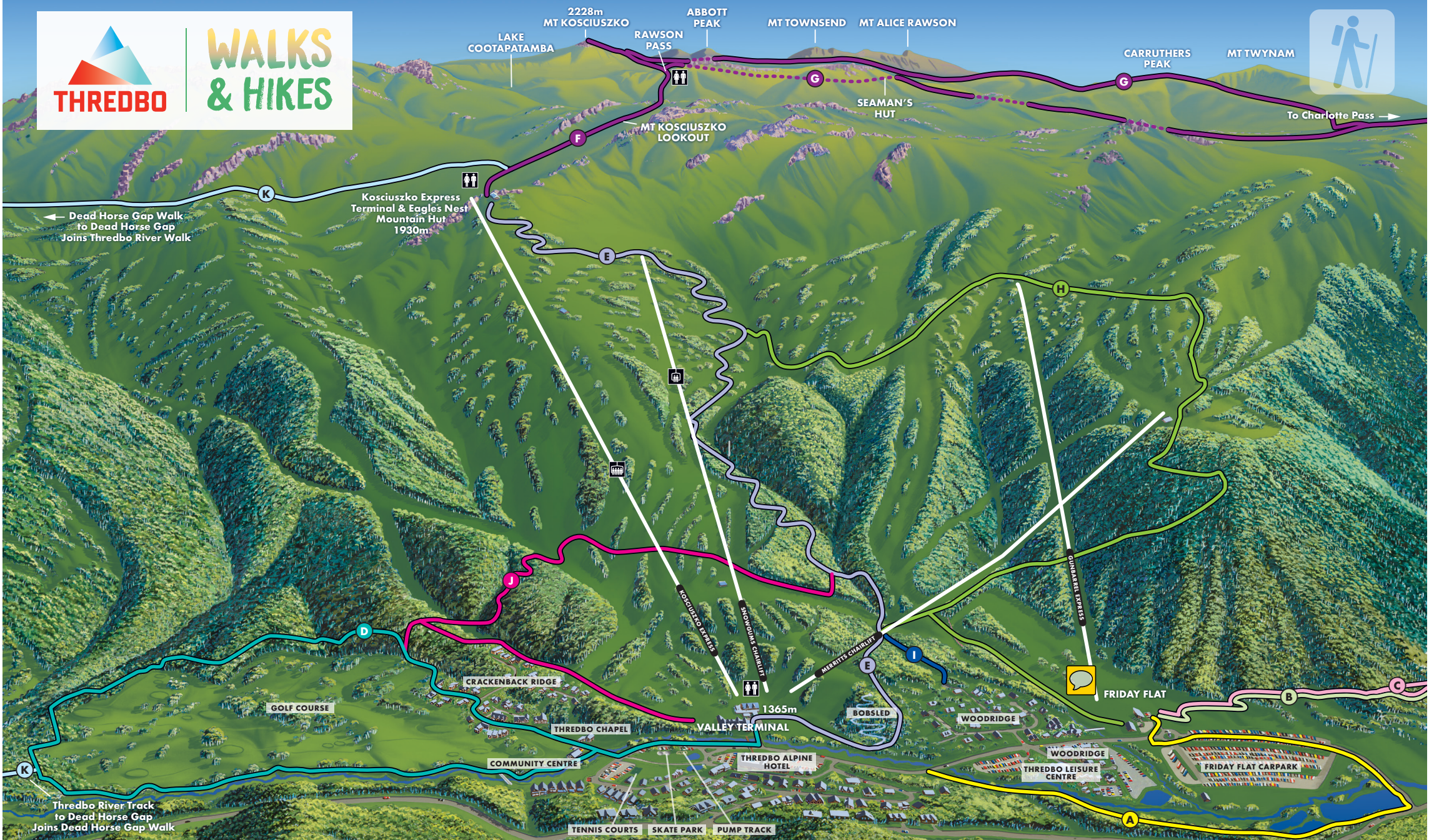




WALKS & HIKES



Trail	Rating	KMs	Hours	Trail	Rating	KMs	Hours	Trail	Rating	KMs	Hours
A Pipeline Path	Easiest	3km	1hr	C Bridle Trail Loop	Easiest	3km	1hr	H Merritts Traverse	Moderate	5km	2-3hrs
B Thredbo Valley Track	Easiest	5km	2hrs	D Riverside Walk/Golf Course	Easiest	4km	1-2hrs	I Woodridge Access			
3 Bridges (return)	Easiest	12km	3-4hrs	E Merritts Nature Track	Strenuous	4km	2-3hrs	J Meadows Nature Track	Moderate	3km	1-2hrs
Rangers Station (return)	Moderate	9km	2-3hrs	F Mt Kosciuszko Track	Moderate	13km (return)	4-6hrs	K Dead Horse Gap Walk/Thredbo River Track	Moderate	10km	4-5hrs
Ngarigo (one way)	Moderate	14km	3-4hrs	F Mt Kosciuszko Lookout	Moderate	4km (return)	1-2hrs				
Thredbo Diggings (one way)				G Main Range Walk	Strenuous	32km (return)	8-10hrs				

Key: This symbol indicates a shared use trail - walkers and cyclists



WALKS AROUND THREDBO

These walks begin at Valley Terminal at the base of the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift and are relatively easy, allowing you to explore Thredbo's backyard. They are a good way to loosen up and acclimatise for longer walks at higher altitude.

Riverside - Golf Course Walk

This is a very relaxed walk alongside the beautiful Thredbo River with its trout-filled pools, then around the Thredbo Golf Course, the highest in Australia. From Valley Terminal cross the vehicle bridge, turn right and walk across the Village Green cross Friday Drive and head towards the gold course.

The Riverside Walk starts on your left after you cross the bridge next to the Chapel and follows the river to the far end of the golf course for approximately 1.5kms, where you will come to a fork in the track. The right hand fork in the track will lead you up and around the golf course passing through Crackenback Ridge and back to the village. The left hand fork will take you on the Thredbo River Track to Dead Horse Gap.

Meadows Nature Track

From Valley Terminal head along the path past the tennis courts and just past the bobsled to the Merritts Nature Track. Follow the Merritts Nature Track for roughly 1 km. You will then cross Merritts Creek, go past 'Birrale Camp' on the left, cross the Sundowner ski run with the water tanks on the right.

The track heads into the Alpine Ash forest climbing steadily until you reach an intersection where the Merritts Nature Track continues sharply to the right with the Meadows Track going straight ahead. After leaving the forest, the track heads up the ski run crossing under the Snowgums Chairlift just above Lovers Leap Station. Traversing the middle slopes you pass under the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift before heading into the trees. When you pop out of the forest you are on the lower Funnelweb run, follow this for your return to the village. If you choose to continue on straight ahead at the Funnelweb junction, you will meet the Riverside Walk.

Bridle Trail Loop

Starting at Valley Terminal go past the tennis courts and the bobsled. As you approach Woodridge residential area take the right hand turn down the stairs to Friday Drive. When you reach the road, turn left and follow the road edge to Friday Flat, Thredbo's beginner ski run in the wintertime. Head towards the clock tower beyond which you will see the start of the Bridle Trail Loop. From here the track continues to a fork, take either route as the track circles back to this point. Return to Thredbo following the same track.

Pipeline Path

Starting at Valley Terminal go past the tennis courts and the bobsled. As you approach Woodridge residential area take the right hand turn down the stairs to Friday Drive. Turn right and cross the bridge, then on the far side of the bridge cross the road. Between the bridge and the embankment you will see the Pipeline Path leading off, take that path all the way to the end, where you will meet Friday Drive, which will take you back to the village, please be aware of vehicles.

Thredbo Valley Track Walk

This is a great lower elevation walk with a nice mix of highlights and gradients. The shared use trail takes hikers through the picturesque Thredbo Valley across impressive suspension bridges to the old Rangers Station. It meanders along the banks of the famous Thredbo River, undulating through eucalypts and grasslands. You can either return to Thredbo along the same track or just before the Rangers Station, cross to the other side of the river. From here you will find more rolling downhills with uphill sections through forests and open woodlands. This takes you to Ngarigo camping ground, continue further along to the beautiful riverside location of the Thredbo Diggings. Great spot for a picnic and dip in the crisp waters of the Thredbo River. Please note this trail is also shared by mountain bikers.

WALKS ABOVE THREDBO

These walks begin at the top of the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift (1930m altitude). Some of the walks are longer and above the tree line and warmer windproof clothing suitable for changeable alpine conditions should be carried.

Mt Kosciuszko Summit & Mt Kosciuszko Lookout

Stand on the top of Australia at 2228m and enjoy panoramic 360 degree views. Take the chairlift to the top and head out along the paved pathway to a footbridge that crosses Merritts Creek, this is where you start on the mesh walkway. Follow the walkway to the Kosciuszko Lookout (altitude 2000m) for views of Australia's highest peaks and alpine landscapes.

Continue on towards the summit, the track is now downhill over the headwaters of the Snowy River. Continue up a rise to the halfway rocks in the saddle. Looking out to your right past the rocks you can see the Snowy River's tributaries all join and flow under the bridge on the Summit track, this road leads to Charlotte Pass. Follow the walking track to Rawson Pass (altitude 2110m) where the mesh path ends as it meets the Summit Track. From Rawson Pass the summit is only 1.7kms away, the path becomes a little steeper and circles the summit passing through granite boulder fields that house the nocturnal Pygmy Possum. Return to Thredbo following the same track.

Merritts Nature Track

This is a beautiful, interesting and varied walk that begins at 1930m and descends to the village at 1370m. The walk is strenuous and steep with many stairs, some deep, it is not recommended for small children or people with knee problems. When you get off the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift, turn left down the paved walk way for 20 metres and follow the trail to the right down to the top of Snowgums Chairlift.

The track enters the trees and winds down beside Merritts Creek, crossing the mountain access road twice (picnic table below second crossing) before heading along the Bunnywalk ski run. When you come out in the open near Snowgums Chairlift, turn left, and continue down with the track running beside the mountain bike track. The walk returns to the Snow Gum forest and crosses the mountain access road. Walkers will then descend through a towering Alpine Ash forest, emerging to follow the Merritts Creek passing Birrale Camp. Cross Merritts Creek via the road/footbridge, continue past the bobsled and down to the paved path where a right turn will take you back to Valley Terminal.

Merritts Traverse

From the top of the Kosciuszko Express or the Snowgums top station follow the Merritts Nature Track as it winds down beside Merritts Creek, make sure you stop to check out the cascading waterfall. Where the walk crosses the Village Trail, turn left and follow the road across Merritts Creek and the base of Sponars and Antons T-bars. From the base of Antons T-bar walk up to the top station of Gunbarrel Chairlift, this lift was installed in 1988 to connect the beginner area at Friday Flat to the intermediate Cruiser area. Continue walking along this access track until you reach the slopes of the Cruiser area. Walk down the grassy slopes and follow the road as it descends through the differing vegetation zones. Once reaching the valley floor turn left onto the access road, this will lead you to Friday Flat and you can walk along the footpath back to the village.

Main Range Walk

Follow the Mt Kosciuszko Summit Walk Directions, then walk from Mt Kosciuszko Summit to Rawson Pass. The Main Range Walk veers to the left from just below the summit of Mt Kosciuszko. It passes along the top of the range via Mueller's Pass, Northcote Pass, Carruthers Peak and then drops down past Blue Lake to cross the Snowy River and climbs steeply to Charlotte Pass. From Charlotte Pass the return route follows the Summit Track to Seaman's Hut and then returns to Rawson Pass. At Rawson Pass turn left and follow the metal track back to Thredbo.

To complete this walk the return journey to Thredbo is approximately 32km. If you're planning to do this walk it is important to have a topographical map and a compass and to know how to navigate by them. Ensure your party is adequately prepared and make a note of Thredbo chairlift operating times if planning to catch the chairlift back down to Thredbo Village.

Dead Horse Gap & Thredbo River Track

There are sections of this walk that can be challenging for small children or people with knee problems. This is one of the best walks in the area, it's mostly downhill with extensive views and many types of vegetation. From the top of the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift, follow the paved Mt Kosciuszko walking track for approx 400 metres to the point where a sign on the left indicates the start of the Dead Horse Gap Walk.

Follow the track as it traverses the Ramshead Range. The track rises and in the distant skyline you will see a pole, this is the track's highest point (2019m) – it's all downhill now. Keep on the track to the tree line, it will enter the trees and follow the ridge down to Dead Horse Gap where it joins the Thredbo River Track that takes you back to Thredbo Village. The Thredbo River Track starts on the grassy flat beside the Thredbo River. It is an easy walk along this track to Thredbo Golf Course then on to the village. There are no toilets along this track once you have left the Kosciuszko Express top station.

Seaman's Hut Walk

Seaman's Hut is on the Summit Track. It was built in 1929 as a memorial to W. Laurie Seaman and Evan Hayes who perished in a blizzard in this area on August 14, 1928. Follow the directions for the Mt Kosciuszko Summit Walk. At Rawson Pass turn right and follow the road 1.5km to Seaman's Hut, one of the last remaining shelters on the Main Range. Return to Thredbo following the same track.

GUIDED ALPINE WALKING TOURS

Thredbo has a nice mix of guided interpretive walks available. The guides share with you their insights and knowledge of the area, so you get to know much more about this amazing alpine environment. The guided Mt Kosciuszko Summit Walk is the most popular and is available for only a small upgrade from your chairlift pass.

Guided walks include:

- Alpine Lakes Walk
- Dead Horse Gap Walk
- Mt Kosciuszko Summit Walk
- Full Moon Walk
- Kosciuszko Sunset Walk
- Twin Peaks Walk

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Bookings Bookings are essential. Drop in to Thredbo Sports or book online through the eStore at thredbo.com.au

SELF-GUIDED VILLAGE WALKS

It's always great to get to know a place you visit, so Thredbo has developed a series of self-guided walks that give you an insiders view to the village. There are five self-guided walks:

- History
- Memorial
- Ecology
- Enviro
- Art

All the self-guiding brochures are free of charge and available at Thredbo Sports.

Essential items to bring on your walk:

- Sturdy walking boots or shoes with soft rubber soles as opposed to plastic
- Waterproof jacket
- Woollen jumper or fleece
- Long sleeve top, skivvy or thermal top
- Gloves and warm hat
- Water - at least 2 litres
- Hat/sunscreen/sunglasses
- Daypack to carry the above
- Insect repellent and camera

CHAIRLIFT

The Kosciuszko Express is the main operating chairlift in summer. At times, during adverse weather or maintenance, Snowgums Chairlift will operate. Other lifts marked on this map are for reference points only.

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