

Snow Gums Boardwalk



15 mins

Moderate track

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374 m Return

↑ 15m

This short walk starts at Charlotte Pass and follows a stone path, then boardwalk, discovering snow gums and two great lookouts. The first lookout provides great views west, up the Snowy River and Club Lake Creek to the Main Range and Australia's highest peaks. The next lookout is high on a rocky outcrop on Guthrie Range and provides a fantastic 360 degree view of the surrounding area.

1842m

Kosciuszko National Park

Main Range
lookout

Kosciuszko National
Park

1840

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Snow Gums
Charlotte
Pass
lookout
Alpine Tree
Line

Start

Kosciuszko Road

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: -36.4316, 148.3288). Car: Parking fees apply in the area.

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/sgb>

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

(30 m 1 mins) From Charlotte Pass at the lower end of the turning circle (at the end of Kosciuszko Road), this walk follows the 'Snow Gums Boardwalk' sign up the stone path. The walk soon passes a large rock (marking a track on the left), and continues up the stone path to wooden viewing platform, Charlotte Pass Lookout.

0.03 | Charlotte Pass lookout

The Charlotte Pass lookout is a partially fenced lookout, north

of the turning circle at the end of Kosciuszko Rd. The view is great, looking up the headwaters of the Snowy River up to the Main Range. To the left is Charlotte Pass (the actual pass only - there is no view of the village from here). There are also a few information signs explaining the local flora and geology.

0.03 | Snow Gums and the Alpine Tree Line

Snow gums (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) are the dominant tree found in Kosciuszko National Park. These slow-growing, distinctive plants have a light grey trunk with smooth red-brown bark, which peels unevenly with a mottled effect. They can be found south along the tablelands into Victoria, and also in Tasmania. Trees are covered with beautiful white flowers from October through to January, which attract lots of bird life. The alpine tree line is the highest altitude at which trees can survive, due to the cold temperatures. However, you will notice that, in some areas, there are no trees in the valleys, while they thrive on the surrounding hills. This is because cool air settles in the alpine valleys, making them colder and less hospitable than slightly higher altitudes.

0.03 | Charlotte Pass Lookout

(160 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From Charlotte Pass Lookout platform, this walk heads along the wooden walkway, heading further away from the road. The walk initially heads down a number of steps and skirts around the edge of the Snow Gums. There are some great examples of snow gums that are growing around boulders and a few information signs about the trees, as well as great views down to the Snowy River. Before long, the walk climbs up a series of steps along the timber boardwalk. Soon the walk leads to, then climbs, a metal staircase (passing more information signs). Here the stone steps lead left to access the Main Range Lookout.

0.19 | Main Range lookout

The Main Range lookout is a partially fenced lookout, perched high on a rocky promontory, providing 360-degree views of the Main Range, the Snowy River, Blue Lake track and many of the mountains in the area. There are a number of information signs, adding interest to the view. This lookout is very exposed to the wind and weather, but provides great views in favourable conditions - be sure to consider the weather conditions before climbing up.

