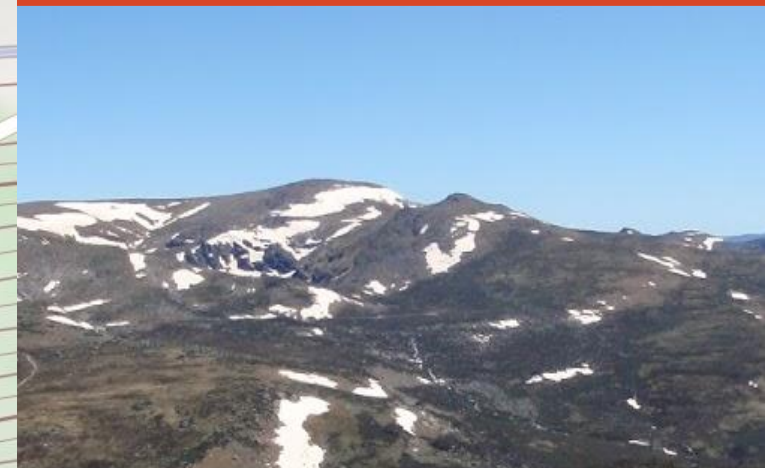
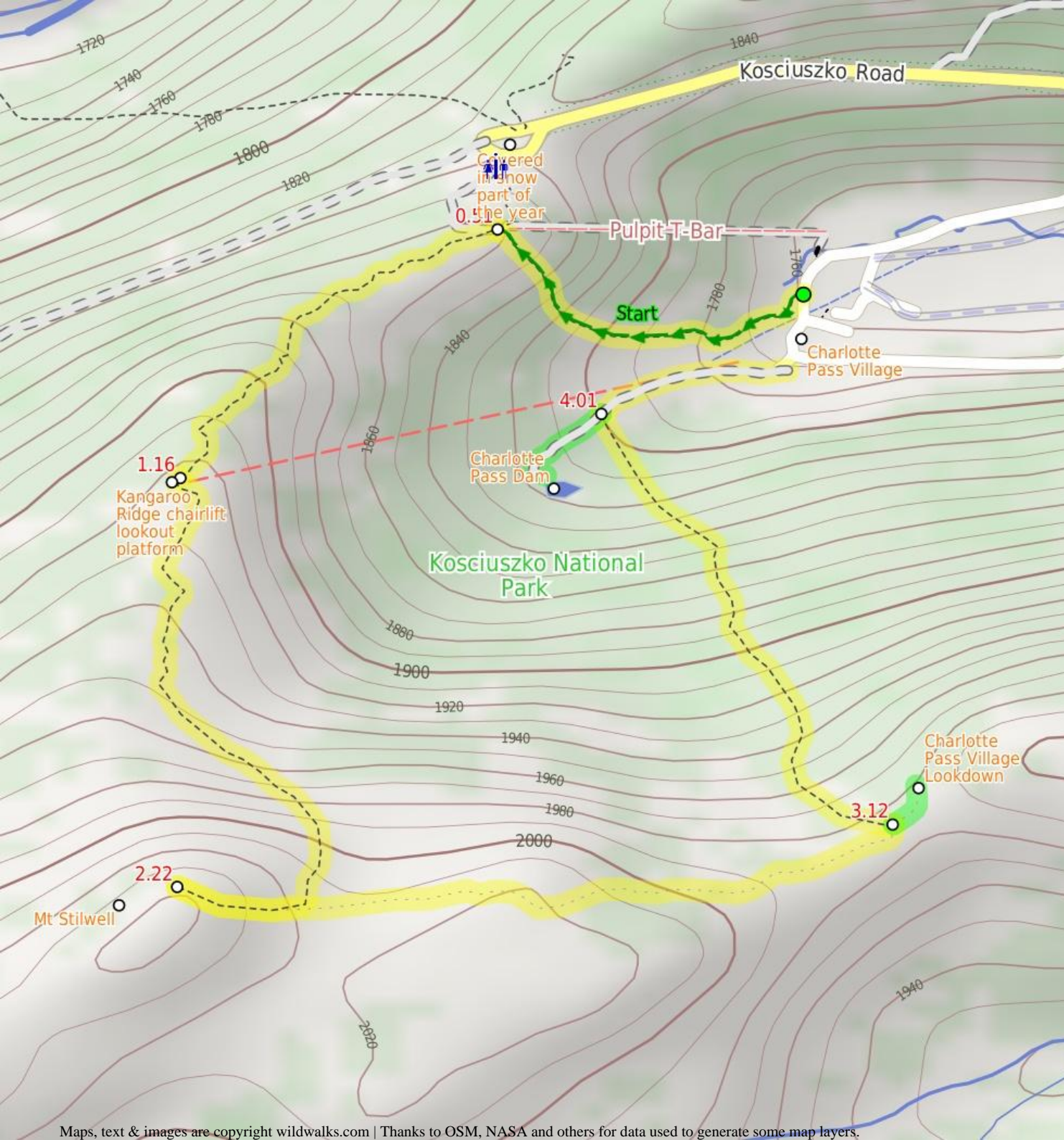


# Charlotte Pass Village and Mt Stilwell loop



**2 hrs 15 mins**

**Hard track**

**4.2 km Circuit**

**↑ 295m**



This loop walk starts at Charlotte Pass, and winds up to Mt Stilwell's peak, with stunning views in every direction. The walk then goes along the ridge line to the village lookdown, near the demolished Tbar station, before returning to the village through the snow gum forest. There is an optional side trip to the village dam, in Spencers Creek, that is a nice area for a picnic before returning to the village.

1759m

2041m

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 Basin Poma lift (gps: -36.4345, 148.3322). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit, 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/cpvamsl>

### 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 | 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 Basin Poma lift

(510 m 13 mins) From the bottom of the Basin Poma lift, this walk follows the grassy management trail which winds along the side of the hill. The walk turns up the ridge towards the top of the Pulpit T-bar and leaves the management trail as it fades out. The walk continues up the ridge to the top of the Pulpit T-bar.

### 0.51 | Top of Pulpit Tbar

(650 m 13 mins) Turn left: From the top of the Tbar, the walk follows the clear track up the ridge line towards the rusty ruins of an old ski lift. The track soon passes in front of the old lift and then continues to

climb up a series of stone steps winding between the granite boulders and snow gums. The track enjoys wide views down over Charlotte Pass village to your left. The track continues up to come a metal platform and lookout (on your right) just near the top of the Kangaroo Ridge Chairlift.

### 1.16 | Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform

At the top of the Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lies a steel platform. This partially fenced lookout offers broad views to the north-west over the Snowy River valley and across the Main Range. From the chairlift, there are also views down to Charlotte Pass Village.

### 1.16 | Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform

(1.1 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the Kangaroo Ridge chairlift lookout platform, this walk heads south, behind the chairlift station and along the grassy track, keeping Charlotte Pass village to your left. The track leads up between some granite boulders and becomes much clearer again. Here the track winds gently uphill and up a series of stone steps before heading down across a valley and over two small metal grate bridges. About 100m after the second metal grate the track leads to a rocky and boggy hollow. From here the track narrows and starts to round Mt Stilwell (to your right). The track continues to bend right to the side of Stilwell saddle (where you can see down to the snow poles on your left). Here the fainter track leads almost straight up the side of Mt Stilwell heading for the rocky summit marked with a metal trig. Near the top the walk climbs over the granite boulders to find the summit and the impressive 360 degree view.

### 2.22 | Mt Stilwell

At approximately 2040m above sea level, Mt Stilwell is the highest peak in the ridge line winding around the southern side of Charlotte Pass village. With arguably one of the best views in the Kosciuszko National Park, Mt Stilwell's peak looks down at the village, and out across the main range to Headley Tarn, Blue Lake and Mt Twynam, and the Snowy River. There is also the lower half of an old trig point located at the peak which, when whole, was used for navigation.

### 2.22 | Mt Stilwell

(900 m 21 mins) Turn around: From the top of Mt Stilwell, this walk heads south-east down towards the saddle. About two thirds of the way down to the saddle, this walk ignores the clear track that veers left (around the side of Mt Stilwell) and continues straight down the side of the hill, following a very faint track down into the saddle to pass a snowpole line. The route continues east up the other side for just shy of 200m, winding through the rock outcrops to near the top of a small hill. Here the walk continues east along the grassy ridgeline for another 450m to come to an intersection with a track (on your left) on the far side of the next saddle.

### 3.12 | Optional sidetrip to Village Lookdown

(80 m 1 mins) Veer right: 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. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

### 3.12 | 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.

### 3.12 | Village Lookdown saddle

(900 m 32 mins) Turn left : From the saddle, this walk follows the narrow grassy track north-west down the side of the ridge. The track winds down through the open for about 300m, then passes through a snowgum forest for about 500m, (passing a snowpole line about halfway down the hill). At the bottom of the hill, this walk crosses the small creek then heads up a short climb (over a metal pipe) to come to a T-intersection with the Charlotte Pass dam management trail.

### 4.01 | Optional sidetrip to Charlotte Pass Dam

(150 m 4 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the faint grassy management trail, winding south-west 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 Continue straight.

### 4.01 | 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.

### 4.01 | Int of Dam and Village Lookdown tracks

(240 m 6 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the grassy management trail, heading down the hill towards the chairlift. The trail follows this down to the bottom of Kangaroo Ridge chairlift.