Closed areas: Kosciuszko National Park - part closure

Sections of Kosciuszko National Park have been reopened, but areas which have been burnt or have ongoing fire suppression operations remain closed.

Areas Recently Opened:

- All areas south of Mt Jagungal and east of the following roads / trails are open to the public: Khancoban – Cabramurra Rd, Alpine Way and Cascade Trail (refer to map). This includes all backcountry areas which have not been impacted by fire. Overnight camping is permitted in these areas. This includes:
 - Kosciuszko Road Jindabyne to Charlotte Pass
 - o Guthega Road Kosciuszko Road to Guthega Village
 - Charlotte Pass, Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Guthega, Diggers Creek, Wilsons Valley, Sawpit Creek, Waste Point – visitors need to check whether resort facilities and hospitality venues are open for business
 - o Alpine Way between Jindabyne and Thredbo Village
 - o Thredbo Village and Thredbo resort lease area
 - o Ngarigo, Thredbo Diggings and Island Bend campgrounds for day use and overnight camping
 - Snowy Mountains Highway visitors must stay within the road corridor and be aware of hazards such as damaged buildings and burnt trees
 - o Blowering campgrounds Log Bridge, The Pines, Humes Crossing and Yachting Point
 - All walks on the Main Range, including to Mt Kosciuszko and surrounding the alpine resort areas
 - Barry Way open to the Victorian border. Lower Snowy picnic and campgrounds are open and include; Jacobs River, Halfway Flat, No Name, Pinch River, Jacks Lookout and Running Waters
 - Schlink Pass trail and associated huts (Horse Camp Hut, White River Hut, Schlink Hut, Valentine Hut)
 - Mt Jagungal. Access to this area must be from Guthega Power Station or Guthega. There is no access from Round Mountain, Tooma Dam or Snowy Plain. O'Keefes and Dershkos huts are accessible but areas further north remain closed
 - o Rainbow Lake walk Kosciuszko Road to Rainbow Lake
 - Rennix walk Kosciuszko Road return
 - Waterfall walk from Sawpit Creek
 - Pallaibo walk from Thredbo River picnic area and Sawpit Creek

The following areas of Kosciuszko National Park remain closed:

• All areas impacted by fire and where ongoing firefighting operations are occurring.

This includes:

- All campgrounds between Thredbo and Khancoban
- All areas North of the Snowy Mountains Highway
 - Yarrangobilly Caves accommodation is available to be book for check-in from July 1. The anticipated opening for day visitation is the 2020 NSW Easter School Holidays.
 - o Long Plain Road
 - Long Plain Hut campground and Blue Waterholes campground
 - Yolde campground and Jounama Creek campground

Public Roads as listed blow note that for the latest updates on road closure, refer to the RMS website *link to Live Traffic*

- Alpine Way from Thredbo to Khancoban
- KNP5 (Khancoban to Cabramurra Road)
- Link Road from Snowy Mountains Highway to Goat Ridge Road
- Goats Ridge Road and Elliot Way
- Cabramurra township Snowy Hydro's operational town of Cabramurra suffered significant fire damage and for safety reasons is temporarily closed

RFS and NPWS will continue to assess bushfire risk and progress opening further areas of Kosciuszko National Park when it is safe.

Beware of changing conditions

- All roads, resorts and other areas may close suddenly in response to changing bushfire risk.
- You should monitor advice from NSW <u>Rural Fire Service</u> and other emergency services frequently, regardless of whether you are inside or outside of Kosciuszko National Park.

Current fire situation

- Large fires have impacted the northern part of Kosciuszko National Park around Kiandra, Tantangara, Adaminaby and Eucumbene Cove.
- There are still fires in Kosciuszko National Park around Mt Youngal (In the vicinity of Geehi) and Cooleman Plain in Northern Kosciuszko.
- Other fires exist to the west of Kosciuszko National Park in Victoria.
- Lightning and ember attacks may result in additional fires.

Stay up-to-date with the current fire situation in your area by: visiting the <u>Rural Fire Service website</u>, viewing the Fires Near Me app or <u>website</u> listening to your local radio station, or calling NSW RFS Bushfire Information Line on 1800 679 737.

Do not enter closed areas in Kosciuszko National Park. <u>Penalties</u> <u>apply for non-compliance</u>.

For more information, contact the local NPWS office or visit the Rural Fire Service website.