

# Munyang River Circuit

5 hrs 30 mins

Hard track

14.1 km Circuit

▲ 649m

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This walk explores the alpine country and huts around the Munyang River. You will explore parts of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, starting with the Munyang /Guthega Power station, before climbing up the steep old road to find some great views down the valley. Optional side trips can take you to the Gate House, Horse Camp Hut and White's River Hut, adding further variety to your day. Loop back to the start using the aqueduct trail down Disappointment Spur, visiting another hut on the way.

1324m

1664m

Kosciuszko National Park



## Covered in snow part of the year

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## Guthega Power Station (Munyang)

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## Gate House

The gate house is a large concrete building, built into the side of the hill about 220m above Guthega Power Station. This building joins the underground Guthega pressure tunnel with the long white pipe that feed the power station. The gate house regulates the flow of water from the dam to the power station. There is some limited shelter and a great view along the pipe down to Munyang.

## Horse Camp Hut

Horse Camp Hut is found beside a trail linking the old Munyang-Geehi Rd with an aqueduct trail on the western side of the valley. Still in good condition, this hut was built for surveyors in the 1950s as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme effort. The hut has a distinctive red door and two rooms. The smaller room contains bunk beds and a stove and the larger room has a fire place, table and sitting area. The hut has a timber floor and the outer walls and roof are made of corrugated iron. There is a creek nearby for water and a pit toilet is available. The grassy flat area around the hut makes for great camping.

## Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Snowy Mountains District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Monaro Alpine](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Kosciuszko National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

## Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

## Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series:**85252N GEEHI DAM, 85241N CHIMNEYS RIDGE

**1:100 000 Map Series:**8525 KOSCIUSZKO, 8524 JACOBS RIVER

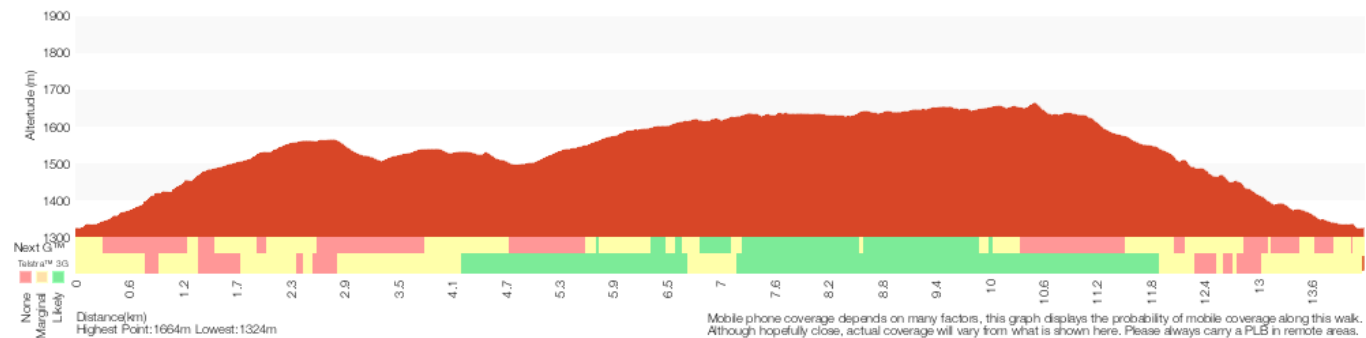
## Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



Grade 4/6  
Hard track

<b>Length</b>	14.1 km Circuit
<b>Time</b>	5 hrs 30 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Munyang car park (gps: -36.351, 148.4134). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit walk, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/mrc>

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### 0 | Munyang car park

(190 m 5 mins) From the Munyang (Guthega Power Station) car park, this walk heads along the short driveway and across the large bridge over the Snowy River, heading towards the power station. At the fence (on the other side of the bridge), this walk turns left to head around to the other side of the power station. Just past the concrete building, this walk passes the two large feeder pipes and continues, soon finding an intersection with two management trails marked with a 'Schlink Trail' sign.

### 0.19 | Guthega Power Station (Munyang)

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### 0.19 | Behind Power station

(1.3 km 35 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Schlink Trail' sign uphill along the sealed management trail. This walk soon heads around a locked gate where the trail becomes dirt. The trail leads uphill quite steeply and, after about 500m, leads under some power lines, around a sharp left bend and then back under the same power lines again. The trail continues up, passing through two sharper bends and under a different power line twice before flattening out at a right-hand bend beside the large, white pipelines (the Guthega Pressure Tunnel).

### 1.46 | Pipe line intersection

(1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads

gently uphill along the management trail, initially keeping the pipeline to your left. The trail soon bends right, away from the pipeline, and heads through the trees. The walk passes under under a set of power lines and continues along the clear management trail, past a signposted fainter trail. About 500m after the power line, the trail bends left, ignoring another faint trail (on your left) just beyond a clearing. Here the walk continues up through the snow gums and soon after a left bend, comes to a clear three-way intersection, marked with a 'Surge Tank' and 'Gate House' signs (pointing to the left).

### 2.49 | Optional sidetrip to Gate House

(440 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Surge Tank' and 'Gate House' signs south along the grassy management trail, over a small rise. The trail leads through a clearing and after about 170m, this walk takes the left branch at an intersection. The trail soon starts to lead downhill, circling around behind the gate house building and soon coming to the front of the building where the large white pipes dominate the landscape. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 2.49 | Gate House

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### 2.49 | Int of Gate House trail and Munyang-geehi Rd

(1.3 km 27 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads west, downhill along the management trail, initially keeping the 'Gate House' and 'Surge Tank' trail to your left. The trail bends right and crosses a small (culverted) creek then winds over a small rise. From the top of this rise, the trail leads downhill out of the snow gums (passing a faint signposted trail, on your right) to cross a fair sized creek using a concrete ford. Here the trail begins to climb again for about 500m (passing another faint signposted trail, on your right), and just after passing through a grove of snow gums, the walk comes to the top of the rise and a three-way intersection marked with a 'Horse Camp Hut' sign (pointing left).

### 3.83 | Optional sidetrip to Horse Camp Hut

(510 m 10 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads west following the 'Horse Camp Hut - 400 meters' sign downhill along the management trail, directly away from the main trail and power lines. The trail soon starts to head uphill through the trees and about 170m after a short but steeper climb, this trail leads to a small clearing and Horse Camp Hut, on your left. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

### 3.83 | Horse Camp Hut

Horse Camp Hut is found beside a trail linking the old Munyang-Geehi Rd with an aqueduct trail on the western side of the valley. Still in good condition, this hut was built for surveyors in the 1950s as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme effort. The hut has a distinctive red door and two rooms. The smaller room contains bunk beds and a stove and the larger room has a fire place, table and sitting area. The hut has a timber floor and the outer walls and roof are made of corrugated iron. There is a creek nearby for water and a pit toilet is available. The grassy flat area around the hut makes for great camping.

### 3.83 | Int of Horse Camp Hut Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd

(3.2 km 1 hr 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads

north, downhill along the main management trail, keeping the valley and power lines to your right. The trail almost immediately passes a '97G-3' sign (pointing toward the power lines) and continues, crossing under the power lines twice before crossing Munyang River on a concrete bridge almost 1km after the 'Horse Camp Hut' sign. From here, the trail leads up the other side of the valley, crossing under the power lines again before gently climbing up along the side of the valley. The trail crosses three small (culverted) creeks and passes through a long run of dead snow gums. Just past the third creek, the trail leaves the dead snow gums and climbs past the signposted 'GGA-MSS 21 24' trail (on your left) and, about 400m later, comes to a signposted three-way intersection. This intersection is signposted as 'Disappointment Spur Trail' (aka Aquaduct Trail) and 'Schlinks Trail' (aka Munyang-geehi Rd).

### 6.98 | Optional sidetrip to White's River Hut

(1.3 km 31 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Schlinks Trail' sign downhill along the management trail and soon crosses a (culverted) creek. The trail passes an overgrown signposted trail (on your left) and starts to climb the side of the hill, soon passing under a set of power lines as the valley views open up. The trail continues uphill for about 400m, passing a couple of rock falls and also a clear management trail (on your left). From here, the trail continues for another 400m, then flattens out and come to an unsignposted three-way intersection, just before a right-hand bend (and a 'GGA-MSS 33' sign). Here you can see White's River Hut and a weather station.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads west, downhill along the grassy management trail towards the creek, and turns right almost immediately. The clear trail soon leads through a rocky creek crossing then over a small rise tending left to cross another creek. These creeks may become impassable after rain or snow melt. The trail then leads up to a clearing and finds White's River Hut. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

### 6.98 | White's River Hut

At this site, there are a few buildings - the main hut is believed to have been built in by Bill Naphthali and Fred Clarke in 1935 to house them as they grazed cattle. It is also possible that the hut was built by Edward Haslingdon and his sons in 1933. The Kosciusko Alpine Club has a long history with the hut and has made many changes over the years - they are now the primary caretakers. This hut has two main rooms plus an entry woodpile annex. The second hut is behind the main hut - the SMA hut (aka the Kelvinator). This second hut is not as well maintained as the main one. There is also a pit toilet beside the hut. A large, flat, grassy area makes a great place to camp and the nearby creek is a source of water. NOTE: On 27th July 2010 an accidental fire has done significant damage to this hut, it is now fenced off and accessing the hut is unsafe. A plan is likely to be put into place to restore the hut.

### 6.98 | Int of Aquaduct Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd

(3 km 1 hr 2 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Disappointment Spur Trail' sign (and AAWT arrows) uphill along the upper trail, keeping the valley (and lower trail) to your right. The grassy trail climbs for a short while then flattens out, following the covered aqueduct (on your left). There are many numbered posts and water collection points along the way. After about 400m, the trail bends left and heads downhill to cross a creek using a concrete ford. Here the trail climbs up through a run of dead snow gums. The trail rises and falls, crossing a few small creeks and crossing another creek and concrete ford, a little over 1km after the last ford. The trail climbs again, still through the dead gums, crossing a couple more creeks before coming to a small clearing and hut (about 130m after the creek marked with an orange 'S29045' post).



### 9.98 | Disappointment Spur Hut

Disappointment Spur Hut was built in the 1950's out of two standard accommodation modules, to support workers on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. The hut is in a small clearing on the side of Disappointment Spur Trail (aka Aqueduct track). There is a supply of water from the nearby aqueduct and a flat area for camping (no toilet). The hut is made from weatherboard with a flat tin roof, has a timber floor and three windows. There is a bunk bed and a table inside, and a fire circle outside.

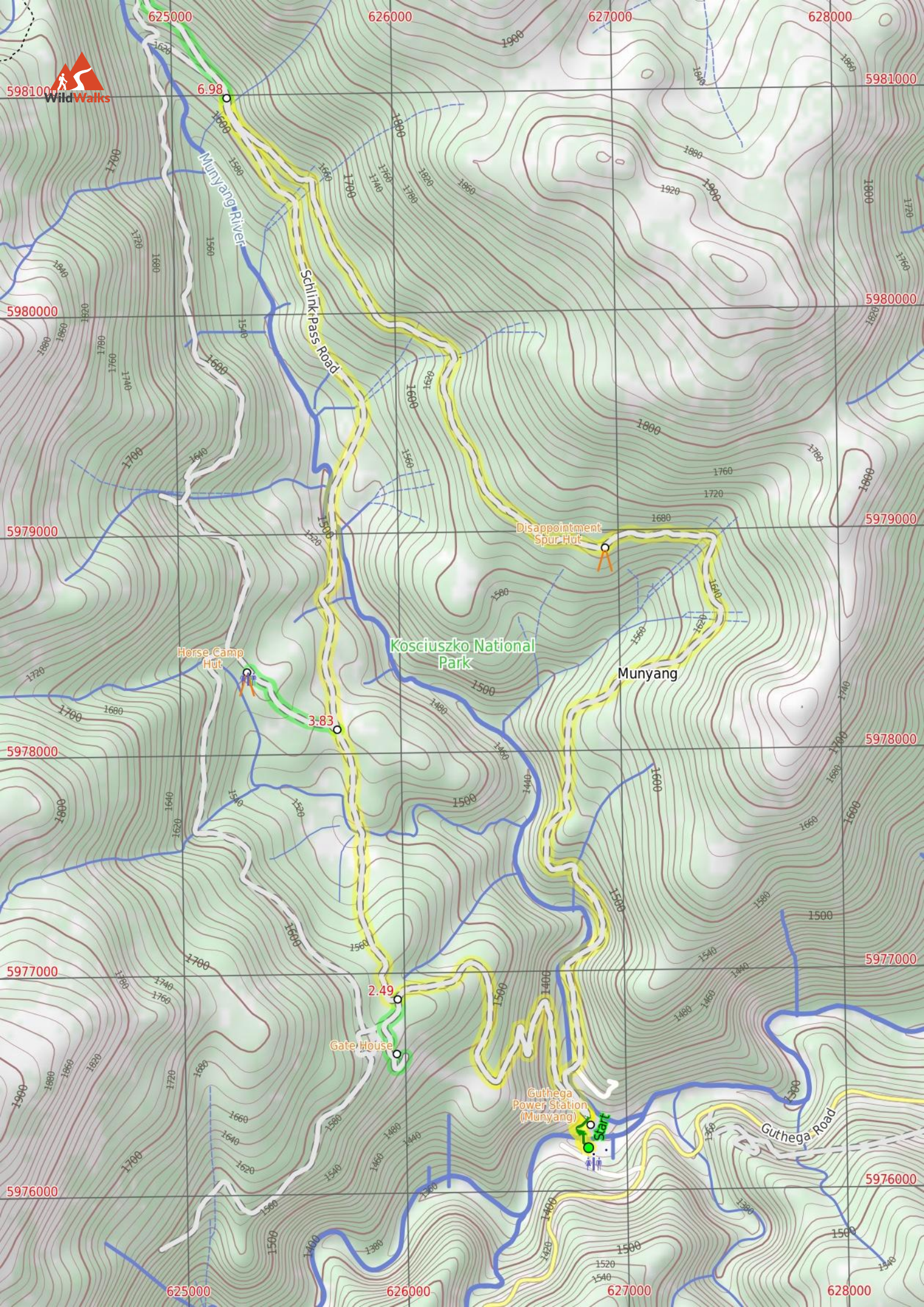
### 9.98 | Disappointment Spur Hut

*(4.2 km 1 hr 32 mins)* Continue straight: From the hut, this walk follows the management trail north-east (initially keeping hut and valley to your right). The trail immediately bends left and follows beside the covered aqueduct around the side of the valley. The trail leads over a few small creeks and past water catchment devices for the aqueduct. The trail leads up and down through a few small valleys and through the dead snow gum trees but about 1.5km from the hut, the trail begins to head consistently downhill. Further down the hill, the trail bends right and passes beside a tall rock cutting, where there are great views up along the Mungyang River (to your right). The cutting continues for about 130m, bending left partway along. The walk then continues down the hill for another 600m where it passes around a locked gate to find a large clearing under the power lines and a 'Disappointment Spur Trail' sign. The walk continues straight across the timber bridge **WARNING: Bridge has been destroyed and not replaced. No passable**, bending left to follow a fence to the switching yard and sealed section of road. The walk continues along the sealed road beside the switching yard and soon comes to a clear intersection behind the power station marked with a 'Schlink Trail' sign (pointing up another trail).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads to the other side of the power station, following the fence and keeping it to your left (heading in the opposite direction to the 'Schlink Trail' sign). The path soon leads past two large feeder pipes and goes behind a concrete building. The walk then comes to the front of the power station and crosses the wide bridge over the Snowy River. Here the walk comes to the Mungyang car park, on your left.









## Summary navigation sheet for the Munyang River Circuit



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Munyang car park -36.351,148.4134 (GR Geehi Dam, 268762)	14 -5	190 m 5 mins	From the Munyang (Guthega Power Station) car park, this walk heads along the short driveway and across the large bridge over the Snowy River, heading towards the power station.
0.19	Behind Power station -36.3497,148.4134 (GR Geehi Dam, 268763)	156 -7	1.3 km 35 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Schlink Trail' sign uphill along the sealed management trail.
1.46	Pipe line intersection -36.3483,148.4088 (GR Geehi Dam, 264765)	78 0	1 km 23 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill along the management trail, initially keeping the pipeline to your left.
2.49	Int of Gate House trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.3449,148.4038 (GR Geehi Dam, 260769)	9 -24	440 m 9 mins	Optional sidetrip to Gate House. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Surge Tank' and 'Gate House' signs south along the grassy management trail, over a small rise.
2.49	Int of Gate House trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.3449,148.4038 (GR Geehi Dam, 260769)	40 -63	1.3 km 27 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads west, downhill along the management trail, initially keeping the 'Gate House' and 'Surge Tank' trail to your left.
3.83	Int of Horse Camp Hut Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.3339,148.4007 (GR Geehi Dam, 257781)	25 -1	510 m 10 mins	Optional sidetrip to Horse Camp Hut. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads west following the 'Horse Camp Hut - 400 meters' sign downhill along the management trail, directly away from the main trail and power lines.
3.83	Int of Horse Camp Hut Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.3339,148.4007 (GR Geehi Dam, 257781)	157 -76	3.2 km 1 hr 7 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north, downhill along the main management trail, keeping the valley and power lines to your right.
6.98	Int of Aquaduct Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.308,148.3951 (GR Geehi Dam, 252810)	107 -15	1.3 km 31 mins	Optional sidetrip to White's River Hut. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Schlinks Trail' sign downhill along the management trail and soon crosses a (culverted) creek.
6.98	Int of Aquaduct Trail and Munyang-geehi Rd -36.308,148.3951 (GR Geehi Dam, 252810)	123 -94	3 km 1 hr 2 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Disappointment Spur Trail' sign (and AAWT arrows) uphill along the upper trail, keeping the valley (and lower trail) to your right.
9.98	Disappointment Spur Hut -36.3263,148.4142 (GR Geehi Dam, 269789)	81 -405	4.2 km 1 hr 32 mins	Continue straight: From the hut, this walk follows the management trail north-east (initially keeping hut and valley to your right). Total walking time for this day will have been about 6 hrs 1 mins, (16.4km).