



MT KOSCIUSZKO LOOKOUT



DISTANCE
4km return



TIME
1-2 Hours



GRADE 2 HIKE
A gentle walk



BEST TIME TO GO
October to May



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OVERVIEW

This family-friendly walk showcases some of the Snowy Mountain's most iconic scenery. Enjoy the scenic ride up Kosciuszko Chairlift, witness the grandeur of granite tors from the elevated walking track and take in sweeping views of Australia's highest peaks from Mt Kosciuszko Lookout (altitude 2000m).

Walking to the lookout is a great alternative to the longer 14km Mt Kosciuszko Summit hike for those who are short on time.

HIGHLIGHTS

This scenic return walk transforms over different seasons and changing conditions.

- ▶ Larger snowdrifts melt throughout Spring (Oct – Nov)
- ▶ Seasonal wildflowers come into bloom (Dec – Feb)
- ▶ Cloud inversions commonly observed (Apr – May)

Check out our [latest track report](#) for seasonal highlights

**FOLLOW
THE MAP**



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Mt Kosciuszko Summit
(2,228m)

Additional 4.5km
one-way to the summit



Mt Kosciuszko Lookout
(2,000m)

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Granite Tors

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Merritts Creek & beyond

Merritts Creek

YOUR WALK BEGINS & ENDS...
At the top of the Kosciuszko Chairlift

Eagles Nest Restaurant
Australia's Highest Restaurant (1,930m)



KOSCIUSZKO CHAIRLIFT

⚠ IMPORTANT INFO

Observe the Hiking Responsibility Code for a great experience



Please use the boot wash at the top of the chairlift to help protect and conserve the fragile alpine ecosystem



Preparation is key - pack water, sunscreen and a hat



Respect our native animal friends and observe from a distance



Take a camera or phone...there'll be plenty to capture!



Restrooms available at Eagles Nest Restaurant at the start of the hike



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MERRITTS CREEK & BEYOND

Of the 212 native flowering plants in Kosciuszko National Park alpine area, 21 are endemic to this region.

Look around the rockeries of Merritts Creek to find Mountain Plum Pine. This sprawling low shrub is the only conifer to grow above treeline. It's gnarled, twisted trunks have adapted to the harsh environment, seeking protection by growing close to the rocks. This has assisted in the species' survival since Gondwana, 180 million years ago.

Try to spot the Anemone Buttercups with their large white petals and upper stem leaves. These have become a symbol of conservation of the area and are Kosciuszko's largest species of buttercup.





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GRANITE TORS

You won't miss the impressive granite tors along the way. These towering, isolated tors are evidence of the geomorphology of the mountains, with the oldest rocks dating back over 390 million years.

Their smooth surface and jigsaw stacked formations are the outcome of weathering and melt freeze over millions of years in the harsh alpine environment.

The unique stature and size of the granite tors form an ideal habitat for local flora and fauna such as the subnivean Mountain Pygmy Possum.



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MT KOSCIUSZKO

At a height of 2228m above sea level Mt Kosciuszko is Australia's Highest Peak.

Between the viewing platform and Mt Kosciuszko, the summit track continues for an additional 4.5kms one way crossing the upper catchment of the Snowy River, home to Australia's highest fish.

The Main Range landscape is changing over time. Patches and drifts of snow can be seen in the alpine, framing Mt Kosciuszko through summer and are critical to the alpine water supply across the dry months. The last time these snowdrifts were recorded year-round on the range was in 1997. With a warming climate snowdrifts now melt off by the end of January.

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