



Schlink Hut Walk

(Ngarigo Country)

 7 h, 11 h to 2 days

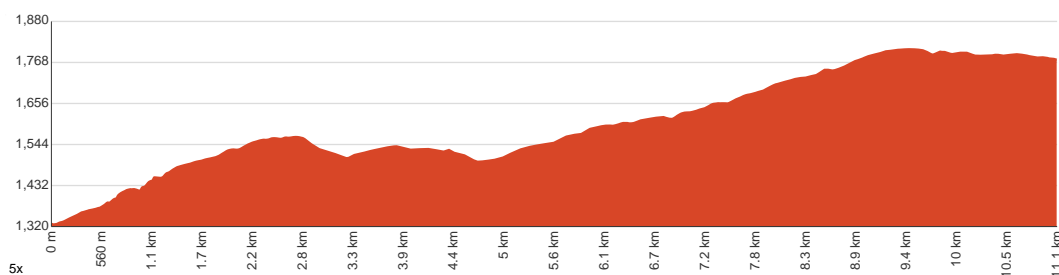

22.2 km
Return


↑ 801 m
↓ 801 m


Hard track



This full day (or overnight) walk visits a series of interesting huts whilst exploring some open alpine country and parts of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Starting at the Guthega / Mungah Power station, you climb up the steep old road to find some great views down the valley. Optional side trips visit the Gate House, Horse Camp Hut and White's River Hut. The alternate exit via Disappointment Spur gives some variety on the return journey and the chance to visit another historic hut. Let us begin by acknowledging the Ngarigo people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

Getting to the start: From Barry Way

- Turn on to Kosciuszko Road then drive for 12.4 km
- Keep left and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Kosciuszko Road and drive for another 8.9 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Road and drive for another 4.7 km
- Keep left onto Guthega Road and drive for another 8.3 km
- Turn right onto Guthega Powerstation Access and drive for another 285 m
- Keep right onto Guthega Powerstation Road and drive for another 65 m
- Turn right and drive for another 25 m

Before you start any journey ensure you;

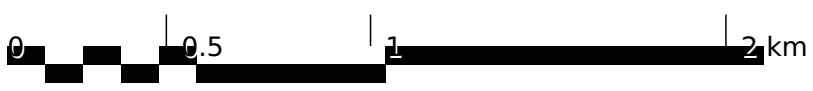
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

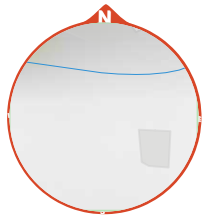
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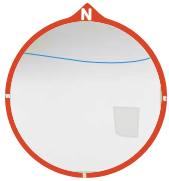








Getting started: From the Munyang (Guthega Power Station) car park, this walk heads along the short driveway and across the large bridge over the Snowy River, heading towards the power station. At the fence (on the other side of the bridge), this walk turns left to head around to the other side of the 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.

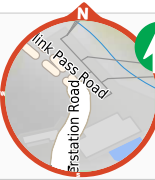




At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.



The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 6.8 km waypoint.



After another 7 m (from the Disappointment Spur Trail) **continue straight**. Keep left.



After another 140 m head through/around the gate.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Gate House.



To start this optional side trip continue straight here. from the Schlink Pass Road **Start** (a vehicle track).



After another 160 m **veer left**.



After another 190 m find the "Gate House" (30 m on your left).



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.



After another 120 m come to the end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 470 m to the main route.



Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 2.4 km waypoint.



After another 2.2 km (from the Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 890 m cross the ford.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Horse Camp Hut.



To start this optional side trip turn left here. at the intersection of Horse Camp Hut Access & Schlink Pass Road **Start** heading along *Horse Camp Hut Access* (a vehicle track).



After another 510 m come to "Horse Camp Hut".



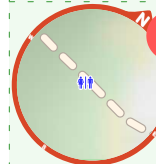
Horse Camp Hut is found beside a trail linking the old Munyang-Geehi Rd with an aqueduct trail on the western side of the valley. Still in good condition, this hut was built for surveyors in the 1950s as part of the Snowy Mountains Scheme effort. The hut has a distinctive red door and two rooms. The 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.



"Horse Camp Hut".



A toilet.



The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 510 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 3.8 km waypoint.



After another 470 m (from the Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 920 m cross the bridge (about 55 m long)



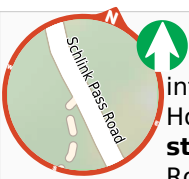
The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 6.8 km waypoint.



After another 2 km (at the intersection of Disappointment Spur Trail & Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 160 m (from the Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 640 m (at the intersection of Schlink Pass Road & Horse Camp Aquaduct Trail) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.

Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to White's River Hut.



To start this optional side trip veer left here. from the Schlink Pass Road **Start** (a vehicle track).



After another 75 m **continue straight**.



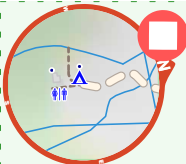
After another 15 m cross the ford.



After another 30 m **continue straight**.



After another 80 m cross the ford.



After another 40 m come to the end.



About 25 m past the end is "Whites River Hut".
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About 25 m past the end is "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.



About 35 m past the end is a toilet., not equipped with Handwashing basin.

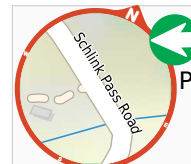


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 240 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 8 km waypoint.



After another 410 m (from the Schlink Pass Road) **continue straight**, to head along Schlink Pass Road.



After another 3.1 km (from the Schlink Pass Road) **turn left** (a vehicle track).



Continue another 30 m to find the end. Then turn around here and retrace the main route for 11.1 km to get back to the start.



About 15 m past the end is a toilet.



About 15 m past the end is "Schlink Hilton".



About 15 m past the end is "Schlink Hut".



This is a large Snowy Mountain Scheme hut built in 1961. The hut sits between the maintenance road and a set of high tension power lines which run along the valley. The hut was built to house the staff who were building and maintaining the infrastructure in the area. Today, part of the hut is left unlocked for public use. There is a pump-out toilet, flat grassy area and creek nearby for water. The hut has several rooms, beds, a fire place and a table. The hut is named after Sir Herbert Henry Schlink (1883-1962), a medical doctor and xc skier. Dr Schlink made the first winter crossing from Kiandra to Kosciusko. The hut is often called the Schlink Hilton, due to its size.