



Lake Crackenback Resort

SELF-GUIDED ALPINE DAY WALKS

Looking to lace up and head for the heights? You've come to the right place. These self-guided alpine adventures serve up landmark views, wild terrain, and that crisp mountain air you'll be talking about for months.

No guides, no schedules – just you, the trail, and maybe a brumby or two if you're lucky. ●

Summit Walk – Thredbo to Mt. Kosciuszko

This one's a bucket-list biggie. Start with a chairlift ride from Thredbo Village to Eagles Nest, then follow the elevated trail past the headwaters of the Snowy River and the serene Lake Cootapatamba – Australia's highest glacial lake. From there, it's onward to Rawson's Pass (home to Australia's highest public loo, if you're the type who collects trivia) and up to the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko. The views? Endless.

Grade: Moderate

Distance: 13 km

Start & Finish: Thredbo Village

Blue Lake & the Western Escarpment Walk – Charlotte Pass

Begin in the alpine beauty of Charlotte Pass and wind your way past the Snowy River and Club Lake Creek. You'll skirt the base of Mt. Kosciuszko and Carruthers Peak before arriving at Blue Lake – a 28-metre-deep glacial marvel carved from ancient granite. In summer or winter, the cliffs surrounding it feel like a cinematic backdrop.

Grade: Moderate

Distance: 12–15 km

Start & Finish: Charlotte Pass

Cascades Hut Walk / Mountain Bike – Dead Horse Gap

Ready for a bit of a mission? This shared trail is perfect for walkers and mountain bikers who don't mind breaking a sweat for a reward. Starting near Dead Horse Gap, you'll cross the Thredbo River and pass Bobs Ridge (the views are ridiculous – in the best way). Wind your way through the Pilot Wilderness Area, cross Cascade Creek, and arrive at the legendary Cascades Hut. There's a chance you'll spot a wild brumby or two, they won't stop for selfies, but it's still a moment you won't soon forget.

Grade: Hard

Distance: 20 km

Start & Finish: Dead Horse Gap

● No promises – they're wild, not on the payroll.

