



# Rock Creek Snowshoe Trail

1 hr 30 mins Moderate track
3 km Circuit 1 № 84m

This well signposted, winter-only snowshoe walk is a great way to get into snowshoeing for the first time. Starting from Perisher Village, this walk soon leaves the main road to follow a series of snow poles up a gully and around a small hill. There are some interesting information signs to help you learn more about amazing battle for life under the snow. On a sunny day, the contrast between the rocks, sky and snow might mean you fill the memory card in your camera - allow some extra time to explore the area.

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# 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 Int Kosciuszko and Porcupine Rds (gps: -36.4058, 148.4119). 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 inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/rcst">http://wild.tl/rcst</a>

# 0 | Winter only route

This walk follows an over-snow only route. During the warmer months, this walk crosses important and sensitive bogs that can be significantly damaged, even by light footed walkers. Please only walk this track when it is well covered with snow.

## 0 | Share the Snow

Here are some tips to help you share the snow with skiers. Please avoid snowshoeing on ski trails, whether groomed or ungroomed - it is fine to walk right next to the ski trail. When crossing a ski trail, please do so in a single file and on a flat, more visible, section. These tips aim to minimise trail ruts and collisions. Visit Wilderness Sports for snowshoe hire.

## 0 | Int Kosciuszko and Porcupine Rds

(180 m 3 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads west along the main Kosciuszko Rd, away from the 'The Man from Snowy River Hotel' and keeping the main valley to your right. The walk soon crosses Rock Creek, then continues beside the road to an intersection marked with a 'Rock Creek Snowshoe Track' sign just after the 'Rock Creek Ski Club' hut(both on your left).

#### 0.18 | Rock Creek Ski Club

This building was first opened for use in 1948 then destroyed by a lighting strike in January the next year. In 1959, a few men drove down from Sydney most weekends over a few years to build the current lodge. Still owned by the builders' families, the lodge is available to the public for hire. The lodge has two bedrooms and sleeps 6 people. The lodge can be hired in winter or in summer and makes for a great base with its central location in Perisher Valley, rockcreek.org.au info@rockcreek.org.au More info.

## 0.18 | Rock Creek Ski Club intersection

(500 m 9 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk leaves the road and heads towards the Rock Creek Ski Club building. Just before the building, the walk veers right to find the 'Rock Creek Snowshoe Track' information sign. Here the walk follows the snow-pole line with the yellow signs. The walk leads over a small rise then down into the valley, keeping the snow-poles and creek to your left. Just past the second pole, the walk passes an intersection with a bridge (on your left) - Here, the walk continues straight ahead, following the 'Via Porcupine' sign and the series of snow-poles past a few lodges. The walk rounds a small point then leads left, gently up the side of the hill to pass a large green timber lodge. The poles then lead up and over another rise, then gently down to an intersection of snow pole lines - Here, the yellow-signed poles continue ahead (past the stone building in the valley) and the white snowshoe poles head right.

## 0.68 | Perisher Reservoir intersection

(700 m 15 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads south-west up the valley away from Rock Creek, following the snow-poles with the black and white snowshoe symbols. After about 70m, the walk passes a pole with a 'Where are all the Animals?' information sign. The walk continues following the poles up the valley (with a view of some lodges up to your right) for just over 200m to find a pole with an 'A carpet of Wildflowers' information sign. A further 260m up the valley, following the poles, is another similar information sign titled 'Ancient Herb Garden'. After another 150m, the walk comes to the top of the gully (where the snow-poles lead sharply right). (There maybe a track leading left, from skiers & snowshoes taking an offtrack link to the porcupine track)

# 1.38 | Top of gully

(580 m 12 mins) Turn right: From the top of the gully, this walk follows the 'snowshoe trail' poles north up the gentle hill. The poles lead up through a grove of dead snow gums and past a scattering of granite boulders for about 300m to find 'Snow-loving gums' information sign. The walk continues to follow the pole line that leads into the lush snow gum forest for about 100m, where it finds a 'Snow gum sanctuary' information sign. About 50m further into the forest, the walk then turns left at the 'Tracks in the snow' information sign and continues following the 'snowshoe trail' poles downhill. The poles soon lead to the right and come to an intersection with Wheatley Rd, just below the UAC Lodge

# 1.95 | Int of Rock Creek snowshoe trail and Wheatley Rd

(1.1 km 19 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill following Wheatley Rd, keeping the bulk of the orange snow-poles to your left. This road is also used by over-snow transport in winter. The road soon leads under some power lines then runs parallel to Kosciuszko Rd (which is down to your left) and past a series of lodges for about 600m, to find a large signpost at the intersection with Pipit Pl. The walk turns left here and heads downhill along the road for about 130m to an intersection with Kosciuszko Road, just in front of 'Corroboree Restaurant & Bar'.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows Kosciuszko Rd gently downhill. After about 60m, the walk continues along the road, passing a track (which leads to a bridge over Perisher Creek, on your left) and continuing for about another 50m to another intersection in front of Rock Creek Ski Club, the stone building in the clearing on your right.

Continue straight: From this intersection near the 'Rock Creek Ski Club' hut, this walk follows the main road gently downhill towards the resort centre, where the road soon crosses Rock Creek. The walk crosses the creek and passes a few buildings to come to an intersection with Porcupine Road (on your right), just before 'The Man from Snowy River Hotel' (and the ski tube station on your left).

