

**DINNER PLAIN** is open all year round and when the snow melts, the warmer weather promises long lazy days, spectacular views, mountain biking and bush walking.

Explore the historic cattlemen's huts, the many bush trails and amazing views in the Alpine National Park, or challenge yourself on foot or on your bike on the Dinner Plain to Mount Hotham trail.

Accommodation is available all year round and there are a range of activities to suit everyone at from indulging yourself at the day spa to bushwalking, cycling and mountain biking.

## POPULAR WALKS

### Village Trails

Length: Various Grade: Easy to Moderate

The village trails take you past beautiful snow gums and wildflowers with terrain ranging from easy to more difficult.

"Orites" meanders through the snow gums and is a good area for wildflower spotting. During your stroll look out for the Alpine Orites, a small heathy shrub common in snow gum woodland and found chiefly amongst rocks.

"Fitzy's Circus" will take you past some of Dinner Plain's unique architecture, the tennis courts and village ski run.

### Carmichael Falls

Length: 2 km return Grade: Moderate

The walk starts at the "To Carmichael Falls" sign post on the Dinner Plain 4WD track. The track is clearly marked and leads to a purpose built lookout with seating overlooking the picturesque falls amongst the snow gums. Please do not leave the track or approach the cliff.

### Room with a View

Length: 3km return Grade: Easy

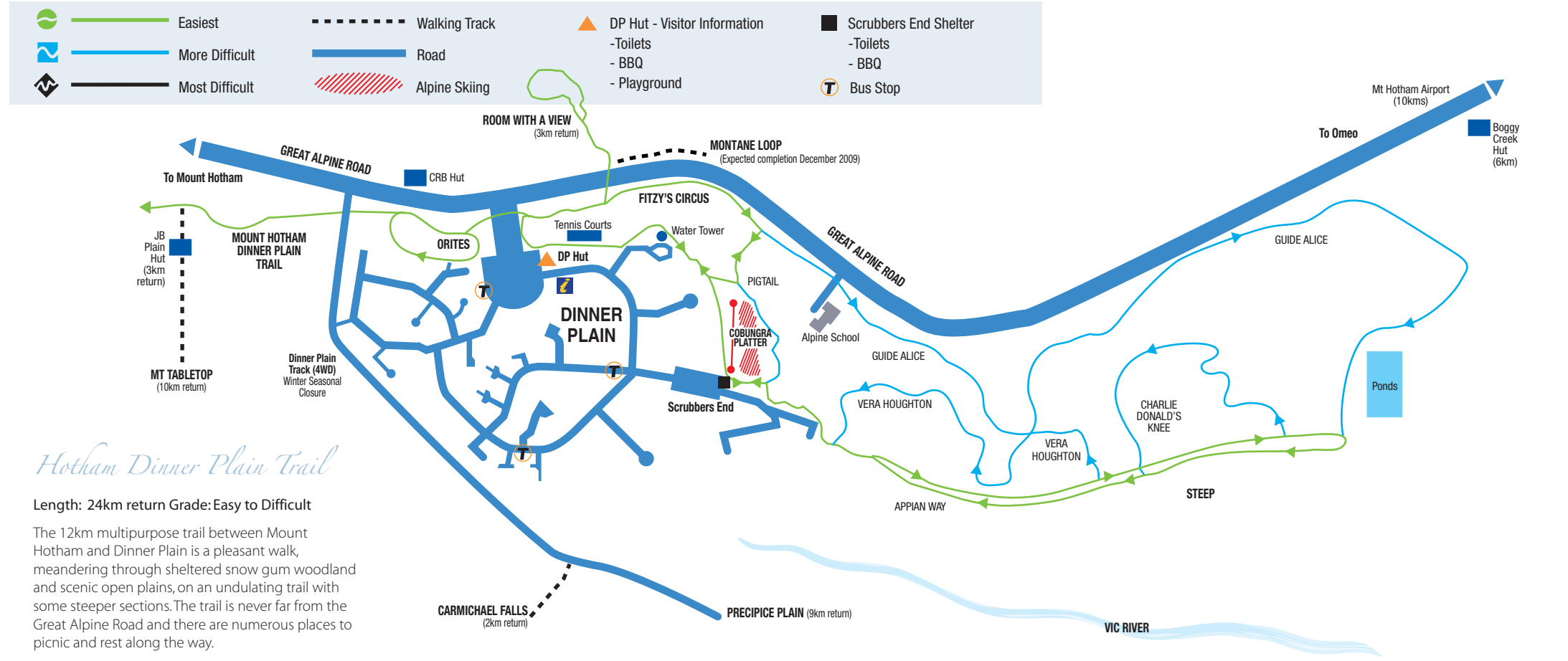
A short walk from the Dinner Plain (approximately 1.5 hours return) the Room With A View Walk was the first project planned and completed by Dinner Plain Landcare Group.

The walk was originally an old horse riding track taking you on an easy walk through snowgum forest and open plain with spectacular views of Mount Hotham, Mount Feathertop, Bogong High Plains and the Cobungra River.

### Precipice Plain

Length: 18km return Grade: Moderate

Walk or bike along the Dinner Plain 4WD Track to a lovely natural lookout across the remote Dargo Valley.



### Hotham Dinner Plain Trail

Length: 24km return Grade: Easy to Difficult

The 12km multipurpose trail between Mount Hotham and Dinner Plain is a pleasant walk, meandering through sheltered snow gum woodland and scenic open plains, on an undulating trail with some steeper sections. The trail is never far from the Great Alpine Road and there are numerous places to picnic and rest along the way.

This trail also provides an easy walk to JB Hut starting at Dinner Plain.

### Tabletop Walk

Length: 20km return Grade: Difficult

Mt Tabletop is a distinctive flat plateau linked to the Great Dividing Range by a low ridge. From JB Plain, follow the old fence line south across the Plains for 0.5km. From here the route is marked by orange triangular markers. After crossing snow plains and snow gum woodland the route drops down to Tabletop Creek then follows a long ridge up the plateau. The track is marked to a rocky outcrop just below the summit. Return by the same route.

**Cross Country Trails & Walks Start Here** (all trail distances are approximate from DP Hut)

- Village Trails
- Precipice Plain
- Carmichael Falls
- Mt Tabletop
- Room with a View
- Mount Hotham Dinner Plain Trail
- JB Plain

**BE PREPARED!!** Weather conditions can change rapidly in alpine areas. Snowfalls and blizzards can be experienced any time of the year.

Be prepared with:

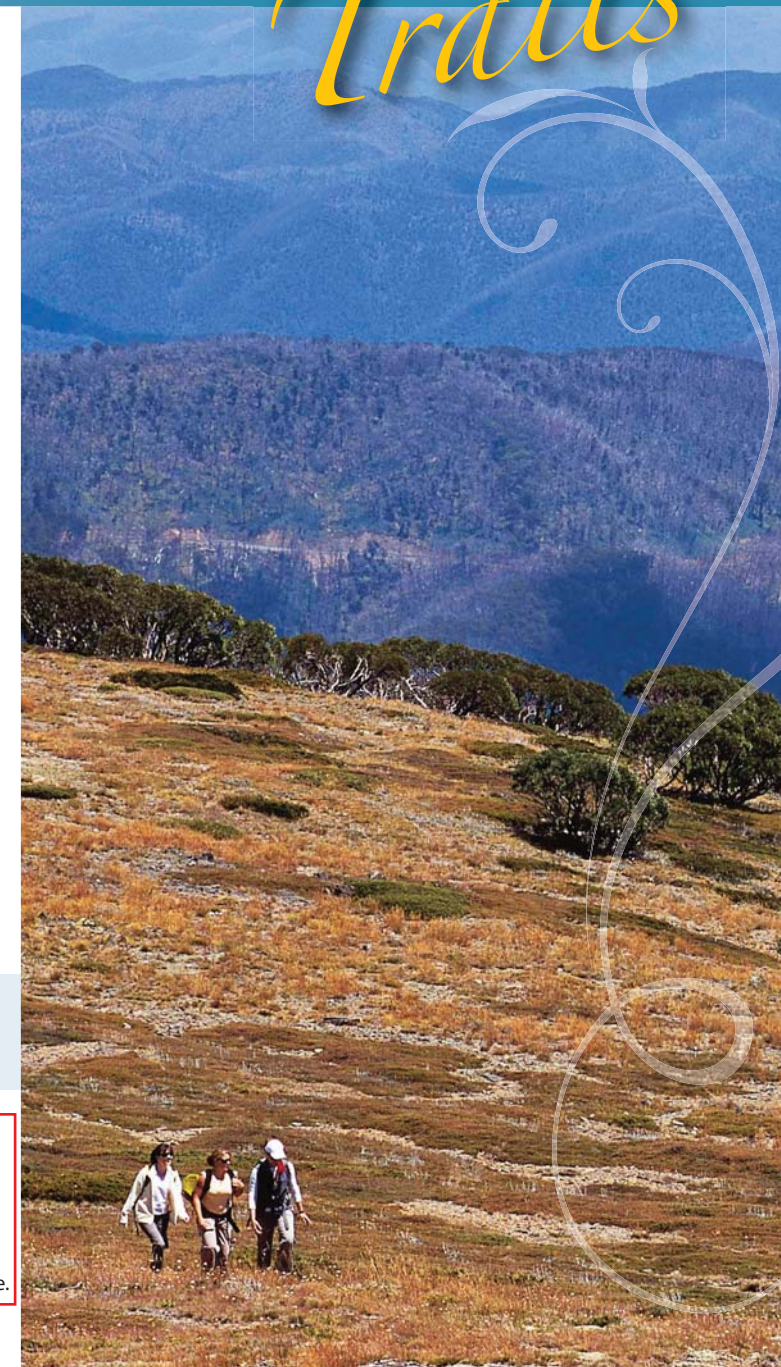
- Wind & waterproof jackets
- Warm clothing - hat, gloves & sturdy footwear
- Map & compass
- First aid kit
- Carry plenty of water

Most importantly, **LET SOMEONE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

**Hotham Resort Management Board** Open Monday to Friday (03) 57 59 3550 [www.mthotham.com.au](http://www.mthotham.com.au)

**Dinner Plain Visitor Information Centre** Open 7 days 1300 734 365 [www.visitdinnerplain.com](http://www.visitdinnerplain.com)

In the event of an emergency, please call **000** for ambulance and police assistance.



# Summer AT MOUNT HOTHAM

## WALKING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

There are a wide variety of walks in Dinner Plain, the Alpine National Park and Mt Hotham Resort. The best months for bush walking and mountain biking are from early November to late April as the area may be snow covered or too wet during winter and early spring.

# Mount Hotham Trails

With spectacular views, loads of walking tracks and wildflowers aplenty, summer is a great time to visit Mount Hotham. With self contained or lodge style accommodation available year round, you can explore the resort and surrounding Alpine National Park on foot, by horseback or 4WD. Biking is popular between Hotham and Dinner Plain, or for a greater thrill try downhill during peak holiday periods. During twilight hours seek out sunsets over the Alps or perhaps bush walk early to watch the sunrise.

### POPULAR WALKS

#### Dargo Lookout Loop

Length: 1.4km return Grade: Easy

This short and easy loop walk begins at the Nordic Shelter Hut at Wire Plain. Follow the signs behind the hut to the right. The walk winds through the snow gums and grasslands to a picture perfect picnic table overlooking views of the Dargo High Plains.



#### Spargo's Hut via Mt Loch @ Derrick Hut

Length: 11km return Grade: Moderate

Starting at the Loch Car park, follow the Australian Alps Walking Track pole line along the ridge for impressive views of Mt Hotham, Mt Feathertop and the High Plains. Derrick Hut was built as a memorial to Charles Derrick and is located at pole 94. Continue to Spargo's Hut from pole 84 and travel south along an unmarked walking for 1km. Originally built in 1932 by Bill Spargo the hut survived the 1939 and 2003 fires and still stands today. Return via the same track.

#### Mount Feathertop via Razorback Ridge

Length: 22km return Grade: Difficult

This is a popular walk for a long day trip or overnight camp. Beginning at Diamantina Hut 2.5km from Hotham on the Great Alpine Road, the walk along the Razorback Ridge is generally exposed above the tree line making for great views; however, it should not be crossed in bad weather. The junction with Bon Accord Spur is 1.5km from the summit of Mt Feathertop. Return by the same route or make suitable transport arrangements and walk down the Bungalow Spur to Harrierville.

#### Christmas Hill Trail and Wonderland Loop

Length: 3.5km Grade: Moderate

Begin this walk at Skiers Corner opposite Whitey's Car park. There is a steep climb up Charlie's Trail before veering left onto Christmas Hill Trail. 100m past the junction, the Village Lookout offers great views and picnic tables. Follow the orange markers past Ryan's Folly to the Big Spur Trail and the picnic area of the same name overlooking views of Mt Loch, the Cobungra Gap and Bogong High Plains before continuing along to the Telemark Hill Loop. At the junction of Telemark Hill and Wonderland Trail you can veer left to head to the Great Alpine Road at Wire Plain or continue along to the Four Ways and Charlie's Trail, returning to your starting point.

#### Brandy Creek Mine - Cobungra River

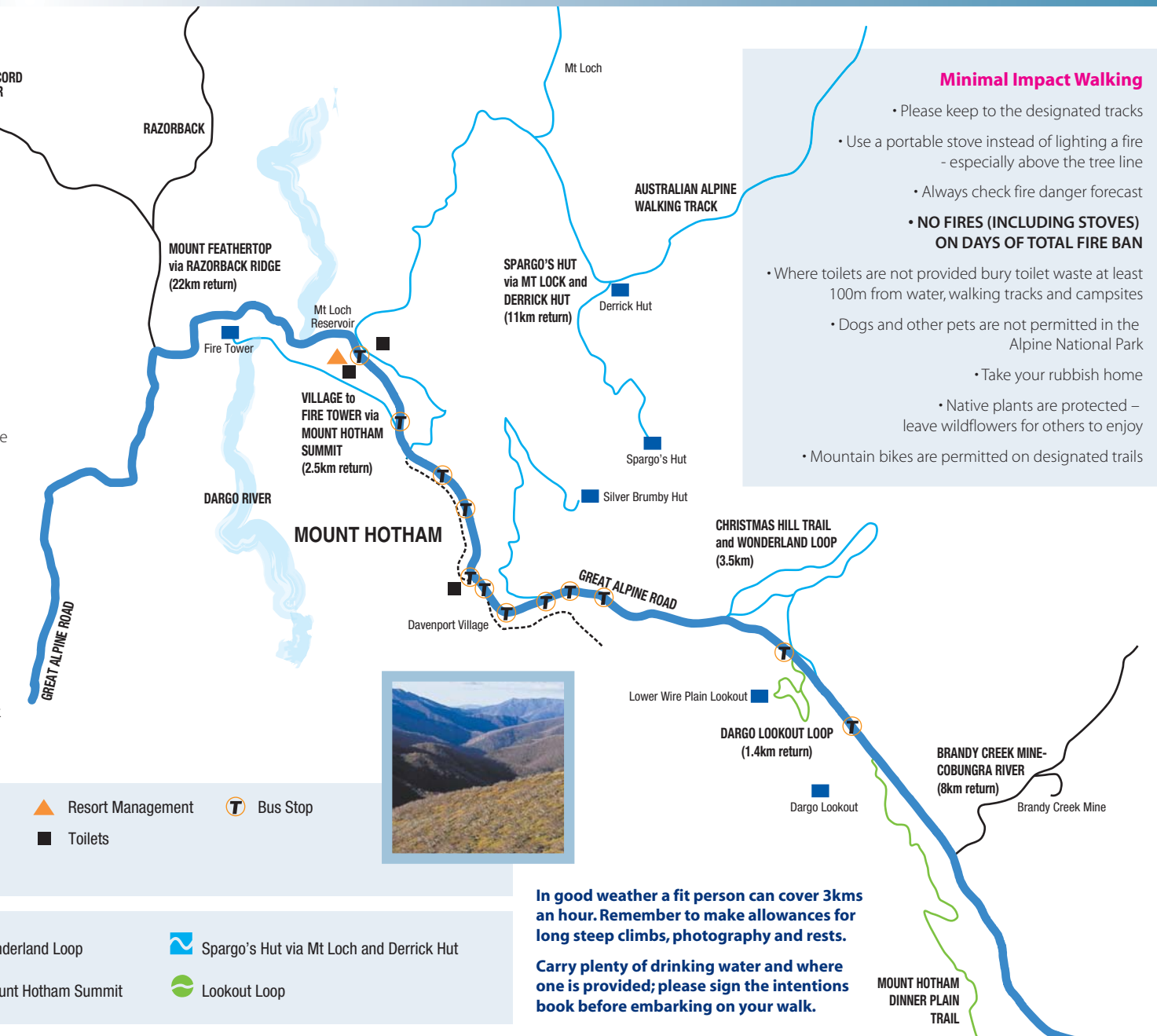
Length: 8km return Grade: Difficult

The trailhead for this walk is located 1km past Whiskey Flat towards Omeo. A well defined old vehicle track descends into the valley from the Great Alpine Road. It is 1km to the extensive works of what was once the Brandy Creek Mine. Continue the descent along the track to the flats of the Cobungra River. Spend some time exploring the river before returning via the same route.

#### Village to Fire Tower via Mount Hotham Summit

Length: 2.5km return Grade: Moderate

Beginning out front of the Snowbird Inn in the Village, keep to the right of the Summit chair climbing to the peak of Mount Hotham. Follow the vehicle trail from the top of the chairlift past the Telstra Tower to the Fire Tower for an inspiring 360 degree view including Mt Buffalo, Mt Feathertop and Mt Buller. Return via the same route.



**Minimal Impact Walking**

- Please keep to the designated tracks
- Use a portable stove instead of lighting a fire - especially above the tree line
- Always check fire danger forecast
- **NO FIRES (INCLUDING STOVES) ON DAYS OF TOTAL FIRE BAN**
- Where toilets are not provided bury toilet waste at least 100m from water, walking tracks and campsites
- Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the Alpine National Park
- Take your rubbish home
- Native plants are protected - leave wildflowers for others to enjoy
- Mountain bikes are permitted on designated trails

### High Country Huts

You are very welcome to visit to the huts but please do not use them for overnight accommodation as they are for temporary refuge only. If you use the fireplace in any of the huts, check the fire is out, take your rubbish with you and close doors and windows securely before leaving.

#### CRB Hut

CRB Hut is located on the northern side of the Great Alpine Road, outside the main entrance to Dinner Plain. It was built in 1923 -1925 and is known to have survived the Black Friday fires in 1939. The hut is protected by a heritage order.

#### JB Hut

Located at JB Plain, just 2km west of Dinner Plain. The hut is believed to have been built in the 1940's for forestry use and was relocated to JB Plain in the 1970's.

#### Wire Plain Hut

Billy Howard, a mountain cattleman from the Ovens district built this hut in 1962. Part of the hut was prefabricated and brought in by truck and the back of the hut was built on site to house saddles and a water tank.

#### Derrick Hut

The hut was built as a memorial to Charles Derrick, a cross country skier who died in a blizzard while attempting to ski from Mt Bogong to Mt Hotham. Built as a day shelter for cross country skiers; the hut is not for overnight accommodation.

#### Spargo's Hut

Spargo's Hut was built in 1932 and survived the 1939 and 2003 fires. It belonged to Bill Spargo, a well known local identity who discovered and opened the Red Robin mine and ran the first Hotham Heights guest house.

#### Silver Brumby Hut

The Silver Brumby Hut at Mt Hotham was built as a set prop for the movie "The Silver Brumby" in 1993. The hut was recently rebuilt and re-opened to the public in 2008.

#### Self Guided Ecology Walk

Mount Hotham Resort sits between 1400m and 1861m above sea level providing visitors with a unique alpine environment. Pick up a free brochure for details of this self guided walk detailing the environmentally significant areas of the resort.

#### Self Guided Heritage Walk

This informative walk details historically significant sites around Mount Hotham Resort including huts, first Club Lodges and memorial plaques. A free brochure is available for further information at the transit lounge in the village.



Easiest	Walking Track	Resort Management	Bus Stop
More Difficult	Road	Toilets	
Most Difficult			

Mount Feathertop via Razorback Ridge	Christmas Hill Trail and Wonderland Loop	Spargo's Hut via Mt Loch and Derrick Hut
Brandy Creek Mine - Cobungra River	Village to Fire Tower via Mount Hotham Summit	Lookout Loop

**In good weather a fit person can cover 3kms an hour. Remember to make allowances for long steep climbs, photography and rests.**

**Carry plenty of drinking water and where one is provided; please sign the intentions book before embarking on your walk.**