

EXTRA WALKS BY DAVE WOODS FOR BACK TO PERISHER WEEKEND

WATERFALL TRACK

This forested walk is a nice contrast to the other walks on the Main Range and the open plains of the sub-alpine area. Commencing at Sawpit Creek we'll observe the regenerating forest of Candlebark, Mountain Gum and Ribbony Gum as we make our way to a cascading waterfall on Sawpit Creek. Crossing the bridge we'll pass through a stand of Alpine Ash that used to be logged in this area in the late 19th century. Bring your binoculars and count how many species of bird we see and hear by the end of the walk.

*Bookings essential – this free guided walk is not part of the NPWS Discovery program but is being especially provided to members and guests of Perisher clubs as part of the Back to Perisher Weekend activities. **Please contact Dave Woods on 64505616 or 0418689250 or email: dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au**

Dates: Friday 22 April

Time: 09.30am – 12.30pm

Grade: Easy

Cost: FREE

Meet at: Kosciuszko Education Centre, Sawpit Creek.

PORCUPINE WALK

Commencing at Perisher Valley, this walk meanders through a mosaic of sub-alpine vegetation including snowgums, heaths, bogs and herbfields as you head towards the top of the Crackenback Range overlooking the Thredbo Valley. A short scamper up some boulders will reveal 360 degree views including the Main Range and the Monaro Plains – a perfect spot for some brunch. Returning via the same walking track, interpretation will cover flora, fauna and history of the area.

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Dates: Sunday 24 April

Time: 09.00am – 1.00pm

Grade: Easy-Moderate – approximately 5 km return

Cost: FREE

Meet at: Perisher Valley NPWS Office (in the Perisher Valley Carpark).

PERISHER INTERPRETIVE BIKE RIDE

This guided cycling activity is aimed at families who wish to participate in an interpretation of the Perisher Resorts area. Information on history, landforms, flora and fauna will be shared about this very special part of Kosciuszko National Park. Some animal traps will be set around the area the night before. Why not see if we've caught something? Bring your bike (or hire one in Jindabyne).

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Dates: Sunday 24 April

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Grade: Medium – up to 6 km of cycling (pending ages).

Cost: FREE

Meet at: Perisher Valley NPWS Office (in the Perisher Valley Carpark).

BLUE LAKE WALK

This walk will explore one of the most popular glacial features on the Main Range – Blue Lake cirque – carved out of granite and dammed by terminal moraine over thousands of years. After rock-hopping across the Snowy River below Charlotte's Pass, the track climbs through alpine herbfields past Hedley Tarn Lookout to Blue Lake Lookout. Before descending to Blue Lake for lunch, we'll side track to the edge of the Main Range to view the western slopes and some of the most spectacular mountain landscapes in Australia.

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Dates: Monday 25 April

Time: 09.30am – 3.00pm

Grade: Medium – approximately 12km return

Cost: FREE

Meet at: Charlotte Pass Turning Circle.