



### Wishing Well (via the Aqueduct Trail)

6.2 km return

Walk up Wombat's Ramble ski trail until you reach the aqueduct, a flat grassy trail. Follow the trail to the right as it winds its way above the village, skirting the Village Bowl area before narrowing to a single track as you get closer to the Wishing Well, a small pool at the end of the aqueduct. The trail extends to a view point overlooking Mt Spion Kopje on your right and takes you through post-fire regenerating woodland.

### Walking on Water Trail

4.8 km return

Start from Wombat's Ramble and head out along the Aqueduct Trail until you reach the Nordic (cross country) ski trails. The first trail is called Aitken's Trail. Follow this up until you reach the Pipeline Trail. Turn left and follow the trail over the McKay/Pretty Valley Road, following the markers to the Rocky Valley Lake foreshore. There are great views over Rocky Valley Lake along this section. Continue along the foreshore following the markers over the grassy knoll and across Bogong Alpine Way rejoining the Aqueduct at the Nordic Bowl. Turn left and return to the village.

### Home and Away Trail

6.0 km return

Begin your walk at Ory's Trail, following it up until you reach the large brown tank containing Falls Creek's water supply. Continue uphill along the vehicle track until it crosses onto the old Summit home trail. From there the trail becomes steep and rocky as it winds 1km uphill to the top of the Summit chair.\* The markers will lead you past the small ski patrol hut to the end of the first snow fence and then down a gently undulating trail to a T intersection. An optional side trip to the Frying Pan Spur can be taken at this point (see below) or veer right across a rocky plateau and then downhill to the aqueduct and small pool and falls known as the Wishing Well. Turn right onto the Aqueduct Trail and follow it back to the village and your preferred exit point.

\* When chairlift is operating you can start from this point.

### Frying Pan Spur Side Trip

0.7 km return

Follow the walk description for the Home and Away Trail, continuing past the top of the Summit Chair until you reach the T intersection described. From this point continue straight ahead for the 650m trip to the end of Frying Pan Spur, identified by a rocky outcrop and Trig Point. Enjoy panoramic views of the Kiewa Valley and surrounding mountains.

### Mountain & Castle Adventure Trail

7.0 km return

Begin your walk at Ory's Trail, following it up until you reach the large brown tank containing Falls Creek's water supply. Continue uphill along the vehicle track until it crosses onto the old Summit home trail to where the trail forks. Veer left following the trail markers until you reach Pretty Valley Road, then walk right following the road until you reach Ruined Castle, a columnar outcrop of basalt rock. The trail winds uphill to a vehicle track and then across Pretty Valley Road before reaching the base of Mt McKay (1,872m). Follow the road up and you'll be rewarded with spectacular views across to Mt Hotham, Mt Feathertop and Mt Bogong.

## Walking Trails - Alpine National Park

### Ropers Lookout

5.0 km return

Drive to the starting point at the eastern end of the Rocky Valley dam wall. Follow the grassy trail beside the aqueduct for 1.5km before climbing a small gully among the snowgums up to the lookout situated on a small basalt knoll. Or, from Falls Creek village, follow the aqueduct trail to Rocky Valley Lake and cross the dam wall to the Roper Lookout starting point (10km return trip).

### Wallaces Hut

1.5 km return

Travel 7.7km along the Bogong Alpine Way past the Rocky Valley dam wall. A signpost marks the starting point where you can park your car. Follow the well-graded track to Wallaces Hut. Built in 1889 the hut nestled among beautiful old snowgums has survived the extremes of snow and fire and is the oldest cattleman's hut on the high plains.

### Cope Hut

0.5 km return

Travel 2km along the Bogong Alpine Way beyond the Wallaces Hut turnoff. Follow the track to the historic ski hut built in 1929 by the Ski Club of Victoria to cater for the growing popularity of skiing and bushwalking.

### Wallaces Hut - Cope Hut

6.0 km return

Walk to Wallaces hut, then continue past the aqueduct turning right onto the Australian Alpine Walking Track. Turn right again at the T junction and follow the track to Cope Hut and the Bogong Alpine Way. Return to the start along the road or via the walking track to Wallaces Hut.

### Mt Cope

3.5 km return

Drive approximately 11km from the east side of the dam wall to the Mt Cope sign post. The track starts on the right hand side of the road and takes you across grassy snowplains and up through snowgums and small boulders to the rocky summit. Enjoy mountain views, grassy snowplains & wildflowers on your journey.

### Tawonga Huts

8.0 km return

For a more challenging walk, drive to Pretty Valley Lake via the Mt McKay Rd. Walk over the causeway and follow the Fainter Fire Track west as it climbs a spur before dropping down towards Tawonga Huts. About 1km from the hut a short diversion takes you to a saddle with magnificent views of Mt Feathertop and Mt Hotham.

### Heathy Spur Circuit

10 km return

Drive 500m beyond the eastern end of the Rocky Valley dam wall to the sign marked "Heathy Spur - Mt Nelse". The track climbs through alpine herbfields and snowgums to Heathy Spur before meeting the Australian Alps Walking Track (AAWT) and snow pole line after 4.5km. Turn right along the AAWT and down the Big River Fire Track back to Bogong Alpine Way. Turn right along the road for 2km back to your starting point.

For further information on walking within Alpine National Park contact Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.



## Walking Trails - Falls Creek Resort

Walking the trails within the Resort and the Alpine National Park, is one of the best ways to experience the panoramic views, wildflowers, wide open spaces and cool temperatures of the high country.

### The Aqueduct

4.8 km return

The Aqueduct Trail is a flat, grassy, easily recognised trail passing just above the village. It can be accessed from several locations and three key access points are used in our trail descriptions.

**Village Bowl:** Starting near the tennis courts, a short access track travels about 50m up to the Aqueduct Trail.

**Ory's Trail:** This access point is located opposite Milch Café in Schuss St.

**Wombats Ramble:** From the bottom of Falls Express chairlift walk up Slalom St. As you pass under the chairlift there is a wide ski run on your left. Walk up this trail to the Aqueduct.

The Aqueduct Trail is part of a 32km road system developed to maintain the aqueducts which are part of the Kiewa Hydro-electric system. They make fantastic walking and riding trails.

### Falls Creek Falls

0.3 km return

The trail begins on the Bogong Alpine Way just before you reach the Falls Creek entrance. Park in the bottom (Gully) carpark and walk from there. The trail is 150m down the road on your right. Steep steps lead from the road across a bridge to Falls Creek Falls.

This area was completely scorched by fires in 2003, however the speed of regeneration has been amazing. With the help of the Falls Creek community snowgums, ferns, grasses and other plant communities have sprung back to life. The regained beauty and lushness along with the picturesque falls make this short, shady walk a worthwhile venture.

### Rocky Valley Lake (via the Aqueduct Trail)

4.8 km return

Follow the Aqueduct Trail east from the Village as it curves its way into grassy woodland and crosses Bogong Alpine Way, before continuing on to Rocky Valley Lake. Return along the same trail or follow the Walking on Water Trail back to the village.