

Porcupine Walk



2 hrs 30 mins

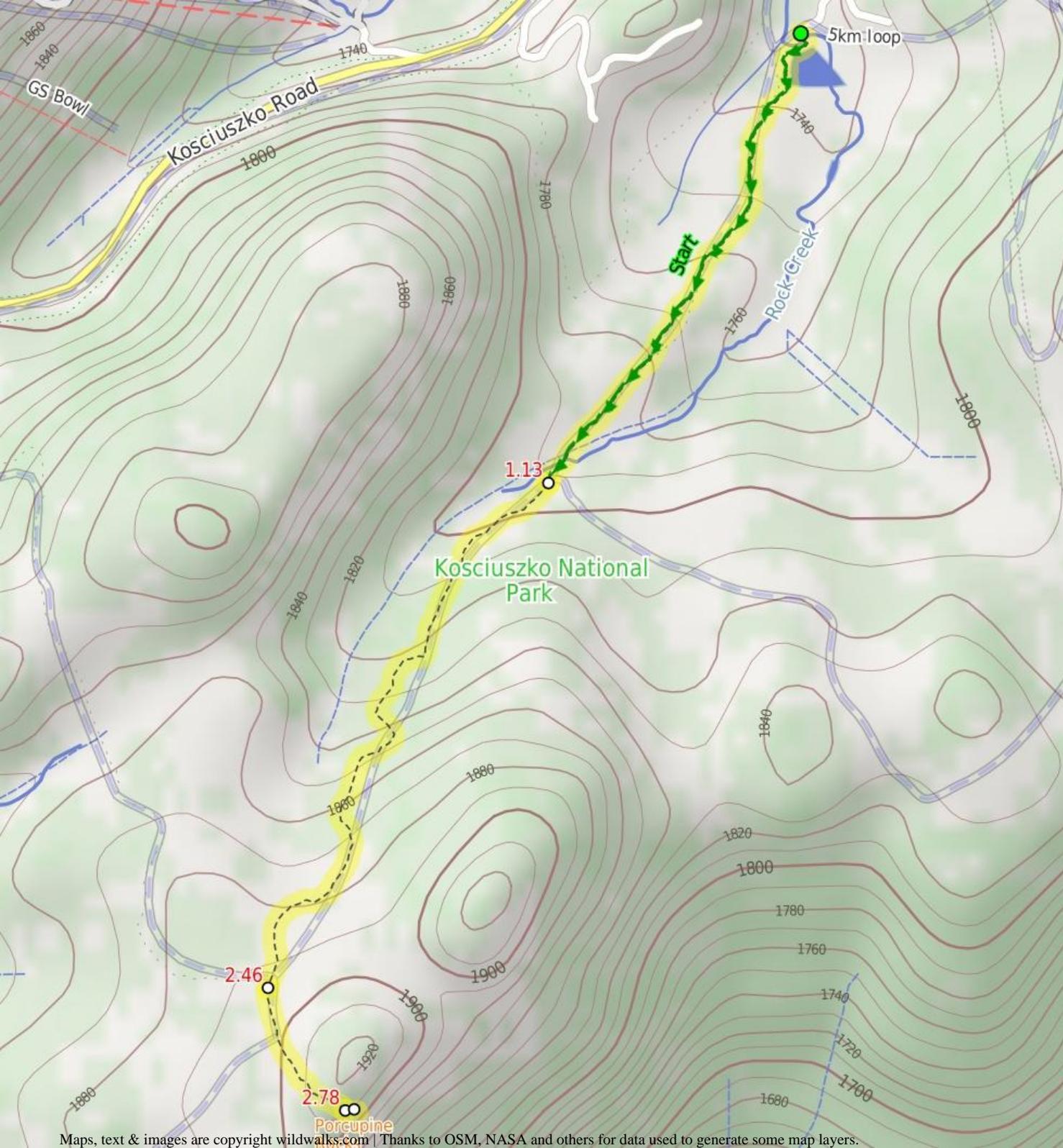
Hard track



5.6 km Return

214m

Starting at the Perisher Valley Reservoir, this walk heads up through Rock Creek valley to the panoramic views from Porcupine Rocks. On this walk, you will wander through button grass plains and among groves of snow gums whilst passing some granite tors. From the top of this walk, there are great views down both Perisher Valley and Thredbo River Valley as well as to Mt Duncan.



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 Water Supply Storage Rd (gps: -36.4109, 148.4102). 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/pt>

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 be carrying 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.

0 | End of Water Supply Storage Rd

(1.1 km 23 mins) From the car park at the end of Water Supply Storage Road in Perisher Valley, this walk passes the 'Porcupine Track' sign and crosses Rock Creek using the metal bridge. The walk then turns right and follows the next 'Porcupine Track' sign towards the pump house. At the pump house, this walk follows the narrow track on the other side of the building and heads left, up past the reservoir. Soon the track bends right and heads up the hill through the open grassland following the line of snow poles. About 300m from the pump house, the track follows the first in a series of metal (erosion control) grates. About 650m after this, the walk crosses Rock Creek again on a flat timber bridge then, 60m later, comes to a

signposted three-way intersection with Porcupine Link Track (on your left).

1.13 | Int of Porcupine and Link Track

(1.3 km 31 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Porcupine Trail' sign along the track and over the gentle rise heading south-west up the main wide valley. This track heads over a series of metal grates, leading through a few groves of dead snow gums to find a large and fairly flat saddle with a signposted intersection (with the 'Wheatley Link Track' on your right). The intersection is just past the new sign and before the older timber sign.

2.46 | Int of Porcupine Trail and Wheatley Link Track

(320 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Porcupine' trail signs north-west over the top of the saddle and towards the large rocky pinnacle. The track soon begins to steepen through a rocky area and, just after passing a large rocky outcrop (on your left), the track leads up to a three-way intersection beside the gap (on your left) between the two main peaks.

2.78 | Porcupine Saddle

(30 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track uphill (away from the gap). The track soon bends left, then the walk scrambles over the rocks to find the pinnacle of Porcupine Rocks. Be aware that these rocks can shift and may be slippery - do not climb beyond your capabilities.

2.81 | Porcupine Rocks

The Porcupine Rocks are a large granite outcrop on the ridge, south of Perisher Valley. There are two main peaks, and a rock scramble leads to the top of the southern peak, providing fantastic views of Perisher Valley, Mt Duncan, Thredbo River Valley and Bullocks Flat. The gap between the two summits provides some shade and protection from the wind. An amazing place to visit - allow time to just relax and enjoy this place. The summit can be slippery and icy, and there is a shear drop and other hazards. Much care is required.

