

# Horse trail riding in the Mansfield high country, Mt Stirling area

## Alpine National Park (Mansfield) and Howqua Hills Historic Area

**Camping with horses is permitted in designated horse camps and bookings need to be made to camp with horses.** Bookings can be made online for yards located in the Alpine National Park at [www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/howqua-yards](http://www.parkstay.vic.gov.au/howqua-yards)

Dispersed camping with horses is permitted in some areas. For maps on horse zones in the Alpine National Park go to [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au).

Further information on horse riding at Howqua Hills Historic Area can be found at [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/howquahillshistoricarea](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/howquahillshistoricarea)

**Are you planning on holding an event?** – please contact [events@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@parks.vic.gov.au).

Horse riding is permitted in the lower Howqua valley including Howqua Hills Historic Area from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Riding is permitted in the rest of the Alpine National Park (above 1000m ASL) from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Mt Stirling Alpine Resort

A maximum group size of 20 applies and riding is permitted on a seasonal basis. Use of sites is on a first in first served basis and no group has exclusive use of an area. Within the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort, a permit is required for activities involving more than 20 horses; events that are of a competitive nature or pose a risk to public safety and events for which a fee is charged.

Horse riding is permitted between the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and 30<sup>th</sup> April each year within the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort.

## Horses are permitted on the following tracks:

Albys Drop	Bluff Spur
Chairmans Ridge	Circuit Road
Clear Hills Trail	Fork Creek Trail (part)
Hut Loop	Hut Trail
Kingside Trail	Monument Trail
Race Loop	Razorback Hut Track
Razorback Trail	River Spur
Stirling Trail	Stirling Trail (black)
Summit Trail	West Summit

Horse riding is not permitted in Mt Buller Alpine Resort except for the Delatite River Trail.

## Contacts

### State forest

FFMvic, Mansfield 03) 5733 1200

### National Park and Howqua Hills

Parks Victoria, Mansfield 03) 5733 1200

### Mt Stirling

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## Planning on holding a club event or saddling up and bringing some friends to horse ride around Mt Stirling, Mansfield State Forest or the Alpine National Park?

Horse riding is a great way to see and experience Victoria's beautiful environment, to ensure an enjoyable trip please be aware of the following:

## What is the land tenure?

We appreciate that visitors are interested in enjoying the scenic natural areas, however there are different rules depending on whether you are in State Forest, National Park or Alpine Resort.

Horses are permitted on vehicle tracks and other tracks marked as suitable for horses. The map on the reverse shows some recommended routes for horse riding in this area. Please stay on the existing formalised track and observe all track closures and obey signs.

## Your safety

Horse riders are responsible for their own safety. Remote areas and difficult terrain may be encountered. Ride to the conditions and ensure trip intentions have been left with a responsible person. Maintain awareness of adverse weather conditions and consider the risk of fire during the warmer months.

## Other visitors

As well as horse riders, many other visitors and licenced tour operators also spend time in these areas on trail bikes, in 4WD vehicles, on mountain bikes and on foot. Be mindful of other users while on tracks and in camp sites. Trail and mountain bike riders are encouraged to stop and dismount for horses as horses have right of way. Please respect other users.

No dogs are allowed in Alpine National Park or the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort.

**Note: Horses are not permitted in areas of bogs, wetlands, wet heathland or snow patch vegetation. Horses must remain properly restrained at least 30 metres from waterbodies, huts and visitor facilities. Tethering to trees overnight is not permitted.**

## Before you go – do I need to book?

**All groups and clubs must contact the land manager to inform them of intended routes and campsites.**

## State forest:

Use of sites, including huts, is on a first in first served basis and no group has exclusive use of the huts. In State Forest, permits are required for large groups of horses that may pose public safety risks or for club, competitive or commercial activities (where a fee is charged). Please contact the local DELWP office to confirm requirements.

## Razorback Hut:

Camping with horses is permitted at Razorback Hut. **A maximum of four consecutive nights horse camping in one location applies.**

Razorback hut is a very popular camping site, frequently used by horse club groups as well as tour operators. The site (hut and yards) cannot be booked. The yards nearest the toilets are for public use. The yards behind the locked gate are for use by licenced tour operators only.

Although a dam is located near the hut, it is not a reliable source of water and you must be self-sufficient in terms of watering your horses. The tank on the bunk house is NOT to be used for horses.

Please ensure you have an alternative plan if this site is at capacity when you arrive.

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Mt Stirling Alpine Resort  
between 1st November and 30th April

**Legend**

- Recommended routes for horse riding  
(note: horses are permitted on public roads)
- Horse yard
- Toilets
- Main road - Sealed
- Main road - Unsealed
- Minor road - Sealed
- Minor road - Unsealed
- Track - 4 wd
- Walking Track
- Alpine Resort (No dogs permitted)
- Parks and Reserves
- State Forest

