

Our 7 Unique Day Rides

***Ride times tailored for each group**

Ride 1 Sheep Station Creek Ramble

Arrive at approx 9:30AM at the Wool Shed. The ride departs from here at around 10.00am. It begins with riding through undulating, open pastures and there is the opportunity to view some Snowy Mountains brumby mobs, which often have mares with foals at foot.

The ride then continues through the wilderness, along scenic spurs and through gullies brimming with wildlife such as Red Necked wallabies, eastern grey kangaroos and the odd echidna or wombat or maybe an emu or 2.

Following our Sheep Station creek north, the country becomes gradually steeper until the ride drops down to an emerald green grassy clearing on the creek, where lunch is scheduled.

After lunch, the ride continues to the base of our western mountain range. From there, it is a relatively steep climb to the top of Snowy Wilderness if you are camping at Bella Vista. Once at the top, it is a short ride to "Lake Bella Vista Camp Site" which could be the location of the first night's camp. From the woolshed to the campsite, the ride will have travelled over 400 vertical meters. The afternoon is very scenic, with mountain

gullies filled with ferns and native flowers and plenty of wild life including deer.



Riders at Bella Vista

Arrival at camp is usually 4:00PM and preparations for the evening meal including a large camp fire are well under way by the support group. Hot water is ready for the bush showers and tea/coffee, and of course your favourite drink.

Drinks and snacks at 5:00PM and Dinner at 7:00PM

Ride 2 The High Acres Cruise

The High Acres ride explores the top acreage of the property and is an easier day's riding. Firstly, the ride visits a panoramic lookout point called Rocky Top Lookout, and at approximately 1350m, there is a brilliant view of the Snowy Wilderness backyard and a view of things to come! The view takes in Mt Carlisle, Sheep Station Creek, Reedy Creek and Gully Creek valleys, and 3 volcanic peaks named the Tubbits.

From the lookout, the ride explores the sub-alpine plateau and 5 mobs of brumbies including our Waler brumbies which were relocated to Snowy Wilderness. Waler brumbies are from the north of Australia and hold a unique position in Australia's history as they are descended from horses of the 1st fleet and bred for Australia's light horse cavalry. They are magnificent to see and you can get reasonably close to them

As the ride progresses, we visit the Snowy Wilderness truffle acreage, yes we are growing truffles just like France and Italy!!, as well as sweeping views across the top of Australia's main range, which quite often has snow on it. Landmarks that can be seen here include Mt Kosciusko (Australia's highest mountain at 2228m), Ramshead Range, and Mt Perisher.

After this, the ride moves on to "Powers Hut", typical of wilderness huts found in our national parks and constructed in the early 1900's. Power's hut is 108 years old and the heritage of the Snowy Mountains is reflected in this building.

A lunch site is chosen and there is opportunity to relax and take in the majestic surroundings.

After lunch, the ride sets off in search of the Silver Brumby Mob. Led by a silver grey Waler stallion, this mob has mares who are different shades of grey and can be quite elusive, weaving through the grey snow gum trees. The Silver Brumby is a majestic horse and there is a series of children's books in Australia called the Silver Brumby.



Our magnificent Silver Brumby

Following this, the ride moves through slightly thicker bush to a vantage point looking out toward Jindabyne in Mount Jilamatong.. The ride then descend into a lovely green glade and we also have a small jumps course for those experienced enough to

safely jump, the others can look on. From here, there is a picturesque ride to GlenView lunch spot with spectacular views east to the Tubbits volcanoes. Then it is on to Hidden Lake, if it is in summer we may go for a swim with our horses. for those experienced enough. Then it is back to the Bella Vista campsite.

Arrival back at Bella Vista Wilderness Campsite is usually 3:00PM and preparations for the evening meal including a large camp fire are well under way by the support group. Hot water is ready for the bush showers and tea/coffee.

Drinks and snacks at around 5:00PM and Dinner at 7:00PM

Ride 3 The Northern Loop Ride

This ride usually goes either from Bell Vista campsite or the Woolshed/Reception. the ride moves down past Hidden Lake which helps irrigate the oak/truffle trees, and begins a steep descent through a beautiful glade then onto a steep spur back down towards Sheep Station Creek. Once again, commanding views impress upon you as you ride down the trail. Sheep Station Creek is crossed, and a steady climb out of Sheep Station Creek valley onto a scenic track along a ridge which weaves down to the northern boundary of the wilderness. From here, it is trail riding at its best, across spurs and gullies with awesome "Man from Snowy River" views including a particularly steep cliff like view down onto a distant Reedy Creek. Then it is riding further down the spur to find a relatively easier descent into Reedy Creek where we find a very lush and green area to have lunch on the creek's scenic banks.

After lunch the ride continues crossing Reedy Creek and proceeding around a steep mountainside, then descending along spur into Tin Mine Creek gully. We then climb up a ridge then over the top and down the other side back into the banks of Reedy Creek.

This is the start of our Beach Ride which is just terrific fun and nice easy riding. We meander along the sandy sides of the creek, sometimes with steep banks on each side, perfect for an ambush!! And just when you thought you were having real fun, we come to the last part of the beach Ride just before Reddy Creek Campsite where we go for a trot or canter along a lovely sandy stretch of beach.

Reedy Creek campsite is really idyllic, the creek does a U turn and the camp is sited on the spit formed by the U. It is one of our favourite sites. We could either be staying a Reedy Creek campsite or ride on back up over a ridge back to our Homestead campsite.

Drinks and snacks, Dinner about 7:00PM



Our Wilderness Camps are really great fun

Ride 4 Mt Carlisle

This ride has to go from Reedy Creek campsite, we mount up and head out along Reedy Creek, we meander past the ruins of a small stone cottage where a lady used to live 180 years ago, she traded with the cattle drovers, milk and cream for flour, sugar, and salt.

. Then we cross Reedy Creek once more and we then climb gradually to the Grand Canyon, and ascend onto our Yellow Box Gum Ridge which we follow along to intersect our Roller Coaster 4WD track. From there we track to Gully Lake where depending upon conditions we can have a canter around the perimeter. Then we follow a track down to a lovely lunch spot on Gully Creek. After lunch we track back to Gully Lake, then up a gentle spur to the top of Mt Carlisle with awesome High Country views south into the state of Victoria. You see Mt Pinnacle, Mt Ingebyra, Bear Mountain, and look down into the Snowy River Valley in the distance.

We then ride down a spur to intercept Reedy Creek and over a steep ridge down into our beach ride all the way back to Reedy Creek Campsite.

Ride 5 The Great Southern Loop

This ride can be done from either the Homestead or Reedy Creek campsites. We head out and climb out of the Sheep Station Creek valley onto a lookout at 1,100 metres where you have stunning 360 degree view of Snowy Wilderness. We then descend a meandering track which finally crosses over a permanent water way where we then climb out onto a spur that has more stunning views over to the Snowy River valley. Then we climb further to our southern most boundary fence with views south west into Victoria and Bear Mountain.

Then it is a long descent through native pine (Murray Pines) forests all the way down into Reedy Creek where we have a lovely lunch spot.



Riders at the lake

Ride 6 The Canada Loop

This is our latest trek and has to be done from Reedy Creek campsite. We start out along Reedy Creek doing “beach riding” along nice stretches of river sand, then gradually start going up along our Grand Canyon where a pair of wombats can often be seen. We ride further up to the Yellow Box Gum ridge where we then start to descend back down into Reedy Creek with a short steep section dropping into the creek. Then we start to climb again passing Bruv’s Hut and ascend along a gradual spur until we intersect a track that turns us towards the east and we ride along a gradual but long descent back into Reedy Creek where there is an absolutely beautiful lunch spot with massive boulders and lovely sandy sections.

The whole of the descent down and back up the spur is through native pine forests. These trees are Murray Pines and remind us all of terrain in Canada. This is a great day ride with quite different fauna and terrain from our other treks.



Riding through our native pines on the Canada Loop Trek

Day 7 The Western Loop Trek

Ahh, the beauty of Sheep Station Creek, it's many water holes, rocky outcrops, lush green crossings, awesome spurs and our own little water fall. We may also ride with some brumby mobs. Lunch on the creek is a feature of this relaxing day of riding. The beautiful grey and white gum trees are just stunning with the sunlight shimmering through the canopy.



Brumbies along Sheep Station Creek

After lunch we ride up a spur from the creek and then down into one of the lush creek valleys that feed into Sheep Station Creek, then up a steep hillside and over the top into another creek valley that also feeds into Sheep Station Creek.

Up another steep slope alongside the ski line fence and then down a steep descent into the huge top dam and then finally back to the campsite for drinks and dinner superb riding in Australia's Snowy Mountains.

Snowy Wilderness Dinner Menu

Aussie Camp Oven (slow cooked marinated roasts, usually lamb, duck, or chicken) in cast iron pots over an open fire)

Louisiana Duck Gumbo

Slow Roasted Rack of Pork with sage and cloves

Cattlemen's BBQ the biggest & best steak in the mountains

Wild Mushroom and Truffle Risotto

BBQ Moroccan Chicken

Osso Bucco slow cooked shin in Italian tomato based sauce

Pork Belly

Crispy Skin Chicken with red grapes

Lamb Shoulder slow cooked in camp oven with pear..... and many more delicious creations.

All dinner meals are served with seasonal vegetables, appetizers including delicious homemade dips and desserts which include...

Apple Crumble

Italian Bread Pudding

Sticky Date Pudding

Fruit Platter

Snowy Wilderness Breakfast Menu

Continental...cereal, toast, cheese, boiled eggs, jams

Chorizo Sausage Frittata

Thick cut bacon with Eggs

Scrambled Eggs infused with Truffles

Smoked Trout Frittata

Asparagus Frittata

Snowy Wilderness Lunch Menu

Assorted Gourmet Sandwiches served with fruit of the day, juice, and health bars