

Alpine Resorts Winter Access

Kosciuszko National Park



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Introduction

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is responsible for the care, control and management of access, parking and oversnow vehicle use within Kosciuszko National Park. The following procedures for the use of parking areas and oversnow vehicles have been adopted to assist with the safe and smooth operation of the ski resorts.

Vehicle access to Kosciuszko National Park

All vehicles entering the resort areas within Kosciuszko National Park must display a valid park entry pass.

Road closures

The following roads are closed from June long weekend to October long weekend ('the winter period').

- Kosciuszko Road – between Perisher Valley and Charlotte Pass
- Link Road - between Smiggin Holes and the Guthega Road
- Kings Cross Road – between Mt Selwyn and Cabramurra
- Cabramurra Road (KNP 5) – between Cabramurra and Khancoban turn-off

These closures are subject to snow conditions and arrangements between the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), NPWS and ski resort operators.

Road closures are put in place by RMS road occupancy licences, which prevent access by the public but allow controlled access for key stakeholders.

Resort roads

Perisher Range resorts

Perisher Valley and Guthega in-resort roads will be regarded as closed to all traffic other than oversnow vehicles for the winter period. NPWS may adjust the road status based on snow conditions to permit entry to certain authorised vehicles (including wheeled vehicles). The four road status conditions (A to D) are detailed in Appendix B.

Smiggin Holes in-resort roads will be cleared as required to allow wheeled vehicle access.

Thredbo

Thredbo village roads will be cleared of snow as required. Public access to the resort and parking in designated lodge car parks is allowed, provided it is in accordance with all signage and/or instructions.

Charlotte Pass

Charlotte Pass Village is snowbound in winter and only authorised oversnow vehicles will be permitted to access at the discretion of the resort operator and RMS.

Resort parking

Day parking

Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes

Ski resort staff direct the parking of vehicles within daytime public car parks in accordance with parking arrangements agreed with NPWS. Infringements will be issued to vehicles obstructing traffic or parked contrary to instructions or signage.

Parking is not permitted in daytime public car parks during the winter period between 12am and 7am. This is to allow snow clearing operations in the car parks and on roads.

Overnight parking

Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes

There is no overnight public parking at Perisher Valley or Smiggin Holes during the winter period.

A limited number of authorised parking bays are available to lessees and operators in the authorised parking bays at Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes. Priority for allocation is reviewed yearly and based on the approved onsite parking available at each premise and the following criteria.

1. resort management
2. hotels
3. commercial lodges
4. ski clubs and apartments with a resident manager, offering catering, and number of beds.

NPWS will lock each parking bay until the allocated occupier has completed the application process and paid all fees. Occupiers are responsible for security of their authorised parking bays over the winter period.

Guthega, Thredbo and Selwyn Snowfields

Overnight parking is permitted in the designated overnight car parks in Thredbo, Guthega and Selwyn Snowfields. Vehicle-based camping is not permitted.

Temporary vehicle parking

Vehicle parking for temporary periods, including overnight, may be authorised on a limited basis. Applications will be assessed on merit and are subject to availability of space. These may include disabled vehicle parking, contractors undertaking emergency repairs and visiting performers.

Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega

For temporary parking contact NPWS Perisher office on 02 6457 4444.

Selwyn Snowfields

For temporary parking contact Selwyn Snowfields ski resort on 02 6454 9488.

Thredbo

For temporary parking requirements contact Thredbo ski resort on 02 6459 4100.

Vehicle access and parking permits

Resort Management Vehicles (RMV)

NPWS will issue an RMV permit to authorise lodge management 4WD vehicles to park overnight in an allocated parking bay. This will also allow access to lodges for guest services and business management purposes when there is insufficient snow to operate an oversnow vehicle. RMV permits are issued following approval of an application and payment of a fee.

RMV access is only permitted when conditions allow and **Road Status B, C or D** is in place (see Appendix B). RMV permits must be prominently displayed inside the vehicle.

Lodge Parking Permits (LPP)

Lodge Parking Permits allow managers to park staff and guests of their lodge when road conditions are suitable (Road Status D). The number of LPP issued has been determined by NPWS based on the available hardstand area at the premise and the Australian Standard for car parking.

Contractor permits

Contractor permits allow access to premises to undertake repairs and maintenance following approval of an application and payment of a fee. The permit allows parking and access to premises using a wheeled vehicle (4WD only) for the period that work is being undertaken.

Contractor access is permitted for business purposes only when **Road Status B, C or D** is in place. Contractor permits must be prominently displayed inside the vehicle.



Oversnow vehicles

An oversnow vehicle is defined as 'a vehicle specifically designed to be driven over snow and/or capable of driving over snow'. This includes snowmobiles, snowcats, all-terrain vehicles (Argos, quad bikes, vehicles fitted with rubber track system) and snow grooming machinery.

4WD vehicles are not regarded as oversnow vehicles and are not permitted on oversnow vehicle routes unless granted authorisation and Road Status B, C or D is in place.

Carrying of passengers on oversnow vehicles must comply with machine specifications.

Use of oversnow vehicles

Within Kosciuszko National Park, the use of oversnow vehicles shall be limited to the safe and efficient functioning of ski resort business. Oversnow vehicles are registered and approved to operate in strictly limited areas. Away from resort areas, oversnow vehicles may only be used for official park management, Snowy Hydro Limited energy services and search and rescue operations.

Recreational use of oversnow vehicles is **not permitted** in Kosciuszko National Park

The registered owner of the oversnow vehicle is responsible for ensuring all operators are licensed and aware of all regulations, policies and procedures pertaining to oversnow vehicles.

Oversnow vehicle registration

All oversnow vehicles must be registered with both NPWS and RMS. NPWS will issue oversnow vehicle registrations following approval of the application process and payment of a fee.

NPWS registration stickers **must** be prominently displayed on the front cowling of the vehicle. Old registration stickers **must** be removed.

Unregistered oversnow vehicles within Kosciuszko National Park may be fined and/or removed by NPWS unless they are stored within the appropriate premise lease area.

Oversnow vehicles must be registered in the names of the respective lessees and licensees, contractor or emergency services authorities. Their use will be restricted to business management purposes consistent with the legislation and any applicable lease/licence, and NPWS policy.

The number of oversnow vehicles registered for any one operation will be determined by:

1. Demonstrated vehicle need (associated with the management/operation of a lease, licence, sub-lease or sub-licence, or trade or business conducted within the park).
2. Satisfactory proof that existing licensed vehicles do not provide an adequate service.
3. Lease conditions.
4. Distance to the operational centre of the relevant resort area.

Only licensed commercial oversnow transport shall be permitted to charge a fee for the oversnow transport of persons, freight, garbage, and luggage.

All other persons and organisations that do not fall within the above categories will not be permitted to register oversnow vehicles for use in the park. Oversnow transport for these persons is available from the licensed commercial oversnow transport operator and/or an appropriate commercial or ski club lodges.

Oversnow vehicle operator licence

Every person using an oversnow vehicle must hold a current motor vehicle driver licence and an NPWS oversnow vehicle operator licence. Provisional car licences are permitted and **P** plates must be displayed. Learner licences are not acceptable.








The NPWS oversnow vehicle operator licence shall become invalid should the motor vehicle driver licence expire or be cancelled.

NPWS will issue an oversnow vehicle operator licence following approval of a completed application form and payment of a fee. A written authority from the applicant's employer, stating the need to obtain a licence for business operations, and the type of vehicle(s) to be operated.

Both the oversnow vehicle operator licence and motor vehicle driver licence must be carried at all times when operating an oversnow vehicle.

Approved areas of operation

Oversnow vehicles must only be operated in areas as approved, and indicated by the registration sticker, as follows:

-  **Perisher Range (Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes)**
-  **Charlotte Pass Village**
-  **Guthega**
-  **Emergency and Management Services**
-  **Perisher Blue**
-  **Selwyn**
-  **Perisher Range Contractors**

Oversnow vehicle routes and parking

Oversnow vehicles must travel on designated oversnow routes, including between Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes.

Areas have been set aside for snowmobile parking in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, and Guthega (refer to maps in Appendix A). During the winter period, all oversnow vehicles must be parked within these designated parking areas or within the appropriate premise lease.

Outside the winter period, oversnow vehicles need to be removed from Kosciuszko National Park or stored within the appropriate premise lease.

Oversnow vehicles that do not comply with the above may be fined and/or removed by NPWS.

Oversnow vehicle safety

Oversnow vehicles are hazardous to both operators and pedestrians and skiers. To minimise the risk of harm or injury, NPWS advise that:

1. The number of passengers must be consistent with the manufacturer's requirements.
2. The owner of the oversnow vehicle(s) must satisfy themselves that any operator who uses the vehicle is competent in its use.
3. The use of Australian Standard motorcycle helmets for all occupants riding on open oversnow vehicles such as snowmobiles, quad bikes and all-terrain vehicles is recommended.

Winch cat operations

Winch cat operations are undertaken in the ski resort in areas where oversnow vehicle use is restricted to official park management and authorised vehicles only. All oversnow vehicle and snowmobile operators need to be aware of the possibility of winch cat and winching operations occurring and the extreme dangers involved being in and around these operations.

Being near a winch cat or the winch rope during winching operations could cause death.

Speed limits

In the Perisher Range Resorts area, the following maximum speed limits apply:

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| 20 km/h | The pedestrian and oversnow vehicle shared zone around the Ski Tube building and Perisher Valley car park. |
| 30 km/h | All other oversnow routes and designated roads in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Charlotte Pass. |
| 60 km/h | The oversnow route from Perisher Gap to Charlotte Pass. |

Trailers

Trailers pulled behind oversnow vehicles may be either wheeled, tracked or skied, and must comply with RMS regulations and specifications. All items/loads in trailers must be adequately secured and/or covered.

It is an offence to transport passengers in trailers under the Australian Road Rules.

Fees

Oversnow vehicle operator licence	\$15 per person per season
Snowmobile registration	\$80 per machine per season
Larger oversnow machine registration	\$100 per machine per season
Resort Management Vehicle Permit	\$50 per permit
Lodge Parking Permits	no charge
Contractor Permit	\$15 per permit
Replacement registration stickers	\$20 per sticker
Re-registration of the same vehicle	\$20 per re-registration
Replacement of Parking Permit	\$15

Further information

Service NSW - Cooma

Cooma Registry
125 Sharp Street
Cooma NSW 2630
Email: info@servicensw.gov.au
Phone: 13 77 88

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)

Phone: 13 22 13
Web: www.rms.nsw.gov.au

For vehicle standards contact RMS Technical Enquiries on 1300 137 302

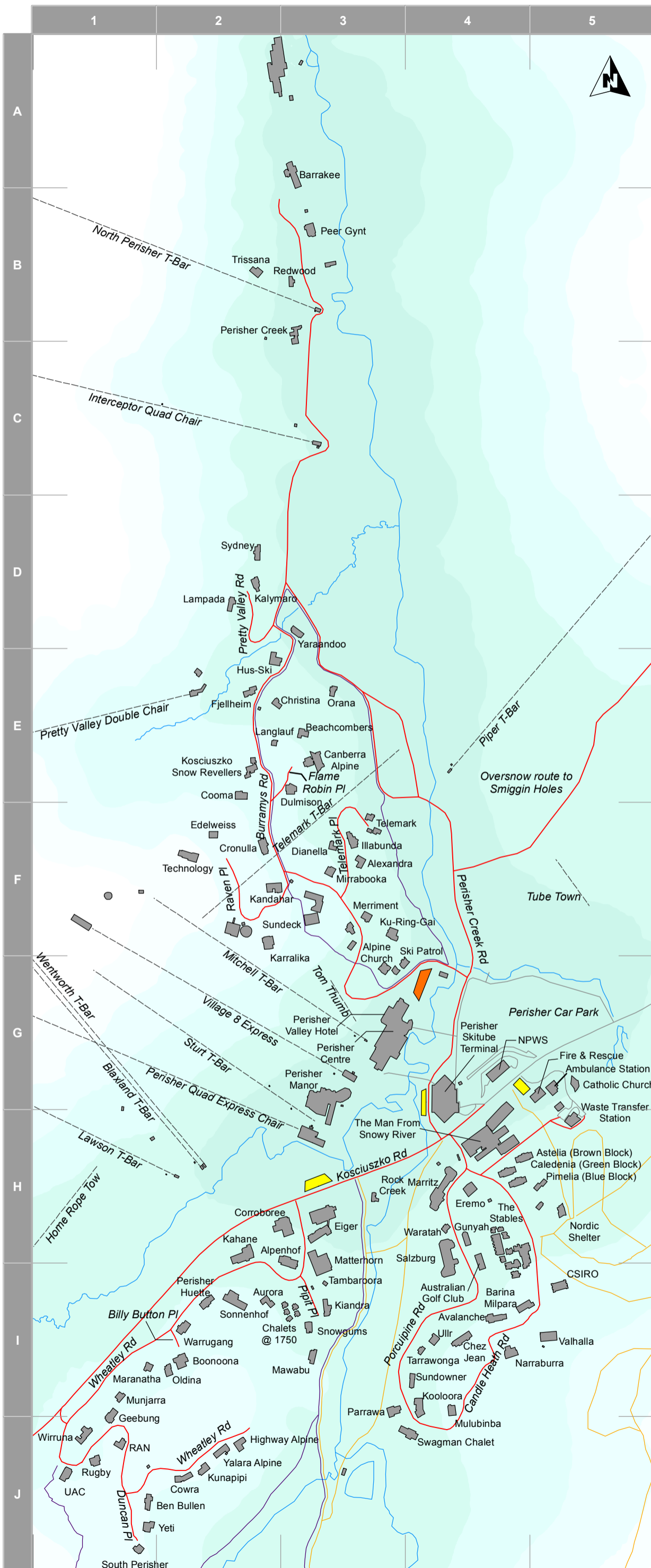
National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS)

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Appendix A: Village maps

Perisher Valley

Village Map



Accommodation

Alexandra	F3	Ski Patrol	G4
Alpenhof	H3	Snowgums	I3
Astelia (Brown Block)	H4	Sonnenhof	I2
Aurora	I2	South Perisher	J1
Australian Golf Club	H4	The Stables	H4
Avalanche	I4	Sundeck	F3
Barina Milpara	I4	Sundowner	I4
Barrakee	A3	Swagman Chalet	J4
Beachcombers	E3	Sydney	D2
Ben Bullen	J1	Tambaroora	I3
Boonoono	I2	Tarrowonga	I4
Caledonia (Green Block)	H4	Technology	F2
Canberra Alpine	E3	Telemark	F3
Chalets @ 1750	I3	Trissana	B2
Chez Jean	I4	University Alpine Club (UAC)	J1
Christina	E2	Ullr	I4
Cooma	E2	Valhalla	I5
Corroboree	H3	Waratah	H4
Cowra	J2	Warrugang	I2
Cronulla	F2	Wirruna	J1
CSIRO	I5	Yalara Alpine	J2
Dianella	F3	Yaraandoo	D3
Dulmison	E3	Yeti	J1
Edelweiss	F2		
The Eiger	H3		
Eremo	H4		
Fjellheim	E2		
Geebung	J1		
Gunyah	H4		
Highway Alpine	J2		
Hus-Ski	E2		
Illabunda	F3		
Kahane	H2		
Kalymaro	D2		
Kandahar	F2		
Karralika	F2		
Kiandra	I3		
Kooloora	I4		
Kosciuszko Snow Revellers	E2		
Kunapipi	J2		
Ku-Ring-Gai	F3		
Lampada	D2		
Langlauf	E2		
The Man from Snowy River	H4		
Maranatha	I1		
Marritz	H4		
Matterhorn	H3		
Mawabu	I3		
Merriment	F3		
Mirrabooka	F3		
Mulubinba	I4		
Munjarra	I1		
Narraburra	I4		
Oldina	I2		
Orana	E3		
Parrawa	I3		
Peer Gynt	B3		
Perisher Centre	G3		
Perisher Creek	B3		
Perisher Huette	I2		
Perisher Manor	G3		
Perisher Skitube Terminal	G3		
Perisher Valley Hotel	G3		
Pimelia (Blue Block)	H5		
Redwood	B3		
Rock Creek	H3		
Royal Australian Navy (RAN)	J1		
Rugby	J1		

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Alpine Church	G3
Ambulance Station	G5
Catholic Church	G5
The Eiger - The White Spider Restaurant	H3
Fire and Rescue	G5
The Man from Snowy River - Restaurant, Lounge, Bar	H4
Marritz - Marritz Bar and Restaurant	H4
Nordic Shelter	H5
NPWS - Information, cross country ski lessons and hire, snowshoe hire	G4
Perisher Centre - Ticket Sales, Lessons, Snowy Day Care, Restaurants, Bars, Equipment Sales and Hire, Tuning, Food Court, Cafes, Gifts	G3
Perisher Manor - Base 1720m Restaurant & Bar, The Pub Family Food Court	G3
Perisher Skitube Terminal - Ticket Sales, Police, Doctor, Pharmacy, Supermarket, Post Office, Cafes, Gifts, Oversnow Services, Charlotte Pass Transfer	G4
The Stables - The Loft Bar, Stables Restaurant	H4
Sundeck Hotel - Restaurant, Bar	F3
Waste Transfer Station	H5

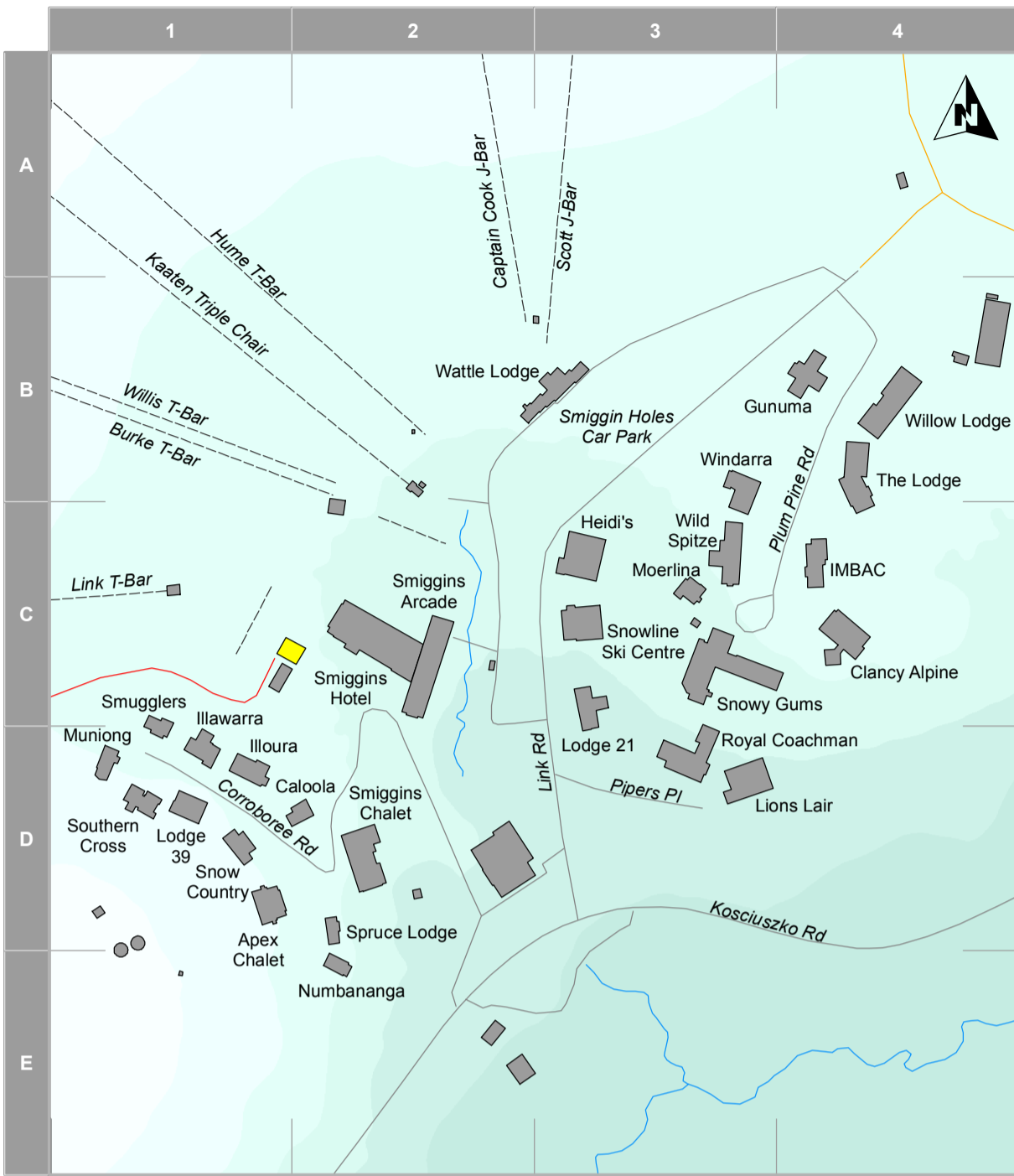
- Cleared Road
- Oversnow Route
- Resorts Lifts
- Snowshoe Trail
- Cross Country Ski Trail
- Oversnow Vehicle Day Parking
- Oversnow Vehicle Overnight Parking

Oversnow routes subject to snow conditions



Smiggin Holes

Village Map

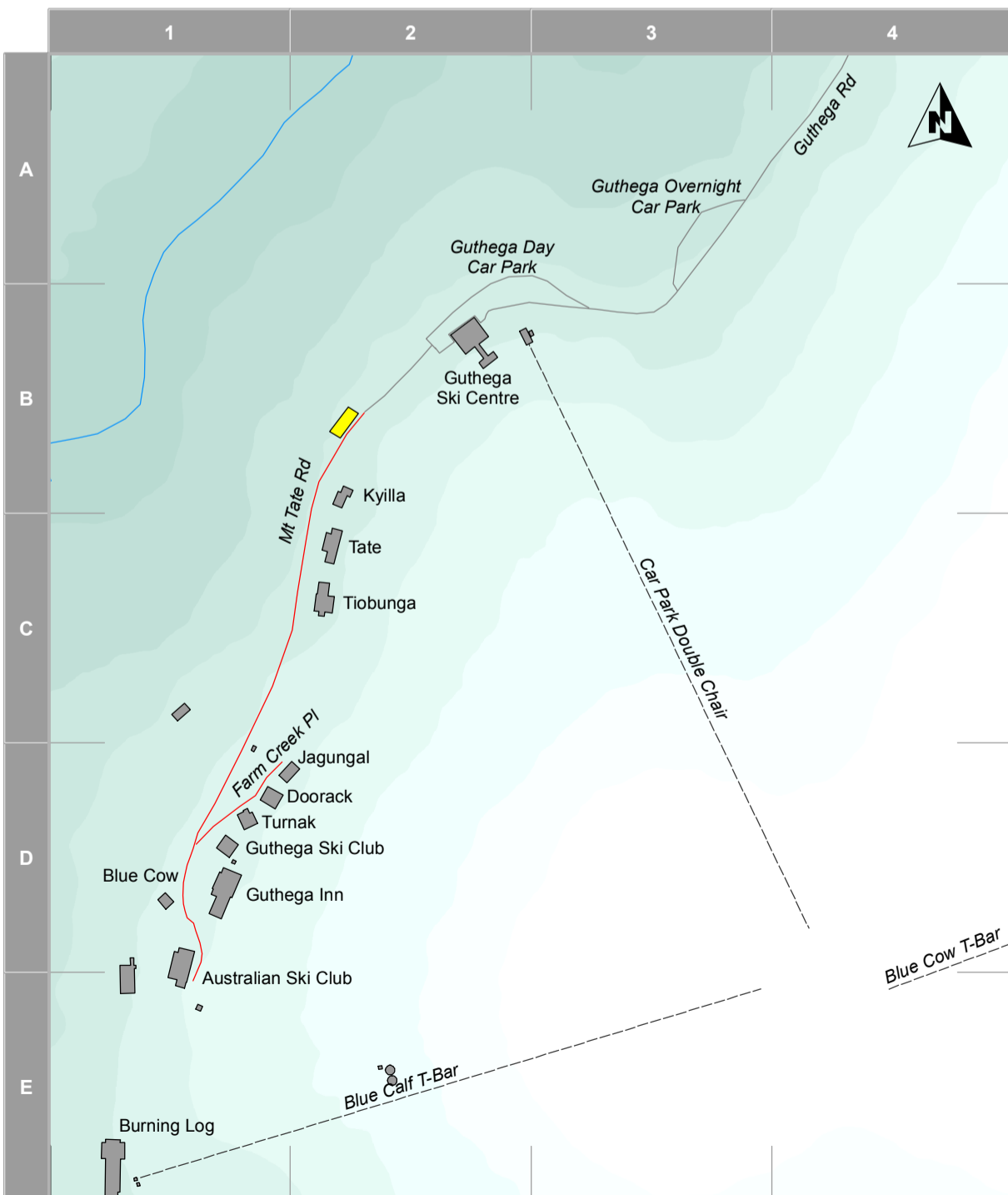


Accommodation

Apex Chalet	D1
Caloola	D2
Clancy Alpine	C4
Gunuma	B4
Heidi's	C3
Illawarra Alpine	D1
Illoura	D1
IMBAC	C4
Lions Lair	D3
The Lodge	B4
Lodge 21	C3
Lodge 39	D1
Moerlina	C3
Munionsg	D1
Numbananga	E2
Royal Coachman	D3
Smiggins Chalet	D2
Smiggins Hotel	C2
Smugglers	C1
Snow Country	D1
Snowy Gums	C3
Southern Cross	D1
Spruce Lodge	D2
Wattle Lodge	B3
Wild Spitze	C3
Willow Lodge	B4
Windarra	B3

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Smiggins Arcade - Equipment Hire, Lessons, Bistro, Tuning, Gifts	C2
Wattle Lodge - Lift Tickets, Kiosk	B3
Smiggins Hotel - Bibi's Restaurant, Chargrill Bistro, Bar, Cocktail Lounge	C2
Snowy Gums - Cascades Bar	C3
Snowline Ski Centre - Equipment Sales and Hire, Supplies, Gifts	C3



Guthega

Village Map

Accommodation

Australian Ski Club	D1
Blue Cow	D1
Doorack	D1
Guthega Inn	D1
Guthega Ski Club	D1
Jagungal	D1
Kyilla	B2
Tate	C2
Tiobunga	C2
Turnak	D1

Resort Services, Restaurants & Bars

Burning Log Restaurant	E1
Guthega Inn - Restaurant, Bar	D1
Guthega Ski Centre - Lift Tickets, Equipment Hire	B2

- Cleared Road
- Oversnow Route
- Resorts Lift
- Cross Country Ski Trail
- Oversnow Vehicle Day Parking

Oversnow routes subject to snow conditions



Appendix B: Road status and signage

PERISHER RANGE RESORTS ROAD STATUS AND SIGNAGE

STATUS

SIGNAGE

ACCESS CONDITION

A



**ROAD CLOSED
OVERSNOW EXCEPTED**

Condition

Sufficient snow to support oversnow traffic

Allowed

Oversnow vehicles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles

No 4WD, 2WD vehicles and motorbikes

B



**ROAD CLOSED
RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED**

Condition

Snow on road, insufficient to support oversnow traffic

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles

No access for general public or lodge guests

C



**RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED
DROP OFF & PICK UP ONLY**

Condition

No snow on road
Snow forecast in immediate future

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles
Daytime parking for lodge guests at designated lodge spaces only

No access for general public

D



**RESORT MANAGEMENT EXCEPTED
LODGE PARKING PERMIT EXCEPTED**

Condition

No snow on road

Allowed

Authorised vehicles displaying valid NPWS approval
Overnight parking for authorised vehicles including lodge guests at designated lodge spaces only

No access for general public