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## **Back to Perisher Weekend 2016**

25<sup>th</sup> ~ 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016

SLOPES and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be holding the annual "Back to Perisher Weekend" over the 2016 Easter period.

**The "Back to Perisher Weekend" is an initiative of SLOPES and NPWS to increase patronage in the park in the autumn. All lodge members and their friends are encouraged to attend. This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year of BtoP and numbers have increased each year.**

The following is a summary of the events to be held. Please note that there is no cost for any of the NPWS activities but a couple of walks do require bookings. *Any changes to this flyer will be advised by email.*

### ***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.***

#### **The Perisher Fun Run (Walk).**

Start 8.00am just past Eyre "T" bar at the Perisher Gap. Registration from 7.30am at Perisher Gap (just up from Eyre Kiosk).

RTA and Police approved, fully insured by Jardine Lloyd Thompson. Attended by members of the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol and NPWS staff with escort vehicles.

Finishes at Charlotte Pass where the Chalet will be open for coffee and drinks and the chair lift operating, hopefully.

#### **Kosciuszko Education Centre – Sawpit Creek**

Kosciuszko Education Centre has something for everyone including fun hands-on activities and puzzles that will delight the kids while you browse the alpine flora, fauna and history displays and the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan conservation program showroom. The Kosciarium is the perfect place to be on a cool autumn day.

**Dates:** Saturday 26 March, Sunday 27 March & Monday 28 March

**Time:** 9.00am – 4.00pm

**Location:** Sawpit Creek

**Bookings:** Not required

## **Aboriginal Culture**

Lead by NPWS Aboriginal Discovery Rangers, learn how important the environment is to Aboriginal people through an interpretive display of artefacts and a scheduled presentation that includes hands-on activities of Aboriginal practices. Please note the time of the scheduled activity.

**Time:** 1100am to 3.30pm - Special Activity starts at 1.00pm

**Location:** Perisher Valley NPWS Office (in the Perisher Valley Carpark)

**Bookings:** Not required

## **The Great Perisher Duck Race.**

Start 4.00pm on Perisher Creek next to the Perisher Centre. This year 500 ducks are for sale at \$3 (four for \$10). Profits will be donated to charities.

### **Late Afternoon.**

The Fire Station from 5.00pm. Presentation of Certificates and prizes for the Fun Run, BBQ, drinks, get together. Profits from the BBQ and sale of drinks will be donated to the burns unit at Westmead Hospital.

The Fire Station may have an open day for kids to have fun with the equipment.

## ***Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.***

### **Perisher Easter Egg Hunt**

Come along and see if the local wildlife have left edible droppings!

**Time:** 8.00am – 9.00am

**Location:** South Perisher (cnr Wheatley Rd and Duncan Place ~ opposite Ben Bullen)

**Bookings:** Not required

### **Porcupine Walk**

Commencing at Perisher Valley, this walk meanders through a mosaic of sub-alpine vegetation including snowgums, heaths, bogs and herbfields as you head towards the top of the Crackenback Range overlooking the Thredbo Valley. A short scamper up some boulders will reveal 360 degree views including the Main Range and the Monaro Plains – a perfect spot for some lunch. Returning via the same walking track, interpretation will cover flora, fauna and history of the area.

**Time:** 11.00am – 2.00pm

**Grade:** Medium – approximately 5 km return

**Location:** Meet at: Perisher Valley NPWS Office (in the Perisher Valley Carpark). Bring your lunch!

**Bookings:** To book please contact Dave Woods on 02 64505616 or 0418689250 or [dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au).

## Church Services

Our Lady of the Snows Roman Catholic Church	8.30am
Perisher Alpine Church	12.30pm

The following venues will be open during the Easter holidays.

The Eiger Café and Bar.  
The Stables  
The Chalet, Charlotte Pass.  
Eyre Kiosk.

## *Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March*

### **Mt. Stillwell Walk**

A moderate walk from the Charlotte Pass Turning Circle to Mt. Stillwell. This short walk above the tree-line gives great views of the Main Range and an appreciation of the alpine flora and alpine landscape so special to Kosciuszko National Park. Some local history of Charlotte Pass will also be shared as we pass by the remnants of the first ski tow in NSW and look down upon The Chalet and Charlotte Pass Village.

**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm

**Grade:** Medium – approximately 5 km return

**Meet at:** Charlotte Pass Turning Circle. Bring your lunch!

**Bookings:** To book please contact Dave Woods on 02 64505616 or 0418689250 or [dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au).

### **Vehicle Entry**

Currently we are awaiting advice from NPWS to confirm if they will grant discounted park entry for the weekend as in previous years.

### **Information**

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