



Sawpit Walk



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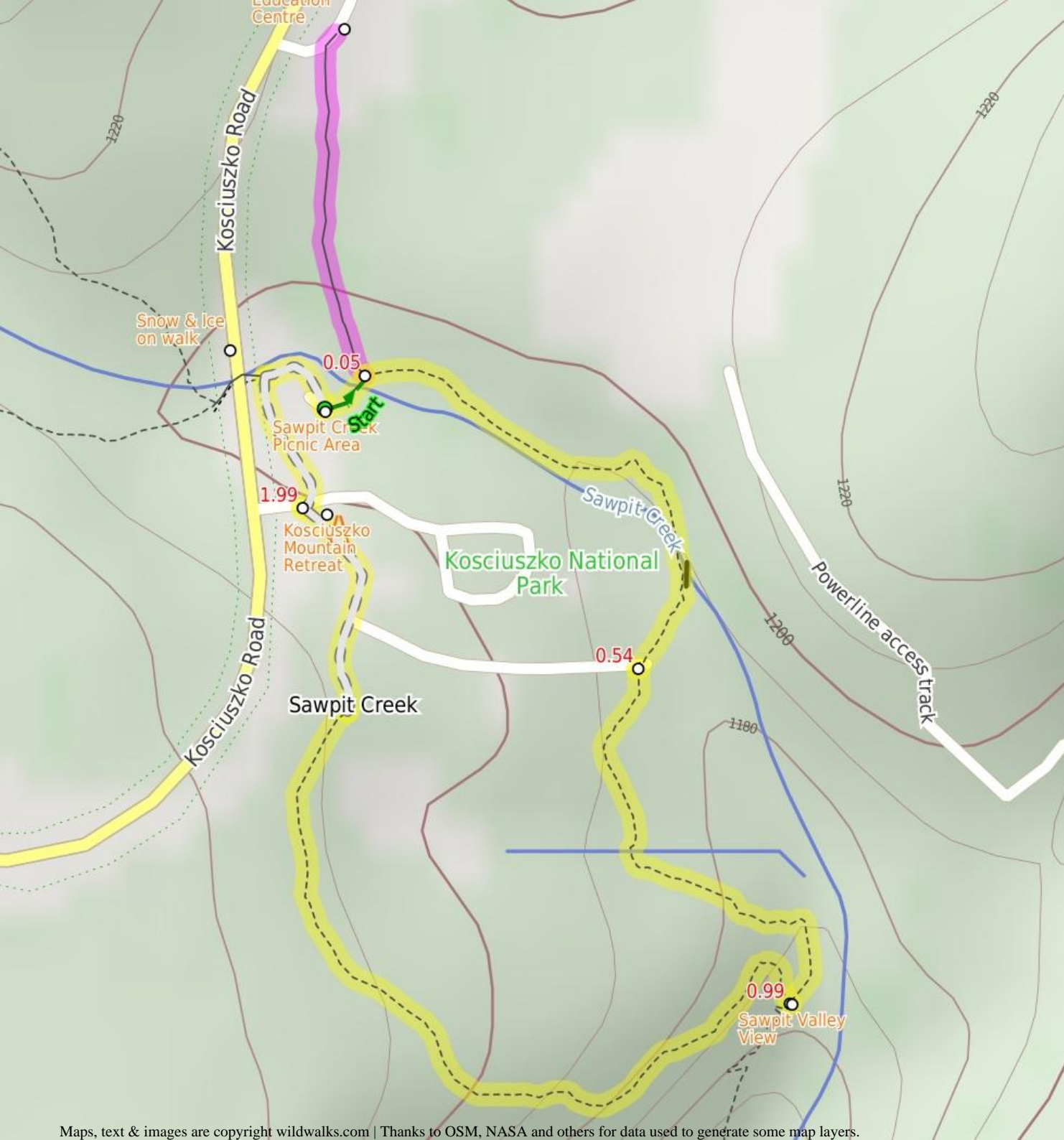
Moderate track

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2.2 km Circuit

↑ 67m

This short but popular walking track offers a great way to explore the middle section of Sawpit Creek in the Kosciuszko National Park. Start near Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat (or alternatively you can start from Kosciuszko Education Centre), you will cross Sawpit Creek a couple of times and explore the valley environment. The track then leads you up through the more open forest of the ridge and loops back through Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat to Sawpit Creek Picnic Area.



1213m
1163m

Kosciuszko National Park

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 walks 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 Sawpit Creek Picnic Area (gps: -36.3502, 148.5643). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a circuit, 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/ti>

0 | Snow & Ice on walk

This walk leads through an alpine environment and all walkers must be well prepared. During summer, be prepared for both hot and cold weather, high winds, rain, 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, there is a much higher change of snow, ice and extremely cold conditions.

0 | Sawpit Creek Picnic Area

Sawpit Creek Picnic Area is found beside Kosciuszko Rd, and is accessed through the 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' driveway. The picnic area is about 1km further into the park from the NPWS pay station. A great starting point for several popular walks, this is also a pleasant spot to just stop and rest. Sawpit Creek runs along the side of the open area and there are also several picnic tables, wood BBQs and a non-flush toilet. There are information signs about the area, explaining that the creek is named for the Alpine Ash that were milled in the area during the 1860s .

0 | Sawpit Creek Picnic Area

(50 m 1 mins) From the large 'Sawpit Creek Picnic Area' information signs, this walk follows the paved footpath away from the road and across Sawpit Creek using the metal bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the walk comes to T-intersection marked with a 'Pallaibo track' sign.

0.05 | Kosciuszko Education Centre

The Kosciuszko Education Centre is a facility at Sawpit Creek that helps students from primary school through to university learn about the natural and cultural heritage within the national park. The building has a display with some information for visitors, but it is not designed to be a general visitor information centre. You

can call the Kosciuszko Education Centre on 6451 3700. [More info.](#)

0.05 | Alternate Route Kosciuszko Education Centre to Saw

(310 m 6 mins) Turn sharp left: From the front of the large stone 'Kosciuszko Education Centre', this walk heads across the car park towards the timber building (keeping Kosciuszko Rd, some distance to your right). The walk then veers left just before the timber building to find the large metal 'Kosciuszko Education Centre' sign with arrows pointing to various walks. This walk follows these arrows along the paved footpath and after about 100m, the path doglegs past a couple of bench seats. The walk continues down this path for another 150m to a T-intersection marked with a 'Pallaibo track' information sign (and a bridge on your right). Now Turn left to join the main walk.

0.05 | Sawpit intersection

(490 m 9 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pallaibo Track' and 'Sawpit Track' signs along the dirt track, directly away from the bridge. The track leads along the side of the valley and after about 260m, crosses a short metal grate and then, about 150m later, leads down through the granite boulders. Next, the track leads down some timber steps to cross Sawpit Creek on a flat timber bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the track bends left and heads over a small rise, soon coming to a clearing underneath a set of power lines (and fenced water treatment area up to your right).

0.54 | Powerline Clearing

(440 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses under the power lines and follows the clear narrow track along the side of the hill, whilst initially keeping the fenced water treatment area up to your right. The walk winds gently through the forest, passing a couple of timber posts with walking track symbols, heads over a rise then down to cross a small gully with a metal grate, about 200m from passing under the power lines. The track continues gently downhill and after about 160m, it bends sharply right to follow the steep side of Sawpit Creek valley. The walk soon comes to a signposted three-way intersection (with an unfenced valley view on your left) and a few 'Pallaibo Track' signs.

0.99 | Sawpit Valley View

At the intersection about halfway around Sawpit Track (where it joins Pallaibo Track) is an unfenced view into the Sawpit Creek valley. From the rocky edge, walkers can look up and down the valley. Looking down the valley, there is a view of Bald Mountain (1300m) and a glimpse over the Thredbo River into the adjoining farmland.

0.99 | Sawpit Valley View

(1 km 22 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track directly away from the valley view, heading between the two trees to follow the 'Sawpit Track to Picnic Area 1KM' sign. The track leads gently up through the open forest with a scattering of granite boulders for about 800m, coming to a dirt track next to

unit 7, at the edge of the Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat. Here is a timber 'Pallaibo Track 1KM' sign pointing back along the track.

Veer left: From beside unit 7, this walk heads further into the retreat and turns left to follow the main dirt road through the park. After about 150m, the dirt road leads to a gravelly intersection just outside the 'Office' and 'Kiosk' at the 'Managers Residence'. The walk continues straight (past the public phone) along the gravel road and soon passes a yellow 'DIP' sign to come to a four-way intersection and a large green 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' sign.

1.99 | Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat

The 'Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat' is a caravan park about 1km further into Kosciuszko NP from the paystation on Kosciuszko Rd. The retreat provides cabins and chalets as well as powered and un-powered camping sites. The retreat has a public phone, a small kiosk, drying room, laundry and kids playground. Dave and Gina welcome guests all year round, with many guest skiing in winter and walking in the warmer months. [More info.](#)

1.99 | Kosciuszko Mountain Retreat

(210 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Walking Track' and 'Picnic Area' signs downhill along the dirt road. The road soon passes a historic stone chimney (on your right), before winding down past the toilet to the parking area and the signposted 'Waterfall track' trackhead on the eastern side of Sawpit Creek Picnic Area.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads away from Kosciuszko Rd, going just a short distance across the car park to the large information sign and parking area.