

2020/21

Summer Insider's Guide



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Falls Freedom

Welcome to Falls Creek, Australia's premier all-season alpine resort. It has been a difficult year and we welcome you to escape to enjoy Falls Freedom. A few locals have put this booklet together to show you what Falls Creek has in store for a unique High Country Summer escape.

For first timers we have everything you need to know. From dining options, event info and village services through to locals tips and maps for our hiking, cycling and mountain biking trails - it's all here!

Let us guide you through our intimate alpine village, pristine landscape and spectacular alpine lake. Take the time to look through this guide for inspiration on what to do during your stay. If you are already familiar with Falls Creek in Summer, be sure to check out what is new this time around.





. Health & safety

We are following covid-safe measures to keep all our guests safe.



Use the COVIDSafe app



Stay home if unwell



Maintain physical distance



Practice good hygiene

Cash handling

We encourage the use of contactless payment (think tap and go) and minimising cash handling in resort as much as possible. Please ensure you are prepared to cover your expenses during your time in resort under these new conditions.

Hygiene and cleaning

Falls Creek has put in strict measures to keep you safe and healthy during your visit. Businesses within the resort are frequently cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces and hygiene stations will be provided at entrances, throughout venues and in public toilets. Please ensure you practice good hygiene.

Physical distancing

The number of people in locations at any one time and physical distancing between guests will need to be in line with government directive. There may also be limitations about how much time can be spent in each venue. This will be advised by the establishment via their websites and signage at the venue.

Contact tracing

Each venue will be recording the names and phone numbers of each guest visiting dining and accommodation venues. This is a government directive so you can be contacted by the Department of Health and Human Services if there are any incidences of coronavirus in the resort.

Organisational management

Daily health screening will be undertaken in workplaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained or there are a large number of face-to-face interactions with the public. Every business in Falls Creek is also encouraged to complete a COVIDSafe work plan.

Rental equipment

Rental equipment (such as bikes and helmets) will be sterilised between customers. Please check rental options with providers before arriving in resort.

If you are feeling sick

Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell. If you begin to feel unwell whilst in resort, and have a fever or a cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or respiratory illness you should self-isolate immediately. Contact the 24-hour hotline 1800 675 398 or call your doctor and advise your symptoms and risk factors. They will determine if you need to be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). If you have serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call 000 and ask for an ambulance. Tell them if you have a fever, cough, sore throat or respiratory illness.



Falls Creek must do list

Falls Creek is unique and there is so much here to experience. If you've not visited our alpine community before we've made a few suggestions we think you'd like. Cherry pick the activities based on your personal preferences.

GET YOUR BEARINGS ½ Day

Good for:

- 🕨 families
- couples
- sightseeing

Find your way around the village by heading out and exploring. We suggest a visit to the visitor information centre or download the village map and get out for a wander. We've plenty of stunning artwork around the village so keep your eyes peeled. Take a break and pop into one of the village cafe's for a well deserved treat!

Village highlights include – Ski Wall at Diana Lodge, Possum Playground, the Big Fella Artwork up Ory's trail and of course a picture with the giant snowman!

HIT THE LAKE ½ Day

Good for: families adventurers

Ride your bikes or take a hike out to the Rocky Valley Lake. With great opportunities for trout fishing, swimming or simply having a picnic and skimming some stones this a perfect place to cool down and enjoy the stunning crystalline waters. *Fishing licence required

WALK TO ROPERS LOOKOUT ½ Day

Good for: families adventurers couples

Just over the other side of the dam is the wonderful Ropers Lookout, a great half day walk this route meanders along a guiet aqueduct before it takes you up through the snow gums to the rocky outcrop of Ropers Lookout, named after an old cattleman Frederick Roper. This stunning location gives the best view of Falls Creek Creek Village and the Rocky Valley Lake. This is a 4km return trip from the other side of the lake wall - if you have small children, it is recommended to drive and park on the other side of the dam wall to save some energy for the hike.

DRIVING THE HIGH WAY 1-2 hours

Good for: couples sightseeing

Providing one of the best views of the alpine region Mt McKay is Australia's highest drivable point at 1842m. The road up is a 20 minute drive on gravel roads and also can be linked out with Pretty Valley lake and huts! On a clear day it's possible to see hundreds of kilometres in all directions and across to all the major Victorian landmarks including Mt Bogong and Mt Feathertop. For a real treat head up at sunset with something cool and bubbly.

ON YER BIKE Full day

Good for: families adventurers

After skiing, bike riding is Falls Creek's second favourite activity, and once you ride our trails and tracks you're sure to see why! With over 40km of trails in our mountain bike park (and more on the way) plus a heap of great tracks and aqueducts, we've something for all abilities to ride. I wouldn't remove bike rental. Bike rental will be available after November 20 from the Village Bike Hub. The trails in resort include a stunning aqueduct trail, beginners routes around the Nordic Bowl and even a pump track in the village bowl!

SWING IN THE TREES ½ Day

Good for: families

Our friends down at Howmans Gap activity centre have plenty of fun and adventurous activities for the whole family. Challenge yourself and your tribe and swing in safety on the their high ropes course. Pre-bookings are essential and all participants are provided with safety equipment and full safety briefing. Don't look down! If you're feeling super energetic you could walk there down the 4km Packhorse trail which takes you past the Falls Creek Falls. Don't forget to organise a ride back to the village!

AHOY THERE CAP'N ½ Day

Good for: families adventurers couples

Explore the waters and more isolated sections of shoreline of the Rocky Valley Lake with a paddle experience from Peak Adventure. With a great range of water based adventures to choose from their experienced guides will provide all necessary equipment and training to get out and see the lake from a new perspective.

EXPLORE THE PAST 1/2 day

Good for: sightseeing adventurers

With some of the oldest huts on the high plains Falls Creek is ideally located for those keen to explore the rich historical past the high plains have had with cattlemen from the European settlement and the connection to traditional owners many thousands of years before. Take a relaxed drive to the iconic Wallaces Hut and see this remarkable piece of history nestled in the snowgums. It's a wonderful 6km walk along the aqueduct to the equally pretty Cope Hut and gives a sense of what those early settlers would have experienced.

WINE AND DINE Evening till late!

Good for: couples sightseeing

With it's range of fabulous eateries and venues it would be almost rude to miss out on the range of locally sourced epicurean delights Falls Creek has to offer. From stunning balcony drink spots to cutting edge dining, no alpine experience is complete without spoiling yourself a little! Most of the mountain venues are also providing picnic experiences so you can support our locals whilst exploring with luxury.





• Plan your trip

The key to a great holiday is in great planning. Take some time to check out fallscreek.com.au which is loaded with information and holiday ideas. Have some questions or want to book? Let our experts help you put together the perfect trip that packs in all of the "must do" things to see, experience and enjoy.

Packing For Summer At Altitude

Falls Creek is pleasant in summer usually with mild temperatures ranging from the teens to the high twenties. Our altitude of 1600m+ means a climate around 10°C cooler than the towns and vallevs below. Don't forget. variable conditions can happen at any time of year and it's always best to be prepared. Come equipped with general summer supplies (ie sunscreen, hat, bathers and a towel), hiking gear (sturdy shoes & a water bottle or hydration pack) and items for iust in case (an umbrella, warm clothing and jacket).

Finding Visitor Information

1 Slalom St (beside Police Station) Map Ref E4 | 1800 232 557 (EXT 4) fallscreek.com.au facebook.com/fallscreekalpineresort

Have a chat with our Visitor Information Centre team for advice on what to do and where to go during your visit. The centre is open for walk-in traffic or phone enquiries 7 days (check the website for opening hours). Outside of regular hours, visit **fallscreek.com.au** for maps, events, activities and general information for your stay at Falls Creek. You can also contact us via Facebook Messenger to talk directly with one of our staff.

Pre-Booking Tours & Gear

Make the most of your trip by pre-booking services and equipment. Through the Visitor Information Centre vou can hire fishing rods, book tennis courts and buy short term passes for the gym. We can also point you in the right direction to rent mountain bikes, water craft or book a return shuttle after walking the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing, Mountain bike shuttles run every day in January plus all weekends up until Easter. All bookable at **bluedirt.com.au**. You can also book online for a unique historical picnic tour at trailstalesandtucker.com



• Book your stay

With around 3,000 beds available in summer there are plenty of options to suit you and your family. Choose from luxury penthouses and boutique chalets, to great value apartments and lodges for any size group. Keep in mind that busy periods like school and public holidays can sell out fast so be sure to book in advance.

Book online

fallscreek.com.au/accommodation

Do your research online to find all the best summer options in the one place. At **fallscreek.com.au** every property has detailed pictures and mapped locations plus options to book live or call the property direct to find out further information.

1800 2 FALLS

Talk to a Falls Creek consultant with our dedicated reservation hotline. Our reservations teams are experts in not just the properties here, but the activities, events and travel options too. Give them a call to find the perfect fit for your needs and make a booking with minimal fuss.





Getting to Falls

Getting to Falls Creek is easy and takes less time than you think. The Victorian High Country is a same-day trip from anywhere in Victoria or New South Wales. If you are in the North East region, it takes less than 2 hours from most locations.

From Albury & NSW

Falls Creek is the closest alpine resort to Albury and a great destination for a day trip or "next stop". The travel time is between 1½ to 2 hours and a spectacular drive through the Kiewa Valley. The best way is to cross the Murray River into Wodonga and then follow the signs to Mt Beauty along the Kiewa Valley Highway.

From Bright

Falls Creek is only 1¼ hours drive away from this tourist hotspot. The "Tawonga Gap" route is an experience in itself with its incredible lookout over Mt Beauty and Bogong at the top of the climb (make a stop and grab some great photos from the lookout point). Simply head along the Great Alpine Road towards Harrietville/Mt Hotham and the turnoff to Mt Beauty is five minutes later on your left. Turn right once you finish "the Gap" and you are half-way there.

From Wangaratta & Myrtleford

Travel from Wangaratta or Myrtleford is a 2 hours and 1½ hours drive respectively. Drive the Great Alpine Rd through the township of Myrtleford and 5 minutes later you will be at the "Happy Valley Hotel" in Ovens (just after Ray's Ski Shop). The turnoff to Mt Beauty and Falls Creek is on your left along the Happy Valley Road, also known as the "Rosewhite Gap".





Village services

Falls Creek Village is less than 1km point to point so you can get most places in a 20 minute walk. There are activities, cafes, bars and restaurants open all year round.





Village Hubs

Slalom Plaza and the Village Bowl are the two main village hubs and a great point for meeting and dining with friends. The Plaza offers a lush village green and landscaped gateway, perfect for relaxing with a latte or a game of cricket. Head to the Bowl's impressive ski-field backdrop for a drink or a bite to eat. Just uphill, the Aqueduct Trail leads to some spectacular views, not too far away.

Foodworks Supermarket

QT Complex | Slalom Plaza 5758 3009 fallscreek.com.au/supermarket

Foodworks Supermarket is located in Slalom Plaza and is open 7 days for fresh food and groceries. The supermarket also offers a range of additional services like a newsagent, bottle shop and ATM. Check their listing online for opening hours.

Community Gym (subject to regulation changes)

QT Complex | Slalom Plaza 5758 1202

Keep in shape at the community gym - fully equipped with weights, spin bikes, treadmills, rowing machine and strength equipment. A pass is needed to access the gym which you can purchase as a single-visit, weekly, seasonal or annual pass. You can purchase these passes at the Visitor Information Centre.

Tennis Courts

Village Bowl | 5758 1202

The Village Bowl tennis courts are \$10 per hour to hire and include FREE racquet rental. You can also buy balls at \$1 each. Bookings can be made via the Visitor Information Centre.

Post Office

Australia Post | QT Complex Slalom Plaza | 5758 3275

Directly in front of Foodworks and with parking out the front, Falls Creek Post Office operates weekdays with most Australia Post services available.



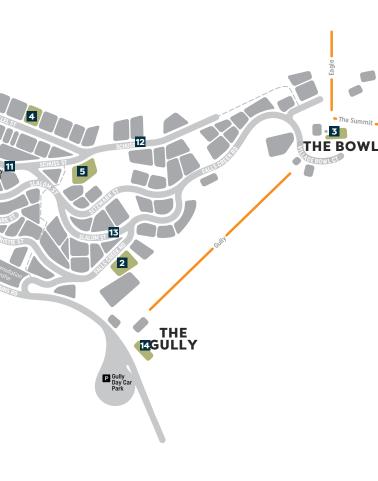
Cafés, Restaurants and Snacks

- 1 Attunga Lounge, Bar & Restaurant
- 2 Diana Alpine Lodge
- 3 Frying Pan Inn
- 4 JB's Bar & Restaurant/Jerry's Stall
- 5 Milch Café & Bar
- 6 Stingray
- 7 Last Hoot Pizzeria & Bar
- 8 Snonuts Donuts & Snacks
- 9 Village Bike Cafe
- 10 The Pass
- 11 Nelse
- 12 Summit Ridge
- 13 The Chophouse
- 14 Alpine Pepper

Village Services

- 5 Frueauf MTB Rental
- 6 Falls Creek Child Care
- 9 Bike Wash, Servicing Station & Bottle Fill
- 9 Village Bike Cafe MTB Rental
- 14 Foodworks Supermarket
- 14 Community Gym
- 14 Post Office
- 🚹 Visitor Information Centre
- 🚍 MTB Shuttle Pickup

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Dining guide

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Bar

Please note operating hours may vary. Check the weekly Green Guide for the latest.



Attunga Lounge, **Bar & Restaurant**



10 Arlberg St, (03) 5758 3255 Enjoy the best view in Falls Creek while enjoying a drink in our lounge and bar area. Then stay on for a meal in our restaurant.

Diana Alpine Lodge

6 Falls Creek Rd | (03) 5758 3214 Food tastes better at altitude. Packed lunches. Picnic hampers. Catering and platters for you or vour venue.

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Frying Pan Inn



4 Village Bowl Ct | (03) 5711 9100

Rustic, industrial and chic. Bar and grill in the heart of Falls Creek's famous village bowl. Enjoy classic craft beers and superbly prepared BBQ dishes in an elegant rustic-inspired pub atmosphere. Located in the Village Bowl at the bottom of Summit Chair. Pool, table tennis, darts and live entertainment. Bottle Shop.

JB's Bar & Restaurant JERRY'S STALL



9 Parallel St | (03) 5758 3278

Offering European signature dishes and Australian Cuisine with take-away bohemian snacks & meals at Jerry's Stall, Restaurant pre-bookings essential.



Milch Café & Bar



4 Schuss St | (03) 5758 3407

Coffee, cold beer, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. We've got your summer eats covered. Bike friendly, dietary options all catered for, delicious homemade fresh food.



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Stingray



17 Bogong High Plains Rd (QT) (03) 5732 8000

Mixing 1950's nostalgia with new takes on old ski lodge favourites. Watch sport on the screens inside or relax in the sunny Plaza seating.

Last Hoot Pizzeria & Bar



9 Slalom St | (03) 5758 3088

Renowned for great service and fantastic Italian food. Enjoy a pizza or pasta then settle in for this popular night-spot.

Snonuts Donuts & Snacks



Slalom Plaza

Watch their fluffy hot cinnamon donuts being made, fresh to order. They have a dedicated viewing platform to tantalise & entertain.



Village Bike Cafe



Slalom North Carpark

The views from our cliff edge location will amaze. Friendly crew. Locals hangout. We make the effort to bring the very best local food, beers, speciality coffee and amazing service to Falls Creek.



Summit Ridge Bar and Restaurant

Whether enjoying a drink and snacks on our sundrenched deck with sun setting views from the Summit to Spion Kopje or the Lounge with huge open fire, Nelse is the perfect place to enjoy the village atmosphere and simply chill out.

8 Schuss Street

We are located high in the village with great views and comfy couches by an open fire. With friendly service, modern Australian cuisine, and a great wine list we are well regarded by locals and visitors alike.

The Chophouse

28 Slalom Street

The Chophouse has a Louisiana inspired menu which is complimented by their house cocktails, locally sourced wines and craft beers in order to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for everyone.

Alpine Pepper

1 Bogong High Plains Rd

Open daily from 7.30 to 4pm. Located at the entrance to the resort. Alpine Pepper is your first stop when you enter the resort.

Slalom Plaza | 0419 596 569

17 Slalom Street | 03 5758 3263

The Pass provides take away coffee and snacks. They are open from 8am till 11am, Monday to Friday weather permitting.

The Pass

Nelse



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▼ Family fun

School holidays are prime time for a Falls Creek holiday with loads of options to keep the kids entertained without breaking the bank.



Kids Activity Packs

Pick up a Kids Activity Pack from the Visitor Information Centre. Packs are filled with fun activities and educational material for children aged from toddlers through to primary school. Take the family on an adventure with a village scavenger hunt list and nature spotting list or spend enjoy some down-time indoors with colouring-in pages, mazes, cutouts and more.

Fishing Rods

Rent fishing rods and lures and try your luck fishing for trout at Rocky Valley Lake. Each setup costs \$10/day and are available to hire all set to go from the Visitor Information Centre.

*Victorian Fishing Licenses are required

Cricket Sets

Fancy a hit on the lawn at Slalom Plaza? Pop on over to the Visitor Information Centre and pick up a cricket set - **FREE** to borrow.

Pygmy Possum Playground

The pygmy possum playground is a place for the kids to have a climb and a slide in between adventures! You will find it in the heart of the Village Bowl up Falls Creek Road.

Falls Creek Museum

Experience the rich culture and heritage of the resort and region at the Falls Creek Museum. The Museum is open major event weekends and by appointment. You can visit for a gold coin donation - to request a special visit call the Visitor Information Centre or contact via the website **fallscreekmuseum.com.au**.



Rocky Valley Lake

Cool blue waters on a hot summer's day – there's no better way to relax and enjoy an escape to the country.

Rocky Valley Lake Foreshore

Rocky Valley Lake is the jewel of the high country, 250 hectares of crystal clear water waiting to be explored! Head to the foreshore area (just before the dam wall) for grassy banks, picnic spots and a safe entry point to paddle or swim. The water is cool all summerlong, the perfect temperature for those scorching summer days!

Kayaking & Canoes

Kayaking is one of the most popular forms of water recreation at Falls Creek and gives great options to explore the farther banks and shorelines. Make sure you bring your lifejacket or PFD – there are no lifesaving services outside of special events and the lake becomes deep once you venture out.

Sailing & Motorboats

Bring the tinny or the dinghy along to launch into Rocky Valley Lake. There are boat loading ramps on either side of the dam wall and ample parking for trailers and cars. Motor boats are allowed to launch but are restricted to 10hp craft only.

Fishing

Rocky Valley Lake is abundant with brown and rainbow trout, and you might get lucky to find a chinook salmon or two. The best fishing is by boating to the middle of the lake (see the restrictions above) but you can definitely get a nibble or two from the shoreline. Fly fishing is best at the close-by Pretty Valley Lake, found driving or riding Pretty Valley Road toward Mt McKay.

Fishing licenses are a must, which you can purchase easily online. Rental rods are available also from the Visitor Information Centre for \$10 per day.

Peak Adventure Water Activities

New in 2021, hire boats, kayaks, paddle boards and more from Rocky Valley Lake foreshore. Rentals are supervised by qualified lifesavers and operate weekends from November to April, plus weekdays during peak holiday periods. Check at the Visitor Information Centre for operating hours.



• Mountain biking

Falls Creek Mountain Bike Park is 40km+ of flowing singletrack, 90% rated green or blue. All trails start and finish in the resort and our ride-in, ride-out village is as cycle friendly as they come with shuttles, facilities and more.



Greenline Summit to Lakeside

Our line links 5km of flowing green trails from the summit down to the lakeside shore. This is the PERFECT trail to get riders of all ages and abilities into the best parts of the resort. Descend 200m through gentle berms and rollers built to progress your skills. For a longer run you can also extend through Induction and Short Circuit for a total 10km ride.

10km Unbroken Gravity

We're a mountain resort, you came here to ride mountains right?

From the views of the Summit to the forest of the Ticket Box. Victoria's longest unbroken gravity ride is a massive 535m descent through 3 of our best trails in High Voltage, Wishing Well and Flowtown, It's a cracker of a course and totals over 10km of trail. This is wall to wall descent so you can grab the full face and leave the low gears alone. For an intermediate equivalent. Generator to Vortex is another brilliant combination through snowgums and ski fields down to the village.



Shuttles & rentals

Blue Dirt MTB Shuttle (subject to government regulations)

The best way to get in the most rides is with a gravity shuttle back to the top of the trails after each run. Blue Dirt Mountain Biking are the best in the business and they have an experienced crew running their fleet of 20 seater buses and trailers dedicated to the park. Shuttles pick up at the bottom of Flowtown and drive all the way to the Summit, stopping at the Village Hub inbetween.

 Weekly
 Daily

 Nov 20 - Apr 13
 Daily

 Day Pass
 \$70

 Single Uplift
 \$25

 10 Day Pass
 see online

Book Online fallscreek.com.au/mtb

Rentals

Hire adults and kids bikes from the Village Bike Cafe. Dual suspension adult bikes are available in a range of sizes and are available from \$99 a day. Kids bikes come from \$35 a day and all bikes come equipped with helmets. It's best to book ahead to make sure you don't miss out.



Village Bike Cafe Slalom Car Park | 0409 161 903

Facilities

Head to the Village Bike Hub for free public bike wash, bottle fill and bike repair facilities. You can grab a trail map from the Visitor Information Centre or Village Bike Cafe nearby.

Clinics

Join a specialist MTB clinic run by professional coach Indi Boer of The Fastline Bikademy. Sessions are run by trained coaches and are tailored to level of ability.

Book Online fallscreek.com.au/events

Dec 27-29	Jan 17-19
Mar 20-22	Apr 10-12 Easter
SHUTTLE OPERATIONS WILL RESUME ON NOVEMBER 20	
Please contact us at fcrm@fallscreek.com.au for an update on shuttle operations.	
Follow @bluedirtmountainbiking or visit www.bluedirt.com.au for operational updates.	





Mountain biking trails



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N 10km unbroken







Gravel riding

We're all explorers at heart and backcountry gravel riding is the ideal vehicle for those seeking adventure and space out beyond the resort boundaries. With an incredible network of gravel and backcountry riding routes weaving their way across the Bogong High Plains, Falls Creek is the perfect gateway for your next trip.



With options ranging from smooth and idyllic aqueduct trails right through to all day alpine epics, the rewards are waiting for those willing to push on just a little farther. With the ability to link backcountry rides into the network of singletrack and trails in our MTB park the only real limit to how far you can go is yourself.

We've curated some of our favourite routes on the next pages and graded them accordingly. All of the routes are perfectly passable on a gravel bike but for some it may be easier better tackled on an MTB due to the challenging nature of the terrain. All riders heading out into backcountry and terrain of the Alpine National Park should be independent and prepared, riders should not head out alone. The weather and conditions in the alpine environment can deteriorate rapidly and riders should as a minimum carry with them:-

- Tools, pump and spare tubes
 (+ the ability to use them)
- Clothing for the conditions + a jacket (the weather in the alpine region can change quickly)
- Food and water for the duration of your ride
- · Fully charged mobile phone
- First aid kit
- Map + compass (and know how to use them)

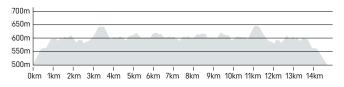
Gravel riding trails

Ride Name	Distance	Elevation	Technical Difficulty	Physical Difficulty	Estimated Riding Time	Good For	GPX file link
Rocky Valley Lake Return	14.9km	257	1/4	1/4	0.5hrs - 1.5hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Tour of the Top	14.3km	321	1/4	2/4	1hr - 2hr	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Pretty Valley Lake Return	19.2km	420	1/4	2/4	1hr - 2.5hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Ryders Yard Return	28.5km	512	2/4	2.5/4	1.5hr - 3.5hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Spion Kopje	37km	750	3/4	3/4	2.5hrs - 4hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Tawonga Huts Return	27.4km	764	3/4	3/4	2.5hrs - 4hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Forest & Mountain	25.5km	790	2/4	3/4	2.5hrs - 3.5hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
Huts & Aqueducts	40.6km	794	3/4	3/4	2.5hrs - 3.5hrs	Gravel Bike / MTB	
High Alpine Epic	60.5km	1185	3/4	4/4	4hrs - 6hrs	E-Bike / Gravel Bike / MTB	
Falls Creek BIG Day Out	73.5km	1667	4/4	4/4	5hrs - 7hrs	E-Bike / Gravel Bike / MTB	

Rocky Valley Lake Return

🕌 14.9 KILOMETRES RETURN

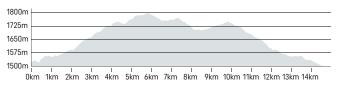
This gentle ride is a perfect warm-up and ideal for those with younger riders looking to find a quiet route to explore. The push up to the aqueduct trail out of the village is the hardest bit with predominately flat route after this taking you through the Nordic Bowl and out to the opposite side of the Rocky Valley Lake for a new perspective and perhaps some rock skimming or a picnic!



Tour of the Top



This is a great ride for newer riders looking to explore within the resort and see how their hill climbing legs are faring! With a decent climb out of the resort, it rewards riders with incredible views over the valleys and across the high plains before a wonderful descent back into the village.

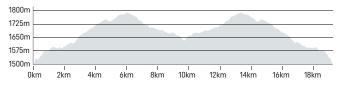


GOOGLE MAP AVAILABLE HERE

Pretty Valley Lake Return

🚡 19.2 KILOMETRES RETURN

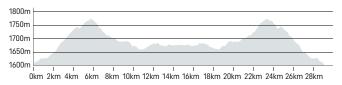
This lovely cruise is a great intro into gravel riding and is perfect for those whose legs are a little less experienced. Heading out on simple gravel roads this out and back route delivers stunning views of the high plains and brings riders out to the secluded Pretty Valley Lake. With steady climbs and beautiful scenery it can easily be extended with additional loops or a quick detour to the Pretty Valley Hut.



Ryders Yards Return



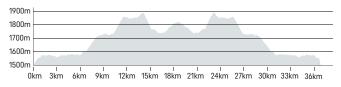
This classic ride will take riders out over the back of the resort and down into Pretty Valley. On chunky but well surfaced tracks riders will visit 3 huts with the highlight being the ride to Ryders Yards, one of the most stunning locations on the high plains. Save some energy for the return leg though as you'll need to climb back out of Pretty Valley before descending back into Falls Creek.



Spion Kopje Return

🚡 37 KILOMETRES RETURN

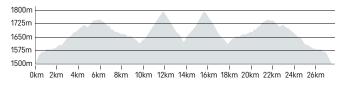
This high altitude ride offers some of the greatest views in the high country and heads out into the remote mountains flanking Bogong with much of the ride over 1800m. With a steady gravel grind up a long winding track this ride offers a feeling of solitude and adventure and really is one of the highlights of Falls Creek. The last section of trail is particularly technical and would be better suited to an MTB. Can be added onto the Huts & Aqueducts ride to make an epic day out.



Tawonga Huts Return



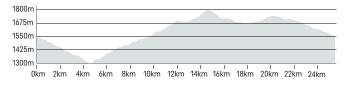
An epic ride out that takes you well out of resort boundaries and into the stunning isolation of the Tawonga Huts. With more technical terrain and a very isolated feel this awesome ride is a real adventure. Ideal for an out of bounds MTB ride this can be combined with riding back into resort on some singletrack in the Falls Creek MTB park.



Forest and Mountain



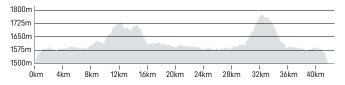
This classic loop takes advantage of some of the incredible variation on offer to riders from Falls Creek. This mixed surface route is perfect for a gravel bike and whilst it's short, it's got enough distance and elevation packed in to make it a great challenge with a long sustained climb.



Huts and Aqueducts

🕹 **40.6** KILOMETRES RETURN

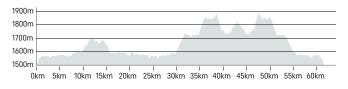
This stunning route showcases all the high plains has to offer, huts, lakes and wide open alpine vistas. This mixed terrain route takes riders on 50% smooth aqueduct and tarmac and 50% rougher fire track. Rideable in both directions, it offers multiple opportunities to divert off the route and check out historic Cope Hut and Wallaces Hut. A challenging climb at the midway point keeps you honest. This ride can also be joined with the Spion Kopje ride to make an EPIC alpine day out!



High Alpine Epic

💫 60.5 KILOMETRES RETURN

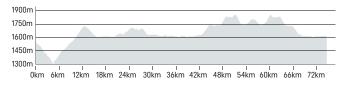
Linking together the Huts & Aqueducts ride together with the Spion Kopje Return ride creates a majestic high level ride that will take riders into some of the high alpine routes unique to the Bogong High Plains.



Falls Creek BIG Day out!



A combination of three of our best loops. This all day epic will take riders from green forest canopy up through snowgums, past historic huts and out onto one of the Alpine National parks most exposed plateau's and peaks. Not for the faint hearted this route is an awesome challenge on varied and challenging terrain.





Falls to Hotham alpine crossing

The Falls to Hotham alpine crossing is a true bucket list item. Rugged peaks, never-ending skies and vibrant, changing landscapes. This is the Bogong High Plains and you can experience it like never before by trekking between the alpine resorts of Falls Creek and Mt Hotham.

Single Day Route - 25km

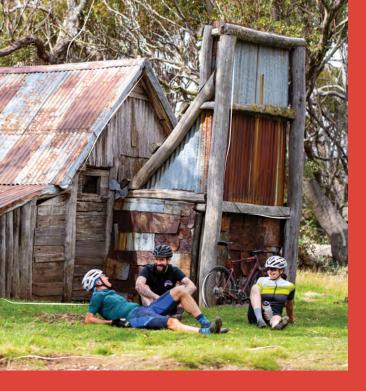
This route takes hikers across the High Plains and past Mt McKay, Pretty Valley and the Falls Creek ski fields. Contact the Visitor Information Centre for the contact details for transport services.

Three Day Route - 37km

This alternate route brings hikers into Falls Creek via Rocky Valley Lake with Wallace's Hut and Cope Hut highlights. Eco-friendly camping platforms are located at Cope Hut and Dibbins Hut and are available to book online at **parkstay.vic.gov.au**

Full detailed maps are available to purchase from the Visitor Information Centre.

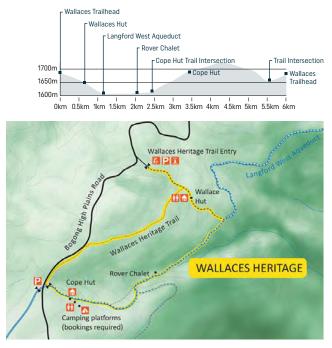




▼ Wallaces heritage trail

No trip to Falls is complete without a visit to Wallace's Hut - the oldest cattleman's hut in the Alpine National Park. Wallace's Hut has been standing since 1889 and is a true piece of High Country history. The grounds are perfect for a picnic and nearby Cope Hut (circa 1929) is an easy addition to your visit. You can reach both huts with an easy walk or cycle from the car park for a 6km round trip.

Access Wallaces Hut via the well signed car park approximately 8km along the Bogong High Plains Rd from the lake wall. If you are after a longer hike, continue on to the right to reach Cope Hut. You can also park at the Langford's Gap car park just 2km from the Dam Wall and complete as a return trip.



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• Arts, nature & heritage

Get back to nature in Australia's incredible alpine landscape.



Trails, Tales and Tucker

A fascinating 3km walk along the Wallace's Heritage Trail, listening to the stories, myths and legends of the characters that shaped the Bogong High Plains. The picnic tour takes in historical alpine huts and delves into the iourneys of the traditional land owners, the Bogong Moth, the graziers, tribulations of the Kiewa Hydro Electric Scheme and the formation of Falls Creek Alpine Village. The walk concludes with a delectable lunch of tastes of the North East Victoria with stunning views across the High Plains. Runs the first Sunday of each month plus special dates and by appointment. Info and bookings at trailstalesandtucker.com.

Glamping Tour

Indulge in a truly unique experience with a glamping adventure amongst the Alpine National Park. Combining hiking and mountain biking with peaceful relaxation, this experience in the perfect option to stay in luxury amongst the incredible alpine surrounds. Glamping packages include a stay within resort at some of our famous guest apartment complexes. Contact Diana Lodge or Frueauf Village for full details on packages.

Waterfall Walks

The carpark at the Kiewa Valley River crossing (between Falls Creek and Bogong Village) leads to Fainter Falls, one of the most impressive waterfalls in the region. A moderate 700m trail through the alpine environment leads to an excellent viewing platform. Closer to home, take the short walk from the Gully Car Park to the boardwalk of Falls Creek Falls. Check the hiking section for more details on this walk.

Arts & Heritage Trail

Discover the rich heritage and history of the village with this digital tour guide and cultural trail. Along the way be sure to see recent art installations of Big Fella (Ory's Trail), Throne of Skis (Windy Corner) and Falls Wren (Slalom Plaza fountain), plus the Skyline Lodge memorial in the Gully and ski fence on Diana Trail. Use your phone to access the guide at **fallsuserguide.com**.



. Road cycling

Steep climbs, tight curves and epic views. You haven't experienced alpine road perfection until you've ridden the Bogong Alpine Way.

Falls Creek has a huge reputation when it comes to road riding, thanks largely to the resort's unique dual approach perspective for spectacular climbs from Mount Beauty and Omeo. At 1600m+ there are recognised benefits in training at altitude so it's an easy task to combine holiday time with that all-important training regime.

From Falls Creek the 235km Alpine Loop stretches in each direction and circumnavigates the Alpine National Park. Be wary though – there is a reason they call this Peaks Challenge Falls Creek route Australia's toughest single-day ride.

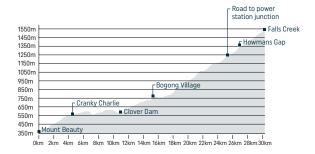
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Mt Beauty Approach



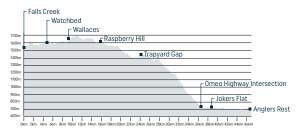
The climb to Falls Creek is one of the longest and most picturesque in the Australian Alps. There are plenty of rest sections early before a steady climb once beyond Bogong Village.



Omeo Approach (Back Of Falls)



The back approach to Falls Creek is easy for the first stretch from the Blue Duck Inn until a grueling 9km, ascent at 10% makes this one of the most challenging climbs in Victoria.





Trail running

Panoramic views and crisp mountain air are just the tip of the iceberg. Alpine trail running is an experience you just can't get in the city.

Falls Creek is a unique offering when it comes to alpine trail running. A diverse range of trails combine beautifully with the vibrant village, dramatic plains and iconic landmarks of the region to offer challenging rewards for all abilities.

Falls Creek trails range from flat well-manicured walking and vehicle tracks to rugged and remote singletracks through extreme alpine terrain. Heritage sites like Wallace's and Cope Huts join the spectacular features of Rocky Valley Lake, Mt McKay and Frying Pan Spur in an enviable sightseeing aspect too.

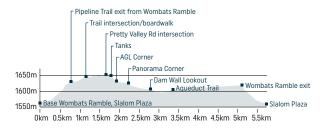
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Introductory Run



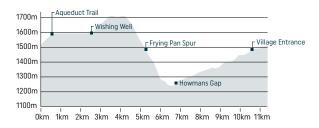
A gentle introductory run that scoots you out to serene Rocky Valley Lake via the sweeping 'Walking on Water' trail and returning via the resort's Aqueduct Trail. This is mostly graded underfoot with a reasonable incline to begin before levelling out for a comfortable loop return.



Advanced Run



An excellent run for those who like a challenge. It is not an incredibly long run but offers a good variation of elevation gain and loss as the landscape ranges from beautiful distant views of the surrounding mountains through to steep and technical running along thick forest and trickling streams.





Aqueduct Trail

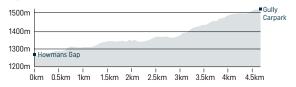


An excellent introductory walk for all ages, the Aqueduct Trail is easily accessible and leads between key highlight points of Wishing Well and Rocky Valley Lake.

Packhorse Heritage Trail



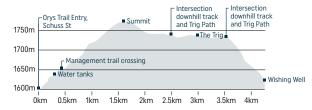
Retrace the historic trail used by pioneers of the Falls Creek & Bogong High Plains region.



Home and Away



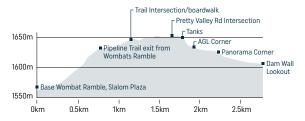
A scenic hike taking in the Maze and Summit ski areas on a village return trip.



Walking on Water



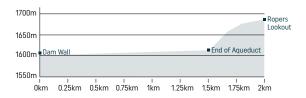
Hike to the spectacular Rocky Valley Lake through Falls Creek's cross country ski trails and Nordic Bowl.



Ropers Lookout



An easy hike with a natural staircase climb at the end to an incredible lookout point with views back to Falls Creek, down the Kiewa Valley and over Rocky Valley Lake.



Falls Creek Falls



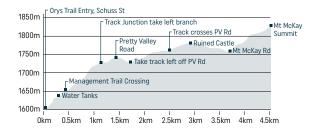
A short walk from the village, Falls Creek Falls are an easy to access spot for a quick hike and offer a great insight into the regenerating flora from the 2003 alpine bushfires.

▼ Hiking trails

Mountain & Castle



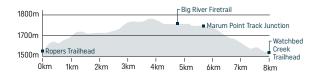
Hike to the highest drivable point in the Southern Hemisphere, Falls Creek's own Mt McKay. At 1849m above sea level the reward is an incredible view across Falls Creek and the Bogong High Plains.



Heathy Spur



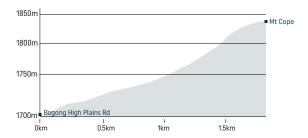
A 10km walk to return, this is a true high country hike across the natural landscape of the sprawling Bogong High Plains and taking in terrain damaged in the 2003 and 2006 bushfires.



Mount Cope



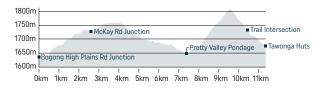
Mt Cope (1857m) is one of the highest peaks in the High Plains and an easy extension from Cope Hut.



Tawonga Huts



Take a full day's hike out to the pretty grounds of the Tawonga Huts. Mostly hiking on dirt trails, this course takes you past highlights of Mt McKay and the Pretty Valley Lake and Horse Yards.



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The energy within Falls Creek through all seasons

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• Events

Falls Creek, the High Country's perfect stage. Throughout summer Falls Creek plays host to a huge range of events with something in the calendar for everybody. From long distance endurance events to community led, family friendly festivals there has never been a better time to plan your visit to the mountains.



Big Rides

For the avid cyclist amongst us Falls Creek is a mecca for pushing your fitness, skills and determination across our headline range of cycling events. With over 1500 participants Peaks Challenge Falls Creek sets the bar for ultimate cycle challenge. It's 235km route is nothing short of epic and the new 100km course is still and incredible challenge. If dirt and dust is more your forte then look no further than our XC triple header weekender in February. Combining an official schools MTB XC race on Friday, a round of the Victorian State Series on Saturday and a marathon XC race on Sunday your legs will thank you later.

Big Runs

If your more fleet of foot, Falls Creek also has a great options for trail running events. 2021 will see the rescheduled date of the Iconic Alpine Challenge; featuring trail runs for all abilities from 10kms to 100kms. 2021 will also see Falls Creek welcome the inaugural edition of the Australian Grand Traverse. This new event will see participants complete the stunning Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing in one day with return transport and accommodation options available.

Big Fun

It's not all action packed and hardwork at Falls Creek though. our family friendly Easter Festival will see the village come alive with activities, laughter and great dining options as well as plenty of outdoor activities for the whole family. For those looking to leave the kids at home we'd recommend the decadent luxury of the Falls Creek Longest Lunch. This 3-course decadence, feast takes place in the iconic surrounds of the Alpine National Park, with full table service the sumptuous 3-course menu, matched local wines and arrival drinks will provide for an unforgettable day!

▼ Events guide

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Green season means GO season for gravity riders with shuttles and the MTB trails reopening in Nov.

- Shuttles are temporarily suspended due to COVID restrictions. Shuttle operations will recommence on November 20. Follow @bluedirtmountainbiking or visit www.bluedirt.com.au for operational updates.
- Rnd 1 of the Victorian Enduro Tour and EWS qualifier on true alpine singletrack (Feb 6/7)
- MTB XC triple header weekend for lycra warriors (Feb 26/27/28)

School Holidays



Endless summer days in the cool mountains make Falls Creek holidays last a lifetime.

- Lake paddle experiences (weekends bookings essential)
- High ropes course at Howmans Gap activity centre
- Bike hire (Village Bike Hub & Milch Café)

Endurance



Long days in the saddle, epic challenges and stunning alpine scenery will reward those who seek the road less travelled.

- Peaks Challenge 2021 (Mar 7th)
- Australian Grand Traverse (March 27)
- Alpine Challenge (April 17/18)





Water based fun isn't just for ducks!

- Dragon Boats Mile High Regatta (Jan 23/24)
- Kayak and stand up paddle board tours (Weekends and Summer Holidays)
- VIC fly fishing rnd 3 (Feb 27/28)

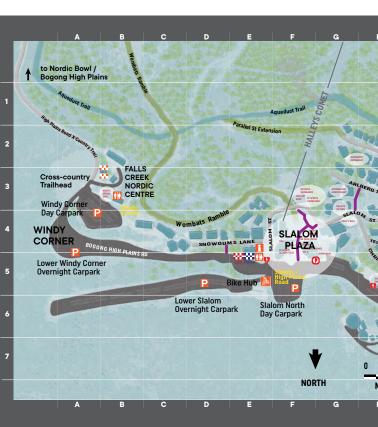
Event	
Dec Saturdays	Falls to Hotham Shuttle Buses
Dec 25th	Christmas Day
Dec 27th - Jan 31st	Daily MTB Shuttles
Dec 31st	New Years Eve
Jan Saturdays	Falls to Hotham Shuttle Buses
Jan 23rd/24th	Dragon Boat Mile High Regatta
Jan 24th	Audax Alpine Classic
Feb 6th/7th	Rnd 1 VIC Enduro Tour
Feb 26th	VIC Schools MTB Challenge
Feb 27th	VIC XCO Series
Feb 28th	Falls Creek MTB Marathon Race
Feb 27th/28th	VIC Fly Fishing Champs Rnd 3
March 7th	Peaks Challenge Falls Creek
March 12th	Falls Creek Long Lunch
March 27th	Australian Grand Traverse
April 3rd/4th	Falls Creek Easter Festival
April 4th	Easter
April 10th	Alpine Cycle Club Kids MTB race
April 17th/18th	Alpine Challenge
April 25th	ANZAC dawn service
June 1st	Fight MND Ice Plunge
Legend School H	olidays Easter Holiday ANZAC Holiday

Village directory

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	REF.
Cafe's, Restaurants & Snacks	;		
Alpine Pepper	1 Bogong High Plains Rd	5758 3615	K7
Attunga Lounge, Bar & Restaurant	10 Arlberg St	5758 3255	G3
Chophouse	28 Slalom St	5758 3888	K4
Diana Restaurant	6 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3214	J5
Frying Pan Inn	4 Village Bowl Ct	5711 9100	02
IB's Bar & Restaurant/Jerry's Stall	9 Parallel St	5758 3278	12
Last Hoot Pizzeria & Bar	9 Slalom St	5758 3088	F3
Milch Café & Bar	4 Schuss St	5758 3407	J3
Nelse	17 Slalom St	5758 3263	H3
Snonuts Donuts & Snacks	Slalom Plaza	0417 572 228	F4
Stingray - QT Falls Creek	Slalom Plaza	5732 8000	F5
Summit Ridge	8 Schuss St	5758 3800	K3
The Pass	Slalom Plaza	0419 596 569	F4
Village Bike Cafe	Slalom North Carpark	0409 161 903	F5
Facilities & Services			
ATM - Foodworks	Slalom Plaza	5758 3009	F5
Blue Dirt MTB Shuttle & Rental	Slalom North Carpark	0409 161 903	F5
Conference Room & Community Gym	17 B.H.P. Rd	5758 1202	F4
Falls Creek Child Care	17 B.H.P. Rd	5758 1244	F4
Falls Creek Museum	4 Slalom St		F4
Falls Creek Plumbing & Gasfitting		0409 002 940	
Foodworks Supermarket, Liquor & Newsagent	17 B.H.P. Rd	5758 3009	F5
Frueauf MTB Rental	4 Schuss St	1300 300 709	J3
nternet Access	QT Day Shelter - Slalom Plaza		
Post Office	17 B.H.P. Rd	5758 3275	F5
Primary School	15 Slalom St	5758 3311	H3
Zirky Real Estate		0402 277 808	
Accommodation & Transport	Bookings		
Albury, Wodonga Snow Transfers	Albury	0416 042 046	
Falls Creek Central Reservations	1 B.H.P. Rd	1800 033 079	K7
Easytrans Private Transfers	Albury	02 6021 3777	
Falls Creek Coach Service	Tawonga South	5754 4024	
FallsBus	Wangaratta	1300 781 221	
Forest Air Heli-Shuttle	Albury	1300 731 450	
Snowdog transport		0491 723 650	
Snowlimo Private Transfers	Albury	1300 223 546	
Resort Information			
DFA	1 Slalom St	5758 3642	E5
Falls Creek Visitor Information Centre	1 Slalom St	5758 1200	F5
Falls Creek Resort Management	1 Slalom St	5758 1200	E4
	1 B.H.P. Rd	5758 3733	K7
Falls Creek Chamber of Commerce			
Falls Creek Chamber of Commerce Falls Creek Ski Lifts	3 Village Bowl Crt	5758 1000	N3

BUSINESS/SERVICE NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	REF.
Commercial Accommodati	ion		
Alpha Lodge	5 Parallel St	5758 3488	12
Alpine View Apartments	29 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3461	N1
Alpine Apartments		5758 3499	
Alpine Boutique Apartments		0419 028 170	
Alpine Woodsmoke	23 B.H.P. Rd	0419 028 170	C4
Altezza 1570	9 Sitzmark St	0419 028 170	К3
Altitude Apartments	27 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3811	N2
Astra Lodge	5 Sitzmark St	5758 3496	J4
Attunga Lodge & Apartments	10 Arlberg St	5758 3255	G3
Cedarwood Apartments	11 Schuss St	5758 3393	L2
Cooroona Lodge	24 Slalom St	5758 3244	J5
Diana Alpine Lodge	6 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3214	J5
Elk at Falls	18 Slalom St	5758 3211	14
Falls Creek Accom	250 B.H.P Rd	0419 317 013	F5
Falls Creek Country Club	7 B.H.P. Rd	5758 3391	J6
Falls Creek Hotel	23 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3282	M2
Feathertop Alpine Lodge	14 Parallel St	5758 3232	G2
Fjäll	7 Snowgum Lane	0433 650 784	D4
Four Seasons Chalet	1 Falls Creek Rd	5758 3254	15
Frueauf Village	4 Schuss St	1300 300 709	13
Frying Pan Apartments	4 Village Bowl Ct	5711 9100	02
Gebi's Apartments	3 B.H.P Rd	1800 45 35 25	K6
Halley's Apartments	11 Slalom St	5758 3363	G3
Halley's Lodge	11 Slalom St	5758 3475	G3
Huski Apartments	3 Sitzmark St	1300 652 260	J4
Karelia Alpine Lodge	9 Parallel St	5758 3278	12
Kilimanjaro Apartments	3 Arlberg St	5758 3242	H3
Koki Alpine Resort	1 Arlberg St	5758 3272	H3
Lakeside Lodge	14 Schuss St	5758 3302	L2
Les Chalets	5 Slalom St	0488 041 145	E4
Murmeli Falls Creek	16 Schuss St	5758 3346	M2
Nelse Lodge	17 Slalom St	5758 3263	H3
Pretty Valley Lodge	10 Slalom St	5758 3210	G4
QT Falls Creek	17 B.H.P. Rd	5732 8000	F5
Red Onion Ski Chalet	7 Arlberg St	0412 640 301	G3
Ripparoo Ski Lodge	22 Slalom St	5758 3251	14
Ropers Apartments	10 Slalom St	5758 3210	G4
Schuss Lodge	10 Parallel St	5758 3372	H2
Silverski Rooms & Apartments	1 Sitzmark St	1800 181 770	14
Snowlands Apartments	9 Slalom St	5758 3499	F3
Snow Fall Lodge	15 Parallel St	0413 344 297	H2
Snow Ski Apartments	1 Village Bowl Crt	5758 3356	N3
Southern Cross Flats	1 Christie St	5758 3254	15
Summit Ridge Alpine Lodge	8 Schuss St	5758 3800	К3
Viking Alpine Lodge	13 Parallel St	5758 3247	H2
Woodsmoke Apartments	via Windy Corner	5758 3182	C4

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