

ALPINE WALKING GUIDES

ALPINE TRAVERSE ITINERARY

SUNDAY: Bright to Falls Creek

- 3:30pm** Meet at Everest Sports for gear check and to meet Guides and Support staff.
5:00pm Transport via bus/car to lodge at Falls Creek arriving 6:30, dinner and drinks.

MONDAY: Falls Creek to Wallace's Hut (14km, approx. 5-6 hours walking)

- 7:30am** Breakfast
9:00am Start walking from the Lodge through Falls Creek Village to the start of the Heathy Spur track
11-11:30am Morning Tea
11:30am Walk up Heathy Spur to Mt Nelse, stopping for lunch on the summit of Mt Nelse (weather dependant), with expansive views through to the Main Range in Kosciuszko National Park and over the Bogong High Plains.
1pm-2pm Lunch
2pm-4:30pm Walk to National Trust listed Wallace's Hut via the Aqueduct trail and to the campsite at Old Wilkinson's Lodge site.
4:30 -6:30pm Free time and pre-dinner drinks
6:30pm Dinner.

TUESDAY: Wallace's Hut to Blair's Hut (14km, approx. 5-6 hours walking)

- 7:30am** Breakfast
9:00am Start walking along Wallace's Heritage Trail, picking up the Alpine Walking Track through to Cope Saddle.
11-11:30am Morning Tea
11:30am-1pm Continuing along the Alpine Walking Track route across the Bogong High Plains before heading down towards Weston Hut for lunch.
1pm-2:30pm Lunch at Weston's Hut site.
2:30-4:30pm Continue down towards the West Kiewa Valley through beautiful Mountain Ash forests to Blairs Hut site on the West Kiewa River where our camp will be set up.
4:30pm Free time and pre-dinner drinks.
6:30pm Dinner around the camp fire.

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WEDNESDAY: Blair's Hut to Mt Hotham (12km, approx. 5-6 hours walking)

- 7:30am** Breakfast
- 9:00am** Start walking up West Kiewa River for 1.5km before taking a look around the old Red Robin Mine battery site. Continue up and over Cobungra Gap for morning tea on the Cobungra River besides Dibbin's Hut.
- 11-11:30am** Morning tea
- 11:30am** Continue up the Alpine Walking Track for the steepest walk of the whole week to Derricks Hut for lunch.
- 1:30-2:30pm** Lunch
- 2:30-4:30pm** From Derreck's Hut we will traverse across to Spargo's Hut then down to Swindlers Creek before walking up and along the Cobungra Ditch track and into Mt Hotham Village for a lodge based night. Hot showers, clean sheets, awesome views and some great food and wine await.
- 4:30pm-7pm** Free time and pre-dinner drinks.
- 7:00pm** Dinner

THURSDAY: Mt Hotham to Federation Hut (14km, 5-8 hours - including summit ascent)

- 7:30am** Breakfast
- 9:00-11am** Walk through Mt Hotham Village then up and over Mt Hotham's Summit, taking in some of the best views in Victoria's high country, down to the start of the Razorback at Diamantina Hut. Continue along the Razorback stopping for morning tea.
- 11-11:30am** Morning tea
- 11:30am-1pm** Continue along the Razorback to near the summit of Mt Feathertop.
- 1-2pm** Lunch
- 2:00pm** Ascent of Mt Feathertop (weather dependant). We will attempt to put everyone on the summit, however in such an alpine environment, weather plays a huge part in what we can achieve and if the guides feel the need to turn clients around and descend, then their decisions are final. Ascend to Federation Hut for an alpine wilderness camp experience.
- 6:30pm** Dinner

FRIDAY: Federation Hut to Harrietville (13km, approx. 4-6 hours walking)

- 7:30am** Breakfast
- 9:00am** If an ascent of Mt Feathertop was not achievable the day before, then weather permitting, we will attempt to climb to the summit before walking down to Harrietville. Otherwise we will descend the Bungalow Spur track, having morning tea on the way down and finishing in Harrietville where we will have lunch and debrief at the Snowline Hotel before transport back to Bright by 5pm.