



Snow Gums Boardwalk

(Ngarigo Country)

 10 min to 15 min

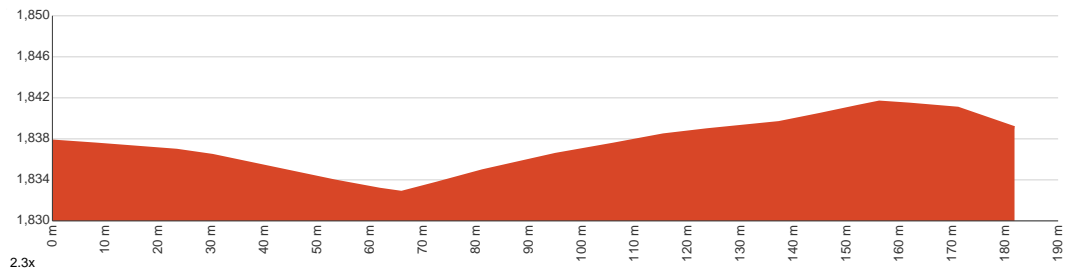

360 m
Return


↑ 17 m
↓ 17 m


Moderate track



This short walk starts at Charlotte Pass and follows a stone path, then boardwalk, discovering snow gums and two great lookouts. The first lookout provides great views west, up the Snowy River and Club Lake Creek to the Main Range and Australia's highest peaks. The next lookout is high on a rocky outcrop on Guthrie Range and provides a fantastic 360 degree view of the surrounding area. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 3 of 6 Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles	
Quality of track	Smooth and hardened path (1/6)
Gradient	Short steep hills (3/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)

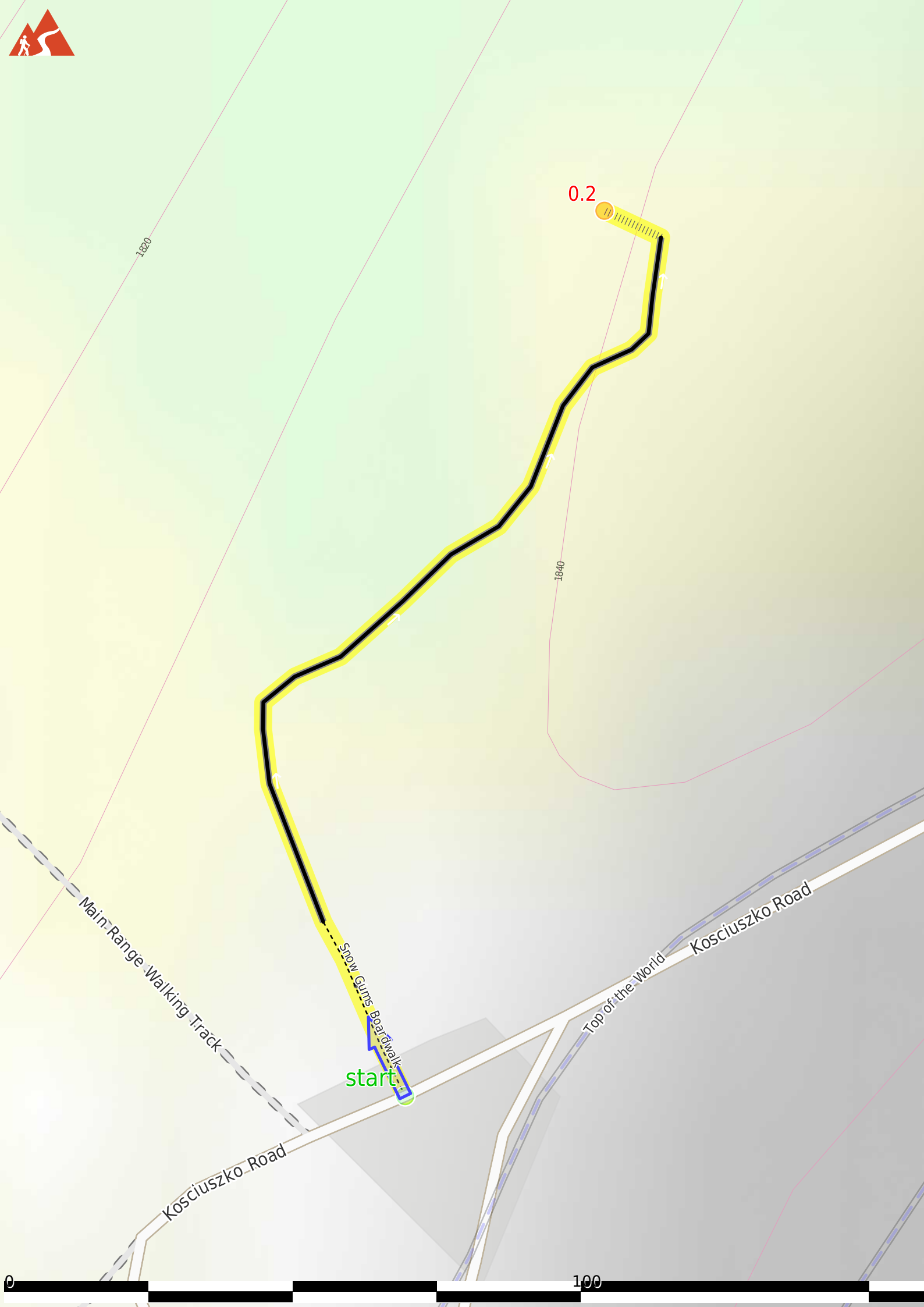
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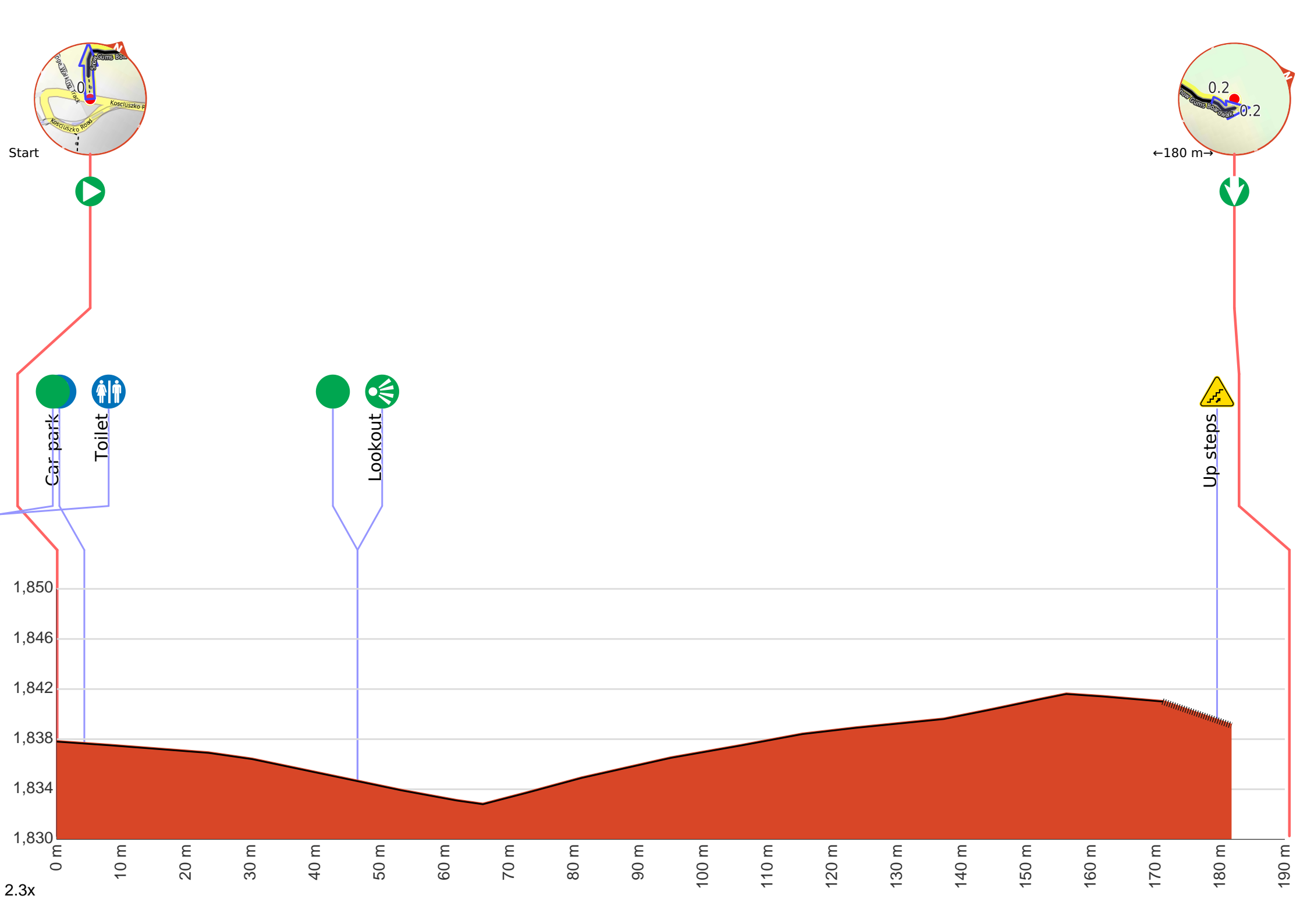
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

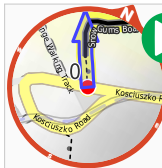
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Getting started: From Charlotte Pass at the lower end of the turning circle (at the end of Kosciuszko Road), this walk follows the 'Snow Gums Boardwalk' sign up the stone path. The walk soon passes a large rock (marking a track on the left), and continues up the stone path to wooden viewing platform, Charlotte Pass Lookout.



At the intersection of Snow Gums Boardwalk & Kosciuszko Road **Start** heading along *Snow Gums Boardwalk* (a footpath).



Find the car park at the start.



There is a toilet (about 85 m back from the start).



Covered in snow part of the year (about 50 m back from the start).



This walk leads through an extreme alpine environment and all walkers must be well prepared. During summer, be prepared for both very hot and cold weather, high winds, rain, snow, extreme UV levels and some sections of snow or ice on the ground. Before starting this walk, check advice with [Snowy Region Visitor Information Centre](#) (02) 6450 5600, the [weather forecast](#) and the [snow conditions](#) then change your plans as needed. These notes, grades and walking times have been written for use in the summer months only. Between May and the end of October, this walk is likely to be covered in snow/ice, visitors should carry and be prepared to use snowshoes or cross country skis. When there is a chance of significant snow on the ground, visitors will need particularly strong navigation and snowcraft skills - tracks and signage may not be visible. For most visitors, it is best to consider this walk closed during the colder months. Between the long weekend in June and October, the road between Perisher Village and Charlotte Pass is closed by the [RTA](#). It is possible to organise [oversnow transport](#).



After 85 m find the "Snow Gums and the Alpine Tree Line" (on your left).



Snow gums (*Eucalyptus pauciflora*) are the dominant tree found in Kosciuszko National Park. These slow-growing, distinctive plants have a light grey trunk with smooth red-brown bark, which peels unevenly with a mottled effect. They can be found south along the tablelands into Victoria, and also in Tasmania. Trees are covered with beautiful white flowers from October through to January, which attract lots of bird life. The alpine tree line is the highest altitude at which trees can survive, due to the cold temperatures. However, you will notice that, in some areas, there are no trees in the valleys, while they thrive on the surrounding hills. This is because cool air settles in the alpine valleys, making them colder and less hospitable than slightly higher altitudes.



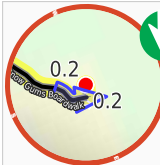
Then find the "Charlotte Pass lookout" (5 m on your left).



The Charlotte Pass lookout is a partially fenced lookout, north of the turning circle at the end of Kosciuszko Rd. The view is great, looking up the headwaters of the Snowy River up to the Main Range. To the left is Charlotte Pass (the actual pass only - there is no view of the village from here). There are also a few information signs explaining the local flora and geology.

After another 125 m head up the steps





(Main Range Lookout) Continue another 10 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 180 m to get back to the start.



"Main Range lookout".



The Main Range lookout is a partially fenced lookout, perched high on a rocky promontory, providing 360-degree views of the Main Range, the Snowy River, Blue Lake track and many of the mountains in the area. There are a number of information signs, adding interest to the view. This lookout is very exposed to the wind and weather, but provides great views in favourable conditions - be sure to consider the weather conditions before climbing up.