

## 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 Kosciuszko Express chairlift (gps: -36.504, 148.304). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Cascades Trail track head (gps: -36.5229, 148.2645). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/ttdhg">http://wild.tl/ttdhg</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 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 | Bottom of Kosciuszko Express chairlift

(480 m 9 mins) From the big map outside the ticket store at the bottom of the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift, this walk follows the 'Riverside Walk' sign down to cross the bridge over Thredbo River. Here the walk turns right onto Friday drive and follows the footpath under the footbridge heading between the road and the river. The walk follows the road past the children's playground (on your left) and beside the car park, past the pond to come to a four-way intersection with 'Diggings Terrace', just past a small pond.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Crackenback Drive' sign across the bridge, over Thredbo River. The walk then comes to a signposted intersection in front of the 'Thredbo Memorial Community Centre'.

#### 0.48 | Thredbo Golf Course

This nine hole AGU (Australian Golf Union) rated course is the highest in Australia. Nestled in beside Thredbo village, and bordering the Thredbo River, this course offers a great form of relaxation, and gives golfers a wonderful way to enjoy the Snowies, without having to travel too far from the village. More info.

### 0.48 | Thredbo Memorial Community Centre

(200 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the Community Centre, this walk follows the 'Riverside Walk' and 'Dead Horse Gap' signs down the track towards the river. The track leads alongside the river for approximately 100m before bending up and leaving the bush to come to the edge of the Golf Course, behind the community centre.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the well worn track winding around the edge of the golf course, away from the community centre. After about 30m this walk crosses a short metal bridge, to then come to an intersection at a larger timber bridge (on your left).

### 0.69 | Int of Riverside Walk and Thredbo River bridge

(810 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the wooden bridge, this walk follows the track whilst keeping the river to your left. The track gently meanders between the golf course and the river, enjoying some sections very close to the river. The track heads over a few metal grates and over a small metal bridge to come to an intersection next to the golf course marked with a small timber bridge (over a small creek), just before the pump house.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the clear track towards the green timber hut, keeping the Thredbo river to your left. The track soon passes the pump house (the green timber hut) and leads beside the river for about 150m before turning right and heading uphill. The walk then heads up the steps to find a clear three-way intersection marked with a large 'Thredbo River Track' sign.

# 1.49 | Int of Thredbo River and golf course tracks

(1.3 km 27 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thredbo River Track' sign through the bush and across a metal walkway, continuing along the bush track as it winds alongside the river. The walk crosses several metal walkways and winds up a few sets of wooden steps before coming to the intersection of the Thredbo River Cascades lookout platform.

#### 2.79 | Cascades Lookout

This metal platform leans over the Thredbo River, lookout upstream to the flowing cascades. There is also a wooden seat provided here, making it a great rest stop, conveniently situated about half way between Dead Horse Gap and Thredbo Village, on the Thredbo River track.

### 2.79 | Cascades lookout

(470 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the wooden steps up the rocky winding hill to the top, where it flattens out at a wooden boardwalk and continues along a metal walkway, winding up through the bush until coming to a metal bridge crossing the Thredbo River.

## 3.26 | Thredbo River eastern bridge

(340 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From just before the bridge, this walk crosses Thredbo River using the long metal bridge. This walk then leads up a log lined set of stairs to then turn right and follow a track through the open grassy area with a scattering of snow gums. Before too long the track comes closer to the river again and heads along a metal grate to then cross the Thredbo River again on another

metal bridge.

### 3.6 | Thredbo River track western bridge

(1.1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the western bridge this walk follows the track across the grassy area to soon lead up a long series of steps. The track then gently undulates along the side of the valley, keeping the valley to your left. Over the next 600m the track crosses a series of metal erosion grates (and some small creeks) and passes through a section of dead snow gums. The track gently climbs then flattens out to be a similar height to the road (on the other side of the valley) and then comes to a signposted three-way intersection where there is a 'Thredbo village 4km' sign pointing back along the track.

### 4.66 | Int of Thredbo River and Dead Horse Gap tracks

(160 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follow the clear track away from the other two sign posted tracks to soon cross Bogong Creek on a metal bridge. The track then leads left and heads up a series of steps to follow behind the road barrier, soon coming to a 'Thredbo Walking Tracks' sign beside the road. Here the walk crosses the road to find the Cascades Trail track head car park (on the Alpine Way 5.4km west of Friday Drive).

# 4.82 | Dead Horse Gap

Dead Horse Gap is a relativley low mountain pass in the Great Dividing Range at 1582m AMSL. It was once a meeting place for Aboriginal groups in the summer, where they would perform ceremonies and trade with each other. In nature the pass acts as a funnel for the migration of insects and birds. In the early 20th century, the pass became increasingly popular with stockmen, who brought sheep and cattle to the mountains each summer.