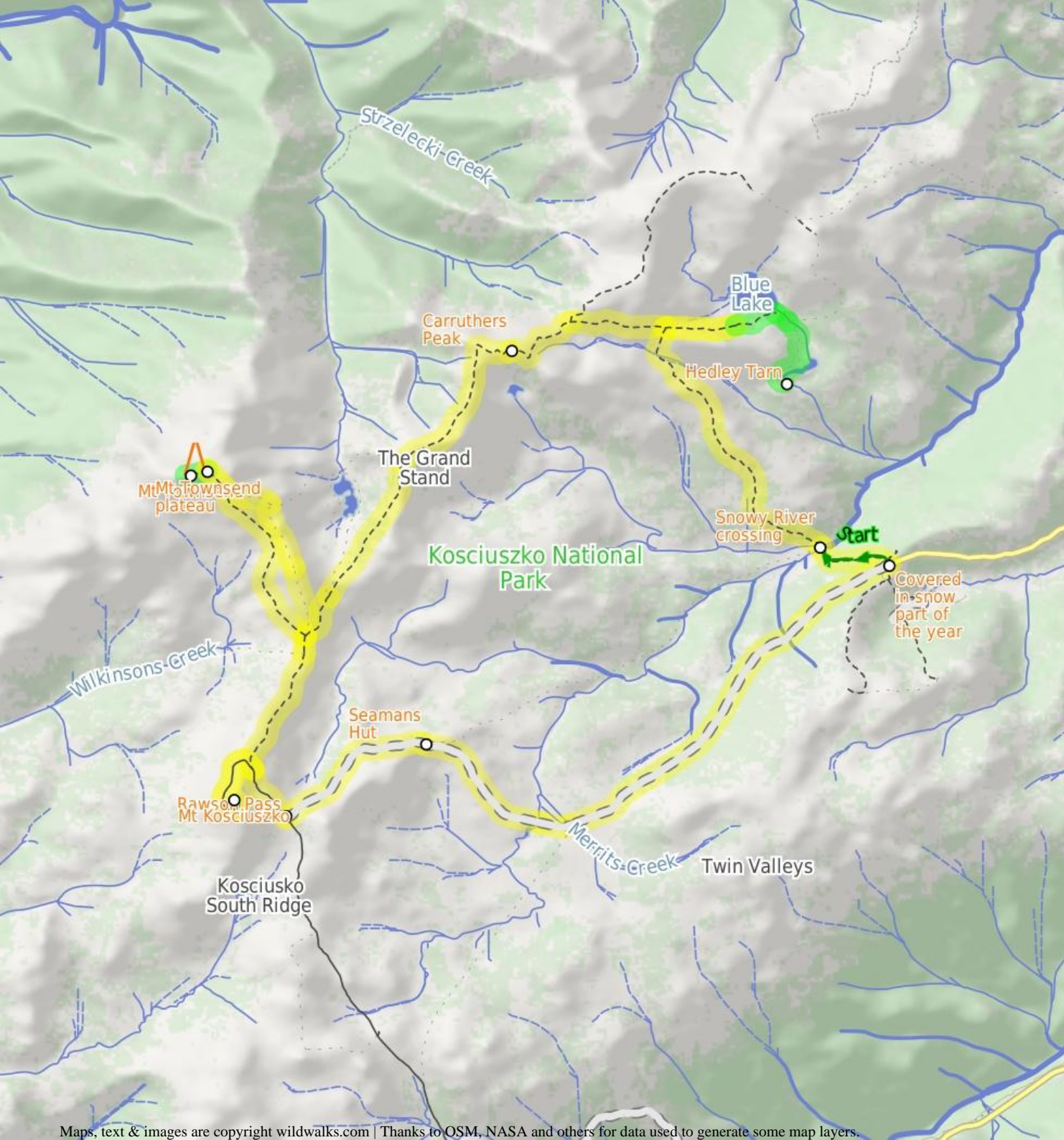


Main Range Track - Loop from Charlotte Pass camping near Mt Townsend



2 Days

Experienced only

5

27.7 km Circuit

1260m

This great overnight walk starts from Charlotte Pass and provides access to some of the best sights around the Kosciuszko National Park. Just a few of the features along this walk include reaching the summits of the two tallest peaks in Australia, looking down on some glacial lakes and crossing the famous Snowy River.

1716m

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Kosciuszko National Park

Covered in snow part of the year

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Snowy Mountains District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Monaro Alpine, Southern Slopes](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Kosciuszko National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps


The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

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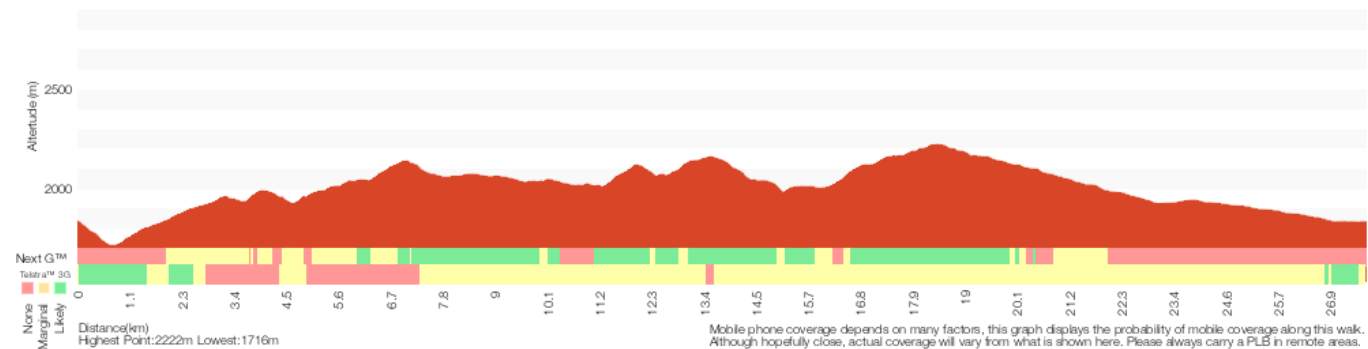
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Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.

Grade 5/6 Experienced only	
	
Length	27.7 km Circuit
Time	2 Days
Quality of track	Rough unclear track (5/6)
Signs	No directional signs (5/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather likely to have an impact on your navigation and safety (5/6)
Infrastructure	No facilities provided (5/6)

*** This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**



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 walk's 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. **Experienced walkers only: This walk passes through very remote areas and sections have no visible track. At least one person in your group should have training and experience in off track walking and navigation. Even with these notes and a GPS these extra skills and equipment are required.**

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to End of Kosciuszko Road (gps: -36.4317, 148.3287). 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/1r>

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0 | End of Kosciuszko Road

(790 m 18 mins) From Charlotte Pass (at the turning circle at the end of Kosciuszko Rd), this walk follows the 'Main Range Track' - 'Blue Lake Lookout' sign downhill along the wide paved path. The walk winds down past the stone path (on your right) and continues beside the 'Glaciers shaped this ancient landscape' information sign. The path continues down through lightly scattered snow gums to the bottom of the valley, approximately 650m further. Just past the 'From the mountains to the sea' information sign, this walk crosses the Snowy River using the stepping stones and comes to a strip of land between the two creeks. (Crossing the river is dangerous and is not advisable when the water is flowing over the stepping stones).

0.79 | Snowy River crossing

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0.79 | Snowy River crossing

(3.2 km 1 hr 7 mins) Veer right: From between the two creeks, this walk heads north along the wide track to cross Club Lake Creek using the stepping stones. (The creek may not be safe to cross when water covers the stepping

stones). The walk then follows the wide, paved track fairly steeply up the hill. After a short time, the track becomes gravel and continues up the hill for about 400m further before passing a 'Mountains of Soil' information sign, where the track soon becomes less steep. After about 1.5km, the track passes a 'Created by glaciers' information sign and reveals some views down to Hedley Tarn (on your right). The track continues up the hill and between the granite boulders to then head down the other side of the ridge. The walk leads down to rock-hop across Carruthers Creek, then follows the wide, paved path up the hill, passing the 'Remnants of an ancient sea' information sign and coming to a paved area, with a view to Blue Lake and some information signs marking a three-way intersection.

4.02 | Int of Main Range and Blue Lake Lookout tracks

(640 m 14 mins) Turn right: From the paved area, this walk follows the dirt track next to the stone seat, heading east towards Blue Lake. The rocky track winds down and around the northern side of the ridge to a platform with an information sign and a fantastic view of Blue Lake.

4.66 | Optional sidetrip to Hedley Tarn

(1.4 km 29 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout platform, this walk heads east down the rocky bush track to the bottom of the valley at the eastern end of the lake, and into the shallow gully, where the walk comes to the intersection of the Little Twynam track a short while later.

Veer right: From the south eastern tip of the lake, this walk follows the Blue Lake creek into the shallow gully, where it comes to the intersection of the Little Twynam route about 150m downstream.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading south-east, down-stream alongside the creek flowing out of Blue Lake to Hedley Tarn. The walk heads through to the southern end of the shallow gully and around the western side of Hedley Tarn, coming to the southern side. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

4.66 | Hedley Tarn

Hedley Tarn is a beautiful glacial lake just south of Blue Lake, from which you can see right across the valley to the end of Kosciuszko Road at Charlotte Pass and is well worth the trip down from Blue Lake.

4.66 | Blue Lake lookout

(2.4 km 49 mins) Turn around: From the platform, the track heads west, uphill away from Blue Lake. The rocky track climbs up around the side of the hill, coming to a paved area with an information sign, stone seat and an intersection with the Main Range track.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads west, uphill away from Blue Lake. The walk initially heads along a short section of paved path before continuing along the wide gravel track. The track winds gently uphill for a while, keeping the wide valley to your left. The walk comes to a saddle and a three-way intersection, marked with a 'Main Range Track' signpost.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Main Range Track' sign across the saddle then uphill along the clear track. The track winds up along the ridge and in time comes to a rocky clearing on the eastern side of Carruthers Peak (where a short detour will reveal views down to Club Lake). Here the walk bends right and follows the clear track as it winds up the hill to the views at the top of Carruthers Peak.

7.05 | Carruthers Peak

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7.05 | Carruthers Peak

(2 km 41 mins) Continue straight: From the top of Carruthers Peak, this walk follows the clear track west as it winds down the ridge. After about 50m, the track passes an 'I30' survey marker (more good views) where the track bends left and follows the stone path and steps down the hill. At the end of the stone path, the track bends left and heads down the hill, over a few lengths of metal grate and comes to a saddle with good views down to Club Lake (on your left). The walk then continues across the saddle, following the clear track to soon pass the 'Rarest Alpine Plant Community' information sign. Heading around the side of the hill (keeping the valley to your right), the walk then comes to another rocky saddle. About 320m beyond this saddle, this track leads to a very faint intersection where the ridge (that leads to the northern end of Albina Lake) on the right meets the main track.

9.04 | Int of northern Lake Albina and Main Range tracks

(1.7 km 37 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the gravel Main Range track south, keeping the valley and Albina Lake to your right. The track heads downhill and then winds around beside a rocky saddle (a short side trip to the left over the small rise reveals some views into the valley). This walk continues along the clear track as it traverses fairly gently around the side of the very steep hill. In a few places, the track has been cut into the rock and provides great views down into the Albina Lake - take care not to slip. The walk continues to another large saddle and just as the track starts to dip down past the saddle, the track comes to a faint intersection with an old management trail (leading to Lake Albina, on your right).

10.75 | Int of southern Lake Albina and Main Range tracks

(520 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the rock-paved Main Range track south. The track steadily winds around the side of the hill (keeping the large valley to your left). After heading between a rocky outcrop, the track becomes gravel and starts to head over the ridge before gently winding down the hill. Just before flattening out on the large saddle, the track comes to a faint intersection (with the Muellers Peak and Mt Townsend tracks on your right) marked with a rock cairn (on your right).

11.27 | Int of Main Range and Muellers Peak track

(790 m 23 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection, the walk leaves the main path and heads north, off track, following the top of the ridge line. The walk climbs moderately steeply up the grassy hill. Near the top the walk comes to a rocky outcrop and the top of Muellers peak.

12.06 | Muellers Peak

(1.5 km 36 mins) Continue straight: From Muellers peak, this walk heads north, down the rocky ridge. The walk continues along the ridgeline working a way around the many boulders then around another smaller peak to come to a saddle and minor track intersection (with a pad that leads down to Lake Albina).

Veer left: From the saddle, this walk heads north-west up the ridge line, keeping Lake Albina on your right (as it soon goes out of view) to climb up the hill. After a short time the walk finds a well worn foot pad which leads up between a few rocky outcrops to the large flat saddle between Mt Townsend and Alice Rawson Peak.

13.55 | Mt Townsend plateau

This bush campsite is in the saddle between Mt Townsend and Alice Rawson Peak. The large, reasonably flat grassy area with a scattering of boulders has no facilities or water supply. Camping is not permitted in areas that drain into the glacial lakes, so only camp and toilet on the north side of the saddle (this limits the amount of nutrients ending up in Lake Albina). There is some shelter from south-westerly winds, but the campsite is exposed to the

elements. An alternate campsite at Wilkensos Creek to the south may provide more shelter.

13.55 | Optional sidetrip to Mt Townsend peak

(210 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the saddle/plateau, this walk heads west, following the well worn foot pad towards the top of Mt Townsend. The pad leads around to the north eastern side of the peak, over a few boulders to find remains of an old building and a tall rocky outcrop. Here the walk scrambles up the rocks to find a concrete pillar and great views at the peak of Mt Townsend. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

13.55 | Mt Townsend

Mt Townsend is the second highest peak on the mainland of Australia and arguably the more impressive out of it and Kosciuszko. This point of view started the tradition of walkers climbing to the peak, putting a rock they'd find at the bottom in their pack and adding it to the top, in an attempt to make it the highest peak instead of Kosciuszko. A little known fact is that Mt Townsend was once called Mt Kosciuszko when it was originally thought that it was the highest peak, but when various measurements showed that the now named Kosciuszko was slightly higher, the NSW Lands department decided it would be easier to swap the names around instead of re-educating the public.

13.55 | End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

13.55 | Townsend plateau

(2.3 km 56 mins) Turn around: From the saddle/plateau between Mt Townsend and Alice Rawson Peak, this walk heads south-east following the well worn foot-pad. The pad soon crosses a small creek and leads down the hill, tending right along the side of the ridge. The pad leads just below the saddle north of Muellers Peak, then continues to head fairly gently downhill around the side of Muellers Peak. Keeping Wilkinsons Creek valley below to your right, this walk heads around the side of the hill, crossing a few gullies before gently climbing up to the northern end of a large saddle where this walk comes to the gravel Main Range Track.

15.81 | Int of Main Range and Muellers Peak track

(1.6 km 42 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads south along the main track to the low point in the saddle (where there is a faint intersection with a pad leading down to Wilkinsons Creek on your right). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south along the clear track, climbing up out of the saddle and along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your left. The walk heads up many stone steps for about 600m, then flattens out for a little while before coming to a clear and signposted three-way intersection. (Here, the track on the right leads up to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko.)

17.45 | Int of Main Range track and Kosciuszko path

(970 m 23 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Kosciuszko' sign uphill along the upper track. This track winds steadily up and around the peak of the mountain, passing a stone-paved section of track, and also a metal grate before climbing a few steps to the cairn at the peak of Mt Kosciuszko.

18.43 | Mt Kosciuszko

Mt Kosciuszko is the highest peak on the Australian continent, at 2228m above sea level. It was named by the Polish explorer Count Paul Edmund Strzelecki and named in honour of the Polish national hero General Tadeusz Kościuszko. Now a popular tourist attraction, thousands of people walk up to the summit each year. On a clear day, the 360-degree views from the summit across the roof of Australia are fantastic. There are higher mountains elsewhere on Australian territory. The highest mountains in Australian Antarctic Territory are Mt McClintock (3490 meters) and Mt Menzies (3355 meters).

18.43 | Mt Kosciuszko

(1.6 km 39 mins) Turn around: From the cairn at the peak of Mt Kosciuszko, this walk heads down the steps and past the information sign. The walk heads gently downhill along the gravel track then over a metal grate and a stone path, where the gravel path then leads the rest of the way around the side of the peak to come to the signposted intersection with the 'Main Range Track'. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the gravel track towards 'Rawson Pass' gently downhill, keeping the main valley to your left. The track almost immediately passes an 'Alpine Walks' information sign and map as it continues south. After about 500m, the track becomes a stone path that leads a little further to the clearly signposted three-way intersection at 'Rawson Pass'.

20.07 | Rawson Pass

Rawson Pass is where the old Kosciuszko Road, from Charlotte Pass, meets the metal walkway from Thredbo. It is home to highest public toilet in Australia, this recently-added facility is perfectly positioned for those taking the walk up to the top of Kosciuszko. Rawson Pass is well signposted and 500m south east of Mt Kosciuszko (by straight line). There is also a place for to park mountain bikes for those cycling along the old road from Charlotte

Pass.

20.07 | Rawson Pass

(1.6 km 31 mins) Veer left: From the intersection at Rawson Pass, this walk follows the 'Seamans Hut' sign along the stone path. The walk soon passes the bicycle parking area then Australia's highest toilet block (on your right). The walk then continues along the management trail as it winds down along the side of the hill to a gap and the clearly signposted 'Seamans Hut' on your left.

21.69 | Seamans Hut

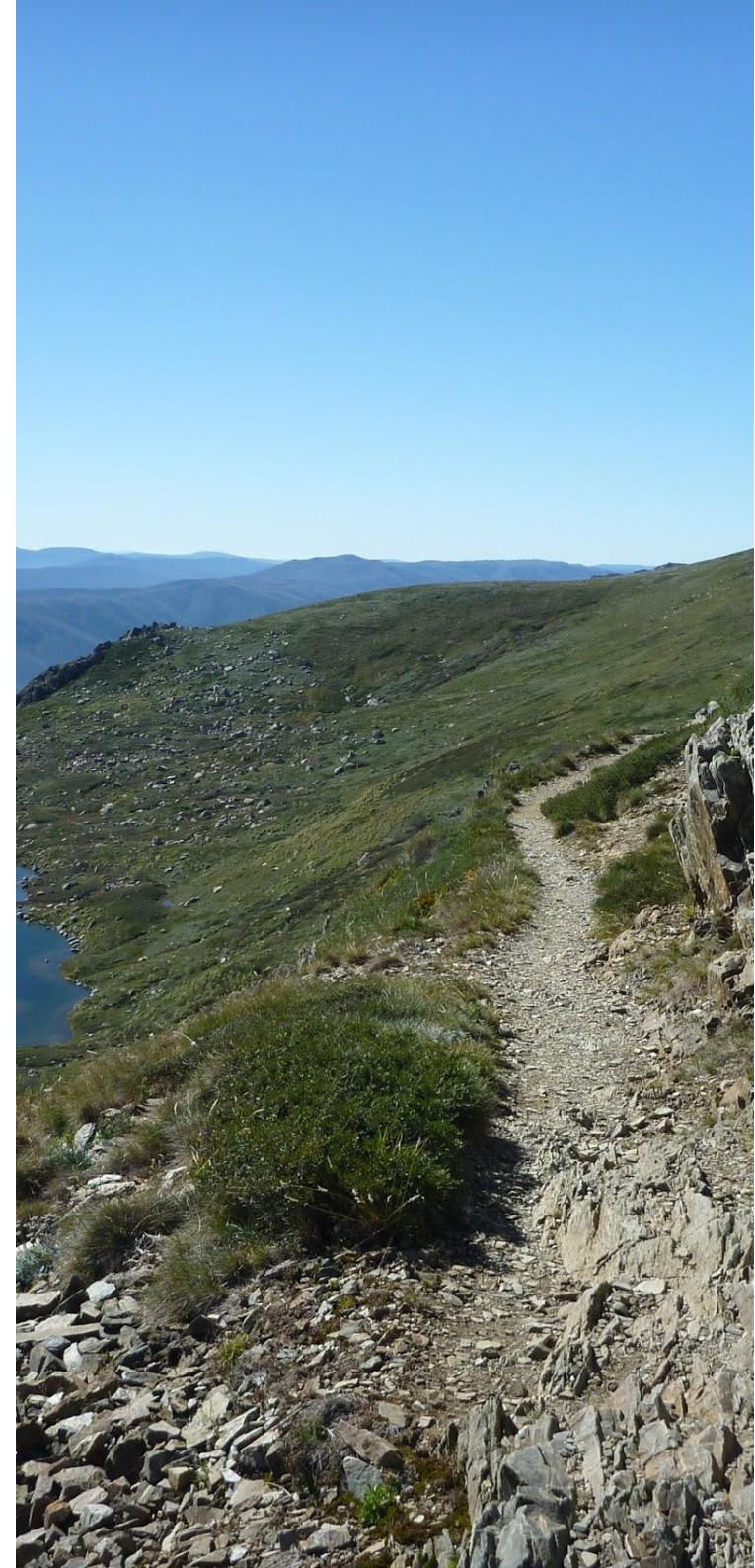
This hut was erected in 1929, after a young skier named Laurie Seaman perished in a blizzard when he was separated from his group. The hut was built using money donated by Seaman's parents, for the use of those who might need emergency shelter in the mountains. It was renovated in 1938 due to fire. Seamans Hut is a 7m x3m granite stone building with a wood stove, although there is little wood in the area. [More info.](#)

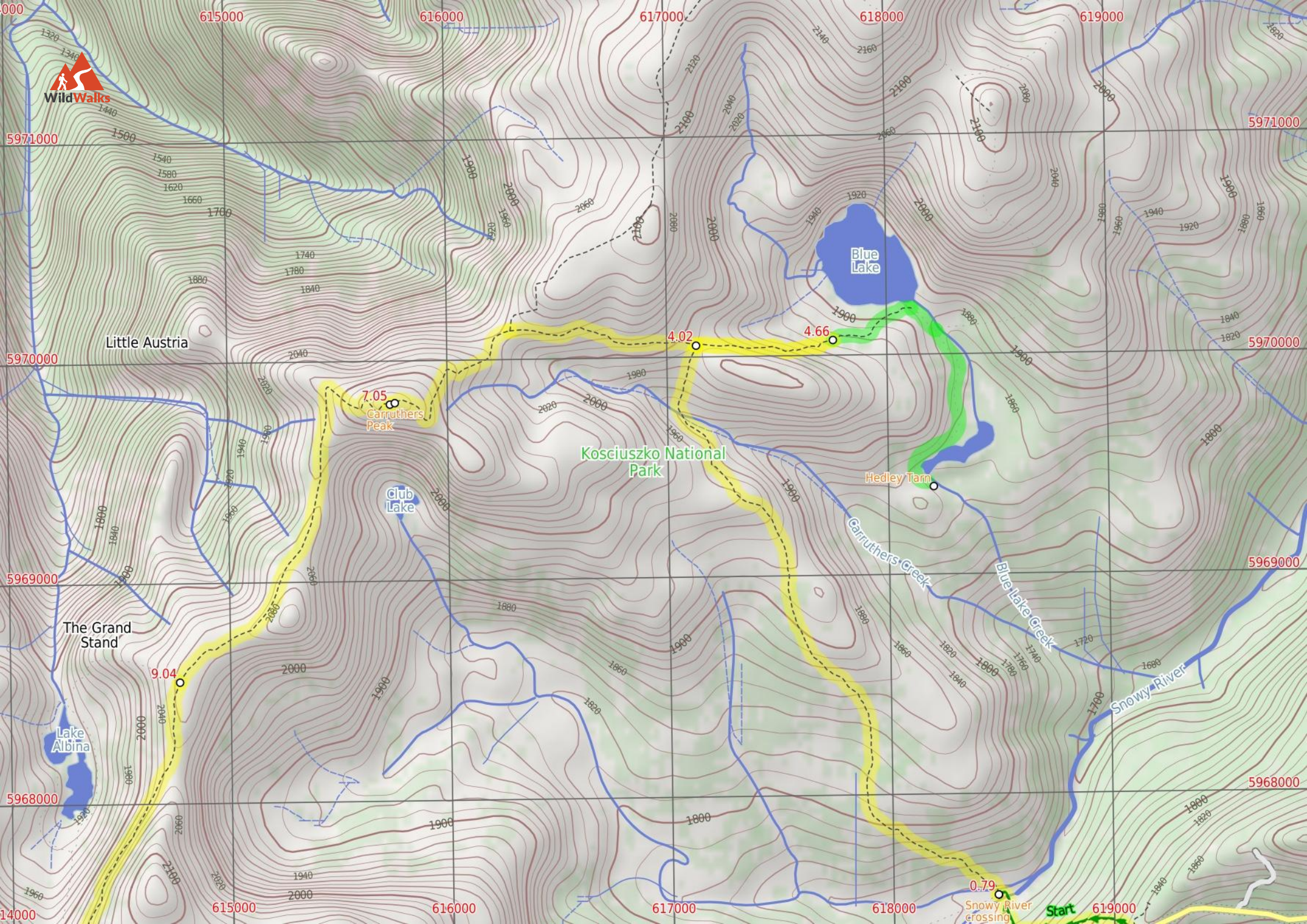
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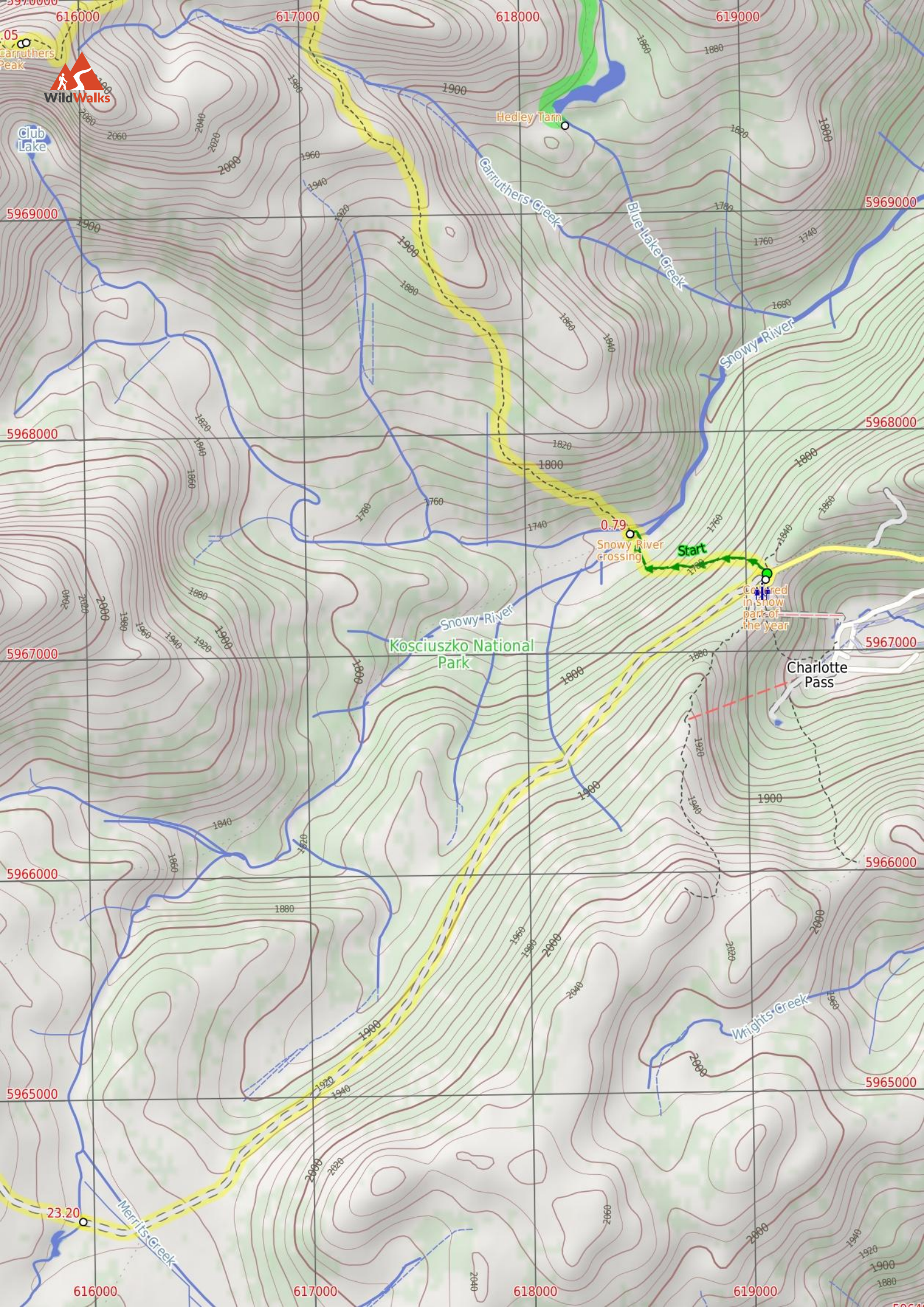
(1.5 km 27 mins) Continue straight: From 'Seamans Hut', this walk follows the management trail as it winds down the hill. After about 450m, the trail passes a flat clearing with views (on your left) where the trail bends right to head down to the valley. After a little while, the trail crosses the concrete bridge over the signposted 'Snowy River'.

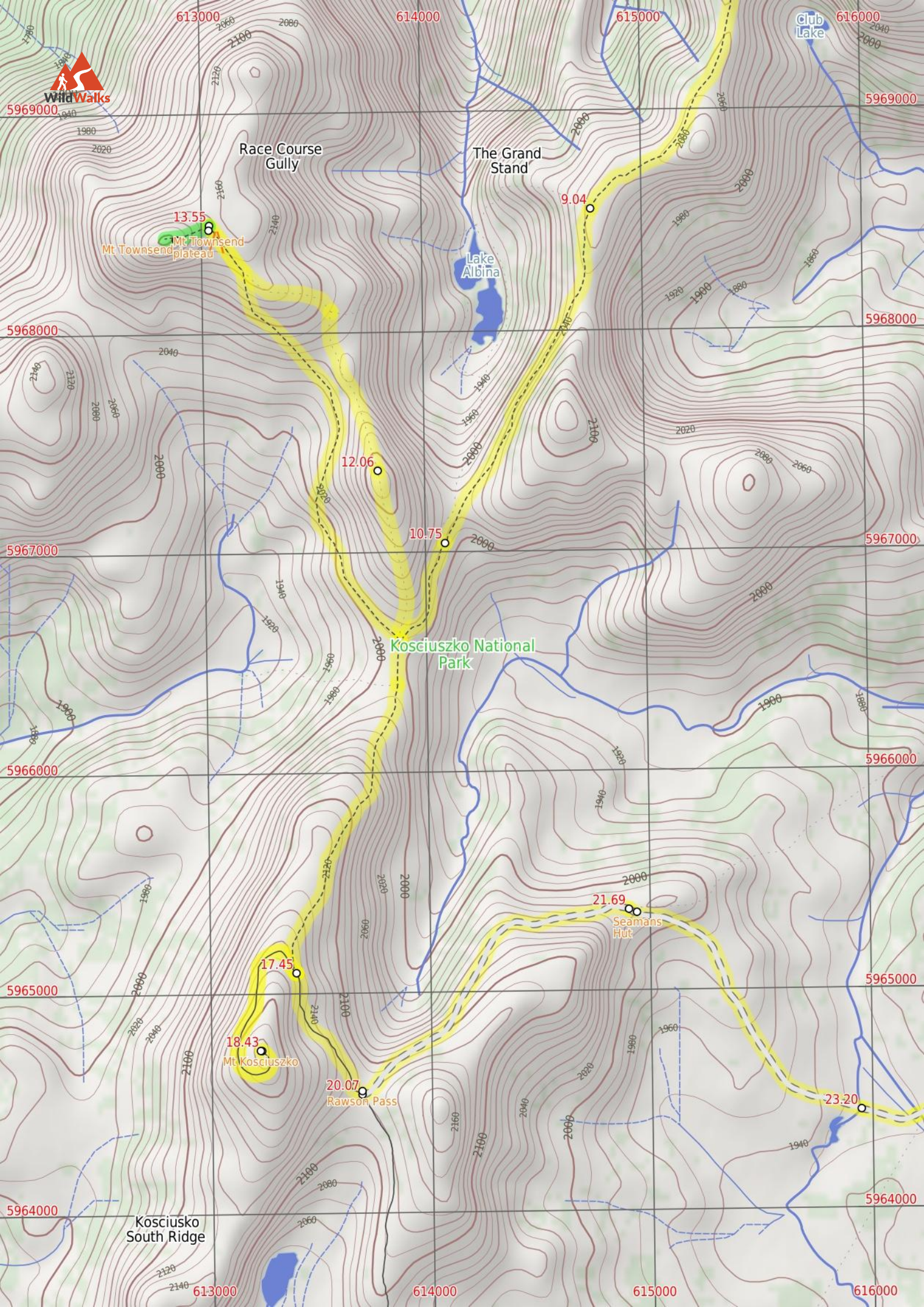
23.2 | Snowy River bridge

(4.5 km 1 hr 27 mins) Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk follows the management trail east, passing the 'Snowy River' sign. The trail soon bends left, coming to the un-signposted concrete Merritts Creek bridge. Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk heads uphill along the management trail, keeping the main line of snow poles to your left. The old road soon leads past a 'CP 4' sign (on your left), over the ridge line and down the other side. The trail gently winds down along the side of the hill, enjoying views of the Snowy River and valley to your left. The old road passes a few creeks and more 'CP' signs along the way. A little while after the 'CP 1' sign, the management trail enters a nice grove of snow gum trees then heads up a small rise to find the turning circle at the end of Kosciuszko Rd at Charlotte Pass (with the toilet block to your right).









Race Course Gully

The Grand Stand

Lake Albina

Kosciuszko National Park

Seaman's Hut

Kosciuszko South Ridge

Mt. Townsend plateau

Mt. Kosciuszko

Rawson Pass

Summary navigation sheet for the Main Range Track - Loop from Charlotte Pass camping near Mt Townsend



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	End of Kosciuszko Road -36.4317,148.3287 (GR Perisher Valley, 191674)	1 -122	790 m 18 mins	From Charlotte Pass (at the turning circle at the end of Kosciuszko Rd), this walk follows the 'Main Range Track' - 'Blue Lake Lookout' sign downhill along the wide paved path.
0.79	Snowy River crossing -36.4301,148.3217 (GR Perisher Valley, 185675)	306 -33	3.2 km 1 hr 7 mins	Veer right: From between the two creeks, this walk heads north along the wide track to cross Club Lake Creek using the stepping stones.
4.02	Int of Main Range and Blue Lake Lookout tracks -36.4076,148.3064 (GR Perisher Valley, 171701)	8 -72	640 m 14 mins	Turn right: From the paved area, this walk follows the dirt track next to the stone seat, heading east towards Blue Lake.
4.66	Blue Lake lookout -36.4073,148.3133 (GR Perisher Valley, 178701)	23 -103	1.4 km 29 mins	Optional sidetrip to Hedley Tarn. Continue straight: From the lookout platform, this walk heads east down the rocky bush track to the bottom of the valley at the eastern end of the lake, and into the shallow gully, where the walk comes to the inters...
4.66	Blue Lake lookout -36.4073,148.3133 (GR Perisher Valley, 178701)	231 -17	2.4 km 49 mins	Turn around: From the platform, the track heads west, uphill away from Blue Lake.
7.05	Carruthers Peak -36.41,148.2908 (GR Perisher Valley, 157698)	25 -102	2 km 41 mins	Continue straight: From the top of Carruthers Peak, this walk follows the clear track west as it winds down the ridge.
9.04	Int of northern Lake Albina and Main Range tracks -36.4214,148.2802 (GR Perisher Valley, 148686)	63 -108	1.7 km 37 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the gravel Main Range track south, keeping the valley and Albina Lake to your right.
10.75	Int of southern Lake Albina and Main Range tracks -36.4351,148.2729 (GR Perisher Valley, 141670)	17 -25	520 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the rock-paved Main Range track south.
11.27	Int of Main Range and Muellers Peak track -36.4391,148.2706 (GR Perisher Valley, 139666)	111 -4	790 m 23 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, the walk leaves the main path and heads north, off track, following the top of the ridge line.
12.06	Muellers Peak -36.4321,148.2694 (GR Perisher Valley, 138674)	104 -59	1.5 km 36 mins	Continue straight: From Muellers peak, this walk heads north, down the rocky ridge.
13.55	Townsend plateau -36.4221,148.2609 (GR Perisher Valley, 130685)	41 0	210 m 7 mins	Optional sidetrip to Mt Townsend peak. Turn left: From the saddle/plateau, this walk heads west, following the well worn foot pad towards the top of Mt Townsend.
13.55	End of day 1 -36.4221,148.2609 (GR Perisher Valley, 130685)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
13.55	Townsend plateau -36.4221,148.2609 (GR Perisher Valley, 130685)	45 -196	2.3 km 56 mins	Turn around: From the saddle/plateau between Mt Townsend and Alice Rawson Peak, this walk heads south-east following the well worn foot-pad.
15.81	Int of Main Range and Muellers Peak track -36.4391,148.2706 (GR Perisher Valley, 139666)	162 -9	1.6 km 42 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads south along the main track to the low point in the saddle (where there is a faint intersection with a pad leading down to Wilkinsons Creek on your right).
17.45	Int of Main Range track and Kosciuszko path -36.4527,148.2653 (GR Perisher Valley, 134651)	76 -15	970 m 23 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Kosciuszko' sign uphill along the upper track.
18.43	Mt Kosciuszko -36.4559,148.2636 (GR Perisher Valley, 132647)	23 -127	1.6 km 39 mins	Turn around: From the cairn at the peak of Mt Kosciuszko, this walk heads down the steps and past the information sign.
20.07	Rawson Pass -36.4577,148.2687 (GR Perisher Valley, 137645)	15 -114	1.6 km 31 mins	Veer left: From the intersection at Rawson Pass, this walk follows the 'Seamans Hut' sign along the stone path.
21.69	Seamans Hut -36.4501,148.2822 (GR Perisher Valley, 149654)	0 -95	1.5 km 27 mins	Continue straight: From 'Seamans Hut', this walk follows the management trail as it winds down the hill.
23.20	Snowy River bridge -36.4582,148.294 (GR Perisher Valley, 159644)	73 -164	4.5 km 1 hr 27 mins	Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk follows the management trail east, passing the 'Snowy River' sign.