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# MT HOTHAM & DINNER PLAIN TRACKS & TRAILS



Dinner Plain  
Pure High Country

**Be Prepared**  
The best months for walking the tracks and trails are from November through to May. However, weather conditions can change rapidly, and snowfalls and blizzards can occur at anytime of the year. *Bushwalking Season is from the November Melbourne Cup Weekend to late May.*

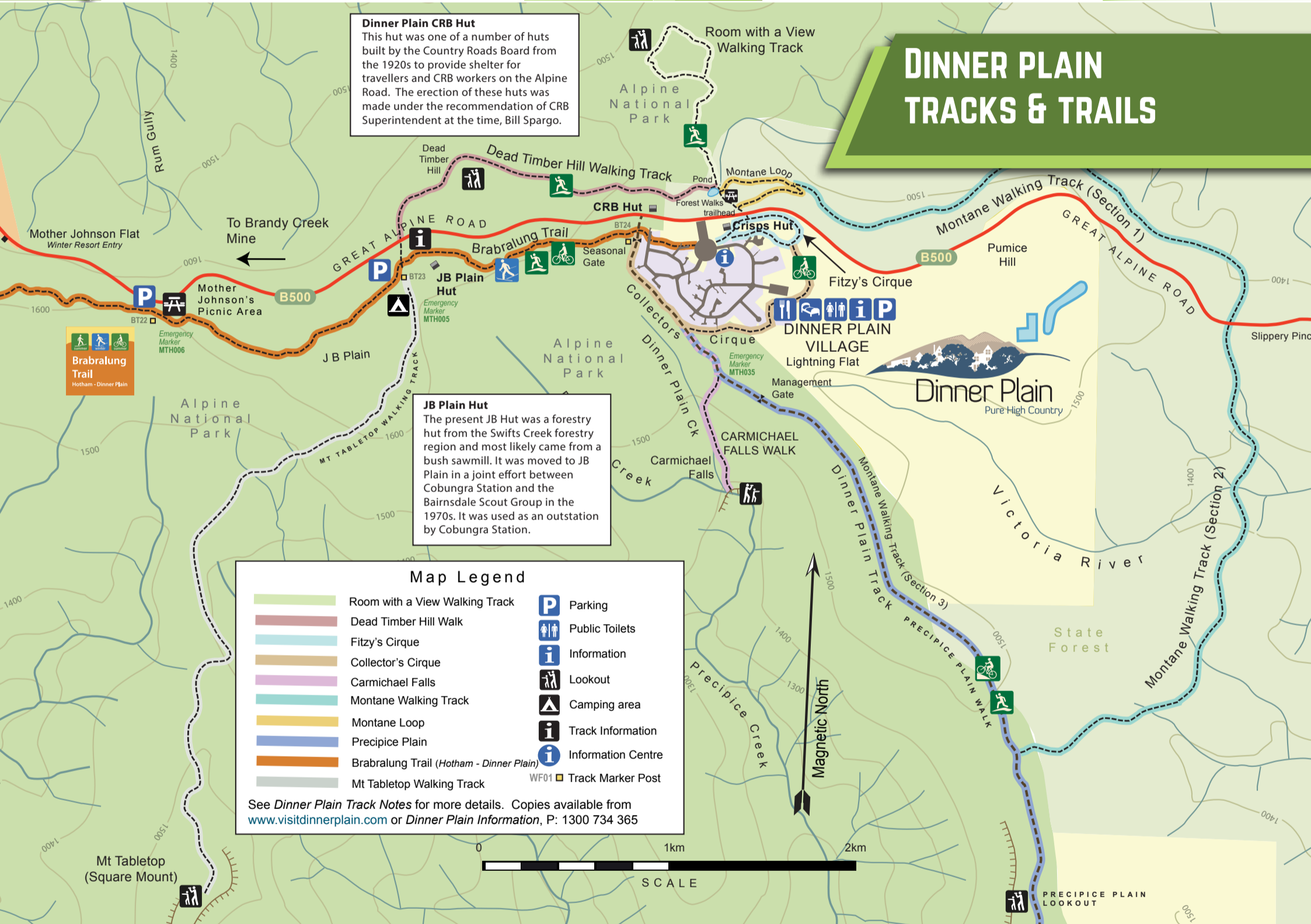
- Be prepared with:**
- Wind and waterproof jacket
  - Warm clothing – hat, gloves, sunglasses, and strong footwear
  - Food and water
  - First aid kit and sunscreen
  - Map and compass
  - Check weather forecast before departing
  - Let someone know where you are going
  - Mobile phone (reception in some areas)
- Bushfires have damaged snow gums which are now regenerating, but dead branches are shedding with the new growth. High wind days may result in falling limbs and branches. It is not recommended to use the tracks on windy days. Please be aware that snakes are active during the warmer months.



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### Relax Unwind and Rejuvenate in the pure High Country...

When the snow melts, the warmer weather promises spectacular colours from blooming wild flowers on display, breathtaking vista views, mountain bike riding, bush walking and an adventure playground. Connect with nature through the green season, take in the pure, fresh alpine air and all that the High Country can offer.

### Brabralung Trail (easy to difficult) (multipurpose) 12km

Walk, ride or run this wonderful trail that winds through the Alpine National Park linking Dinner Plain to Hotham resort. Look out for the native fauna and flora (spot the resident emus at JB Plain). This trail will take you through woodland to open scenic vistas that gives the High Country its unique scenic vista views. There are numerous areas to rest and picnic along the way running parallel to the Great Alpine Road. A location not to miss is the old cattleman's post JB Hut where you can also camp overnight.

### Fitzy's Cirque (easy) (multipurpose) 1km circuit

This is an all abilities trail for mountain bike riding and walking. A short, easy stroll around the tennis courts, village ski run and past some of Dinner Plain's uniquely inspired architecture.

### Carmichael Falls Walk (moderate) 2km return

Heading off from the Dinner Plain 4WD Track this clearly marked track takes a path to a lookout with seating so you can sit back and overlook the picturesque falls amongst the snowgums.

### Room With a View (easy to moderate) 3km return

A short walk from Dinner Plain, this is the first completed project by the Dinner Plain Landcare group, and was originally an old horse riding track. It takes you on an easy walk through the snowgum forest to an open plain with spectacular views of Mount Hotham, Mount Feathertop, Bogong High Plains and the Cobungra River, where you can take in the views over Hotham Alpine Resort.

### Collectors Cirque (easy) (multipurpose) 2km circuit

Circumnavigates the village providing fantastic views through the surrounding alpine landscape as well as highlighting the unique Dinner Plain architecture. A great, short and challenging mountain bike ride over to a multipurpose trail.

### Dead Timber Hill (easy to moderate) 4km return

A new walk to the area, but absolutely breathtaking. This walk is through an area stricken by the 2003 bushfires that is slowly breathing life again. The romantic lookout over Mt Hotham is an exquisite sunset location.

### Montane Walking Track (difficult) Section 1 - 3.3km, Section 2 - 3.2km, Section 3 - 2.6km

The Montane Walking Track starts at the Forest Walks trailhead, and covers many interesting aspects of the Dinner Plain area. The track has been divided into three sections.

### Montane Loop (easy) 1km loop

An easy walk following a formed gravel track. It begins at the Forest Walks trailhead and is suitable for most ages and fitness levels.

### Tabletop Walk (difficult) 10km return

From JB Plain, follow the old fence line south across the plains for 0.5km. From here the route is marked by orange triangular markers. After crossing the snow plains and snowgum woodland, the route drops down to Tabletop Creek and then follows a long ridge up the plateau. Return via the same route.

### Precipice Plain (moderate) (multipurpose) 9km return

Walk or bike along the Dinner Plain 4WD Track to a lovely natural lookout across the remote Dargo Valley. Catch the sunset in the high country for fabulous colours, breathe in the cool air and lovely cool summer breeze.

See *Dinner Plain Track Notes* for more details on most of these walking tracks.

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**Red Robin Mine & Battery**  
Discovered by Bill Spargo in 1940, the first sample crushing averaged a staggering 112 ounces of gold per ton. The discovery of the reef saw one of Victoria's last gold rushes. The mine continued to be operated until 2014 when the lease expired and the site reverted back to National Park. The mine and battery is included on the Victorian Heritage Register.

**Blair's Hut**  
The original hut was built by Frank & Tom Blair in 1923-4, when a tourism grant was provided to re-open Dungeys Track. The neat little drop-log hut on the West Kiewa River is a popular camping spot for bushwalkers.

**Joyce Brockhoff Hut**  
Located amongst snowgums on a small spur between Mary's Slide and the Orchard ski runs. The hut was built in 1949 as a memorial to Joyce Brockhoff, one of the first champion skiers. Built of stone with large glass windows and a deck.

**Derrick Hut**  
Built as a day shelter for ski tourists by the Wangaratta Ski Club in 1967. This neat little timber hut is a memorial to Charles Derrick a cross country skier who died in a blizzard in 1965 whilst crossing from Mt Bogong to Mt Hotham.

**Spargo's Hut**  
Built by prospector Bill Spargo and his brother Cecil in 1927-28 for Bill's prospecting and mining activities in the area. Bill was superintendent of the Alpine Road for the Country Roads Board in the early 1920s and was influential in the establishment of Mt Hotham as a recreational skiing location. He later discovered the rich gold-bearing Red Robin reef on Machinery Spur in 1940.

**Silver Brumby Hut**  
The first Silver Brumby Hut was built in 1992 as a temporary film prop for the Australian film "The Silver Brumby" based on the famous novel by Elyne Mitchell and starring Russell Crowe. The present hut was built as a more permanent structure in 2006-7 by the Rotary Club of Sale, East Gippsland Institute of Tafe, Tanderra Ski Club and the Mt Hotham Resort Management Board.

**Dibbins Hut**  
Third generation of huts built on the site from about the 1890s. Used for cattle grazing by Dibbin, Howard & Gow. Located at the base of Swindlers Spur at the head of the Cobungra River, this neat little drop-log hut is a popular camping destination for bushwalkers.

**Cobungra Ditch**  
The Cobungra Ditch, also originally known as the Cobungra Gold Mining Company water race or the Brandy Creek water race, was constructed in 1883-4. The race provided water for the hydraulic sluicing operations of the Cobungra G.M.C.O. The Ditch was used continuously into the 1890s, though with falling gold yield the use of the race became intermittent. The race was last used in the 1920s and 30s.



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### Map Legend

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Parking  
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See Mt Hotham Track Notes for more details. Copies available from [www.mthotham.com.au](http://www.mthotham.com.au) or Resort Management Office

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Summer is a great time to explore the range of iconic tracks and trails of the Mt Hotham Alpine Resort and surrounding Alpine National Park. A variety of tracks and trails access some of Australia's best views, unique flora and fauna and some of the region's richest history. Whether you're into bushwalking, a quiet stroll, cycling or hard-core trail running the Hotham area has something for everyone to explore and discover. The Bushwalking Season lasts about seven months and opens Melbourne Cup Weekend in November and closes mid May, with the area usually snow covered during the winter and early spring.

**The Cobungra Ditch**  
Length: 17km circuit. Approximately 7hrs. Grade 3, mostly level, formed track with some steps. Some bushwalking experience recommended.

The Cobungra Ditch Walk can be done as a one-way 12.5km walk or completed as an 17km circuit (via the Brabralung Trail and Brandy Ck Link Tk). Alternatively, the East and West Access tracks on the Big Spur can create shorter circuits. The northern end of the walk is accessible from the Great Alpine Road via the Davenport Access Track, Hotham Village. The southern end

of the track is accessible from Brandy Creek, halfway between Hotham and Dinner Plain.

The Ditch takes walkers on a journey on how this water race was constructed and used. This walk is a must-do for all visitors. See Track Notes for more details.

**The Huts Walk**  
Length: 18km circuit. Approximately 7hrs. Grade 4, some steep sections, bushwalking experience recommended.

The Huts Walk links three of Mt Hotham's significant historic huts, each which represent an important role in the development of the Hotham Alpine Resort. These iconic huts include Spargo's (gold mining), Derrick Hut (ski touring), and Silver Brumby Hut (representative of cattle grazing and used in the film Silver Brumby). The Huts Walk offers bushwalkers a unique opportunity to experience some of the high country's rarely seen significant natural and historic landscapes. This includes open high plains to steep the narrow valley of Swindler's Creek. Access to the Huts Walk is via the Davenport Access Tk and the Cobungra Ditch, or the Alpine Crossing Trailhead at Loch Car park. See Track Notes for more details.

**Brabralung (Hotham - Dinner Plain) Trail**  
See other side for details.

**Summit Walk**  
Length: 2.5km return. Grade 2, moderate climb, no bushwalking experience required.

Beginning from the Trainer chairlift in the Village, keep to the right of the Summit chairlift climbing to the peak of Mt Hotham. Follow the vehicle trail from the top of the chairlift past the Telstra tower to the fire tower for an inspiring 360 degree view including Mt Buffalo, Mt Feathertop and Mt Buller. Return via the same route. This route also provides ideal walkers access to Diamantina Hut and the Razorback Ridge and Mt Feathertop tracks.

**Mt Feathertop - Razorback Ridge**  
Length: 22km return. 8hrs return. Grade 4, some steep sections, some bushwalking experience recommended (not fully shown on map).

This is a popular walk for a long day trip or overnight camp. Beginning at Diamantina Hut, 2.5km from Hotham on the Great Alpine Road, the walk along the

Razorback Ridge is generally exposed above the tree line making for great views; however, it should not be crossed in bad weather (the Cobungra Ditch is an ideal alternative). Return via the same route or make suitable transport arrangements and walk down the Bungalong Spur Tk to Harrietville.

**Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing**  
Length: 37km one way. Grade 4, some steep sections, some bushwalking experience recommended (not fully shown on map).

One of Victoria's iconic walks, the 37km Falls-Hotham Alpine Crossing is a three day/two night walk through the Alpine National Park, linking the resort villages of Falls Creek and Mt Hotham.

Winding its way along alpine ridges through snow gum woodlands and snow grass plains, over rocky summits and past historic huts, this three day hike offers an achievable and rewarding hiking challenge with spectacular views every step. Access is from the Alpine Crossing Trailhead at Loch Car park.

For additional information see also:  
Parknotes, Alpine National Park - The High Country Walks around Hotham and Dinner Plain.

