ski in winter, and to holiday in summer. In summer, there is plenty of walking, mountain biking, fishing and relaxing to be done. Walkers please note - there is no public water supply in the township, please fill water bottle before coming (or be willing treat and use the creek water).

### 0 | Winter only route

This walk follows an over-snow only route. During the warmer months, this walk crosses important and sensitive bogs that can be significantly damaged, even by light footed walkers. Please only walk this track when it is well covered with snow.

### 0 | Guthega Centre

(690 m 14 mins) From the car park in front of the Guthega

Centre (before the main resort), this walk follows the road for a short distance east (out of town) then turns left and heads down along the management trail towards the dam. The walk soon passes a 'No Entry Authorised Vehicles Only' sign and then heads around the locked gate and down along the gravel road. The management trail gently winds down the hill, enjoying the views of the dam wall, and soon comes to a large clearing, some information signs and a building just before the dam wall).

### 0.69 | Guthega Pondage

Guthega Dam collects the water from Blue Cow Creek, Guthega River and the Snowy River. The dam has been built to provide the water and pressure to drive the Guthega Power Station. The water is carried to the power station via the Guthega pressure tunnel (and pipeline). This dam is 33m high and 137m across at the top, and stores up to 1550 megalitres of water.

### 0.69 | Southern end of Guthega Dam Wall

(410 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the southern end of Guthega Dam wall, this walk follows the concrete road across the top of the dam wall, keeping the main pondage to your left. On the other side, the walk follows the management trail which, after about 100m, passes the 'Guthega Shaft' (a building on the left). About 150m later, the management trail leads to a three-way intersection (where the main trail bends right to head up the hill).

### 1.09 | Guthega Shaft intersection

(550 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the flat track, keeping the Guthega Pondage below and to your left. This walk follows a management trail for about 200m before the trail (and the flat walking) ends. The walk now stays above the pondage and follows the sloping hillside for another 200m, passing the occasional dead snow gum, until gently coming down to the flat section beside Guthega River. Here the walk continues upstream near the river for about 100m to find a small flat timber and metal bridge which crosses Guthega River (near the old ski lift on the other side of the river).

