



MITTA MOUNTAINS BUSH TOUR

LOOP A
MT. BENAMBRA

LOOP B
MT. EMU

LOOP C
MT. WILLS

Distance: Approximately 270km, but can be driven in three separate loops to Mt Benambra, Mt Emu and Mt Wills.

Time: 1/2 day to 1 day per loop.

Grade: Mt Benambra & Mt Wills - Medium, Mt Emu - Difficult. Low range 4WD may be required and drivers should be experienced.

Timing: Fine weather from late spring to early autumn is best to make the most of the spectacular views. Tracks may be snow covered and impassable in winter. Seasonal road closures may apply from June to November.

Starts/ends: Mitta Mitta township General Store.

Warnings: Do not attempt during or after rain or snow. This area is remote and tracks can be steep and slippery. Vehicles should be in good condition, with recovery equipment and provisions. Log trucks may be operating. Fallen trees may block access on tracks. Wildlife may be encountered, especially at night.

Note: Dogs, cats and firearms are not permitted in the Alpine National Park.

A MT. BENAMBRA LOOP (85km)

Head north from Mitta Mitta over the bridge on the Mitta North Road. Turn right towards Dartmouth on the Dartmouth Road.

1 Dartmouth Township
Originally established in 1870 to provide goods to gold miners along the Mitta and Dart Rivers, the township was shifted 6 miles downstream when the dam was constructed. Today, Dartmouth is an extremely popular fishing and four wheel driving destination.

Continue east on the bitumen to the dam wall.

2 Dartmouth Dam
Dartmouth Dam was completed in 1979. It's embankment is the largest earth rock wall in the southern hemisphere (180 metres high) and consists of 14.1 million cubic metres of rock and clay. The dam holds 4 million megalitres (seven times the size of Sydney Harbour).

Return along Dartmouth Road and turn right onto Mt Benambra Road.

3 Lookout Point
Views over Dartmouth township and Mt Bogong in the distance along this section. Enter the Alpine National Park and watch for changes in vegetation as you climb the mountain.

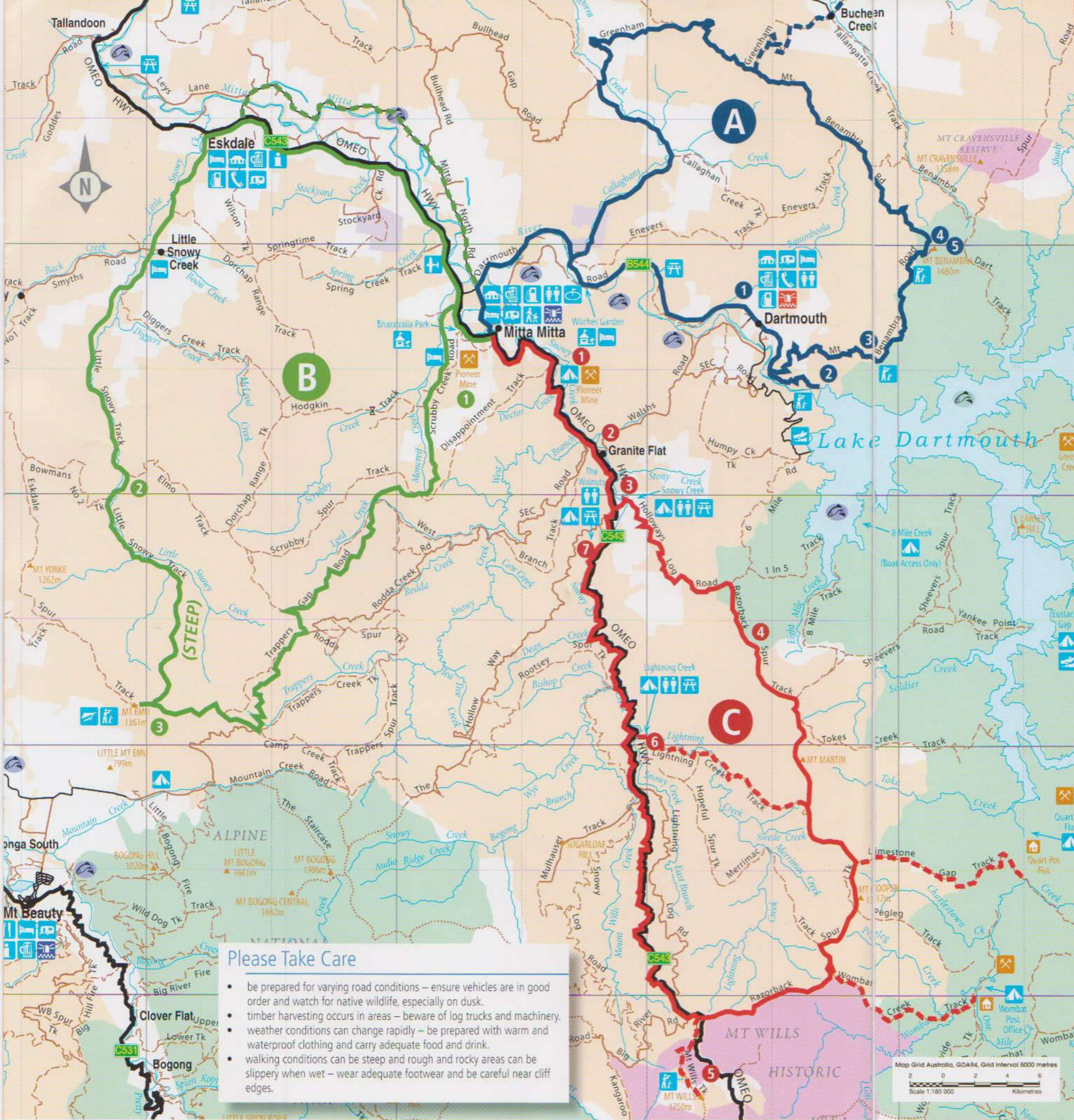
Turn right onto Benambra Summit Track.

4 Mt Benambra Hut
This hut provides accommodation for the Mt Benambra fire towerman over summer. Public use of picnic area and toilets is welcomed.

Straight ahead to Mt Benambra Summit.

5 Mt Benambra (1480m)
Climb the ramp to the observation deck on the fire-spotting and communications tower and enjoy 360 degree views on a clear day.

Return and continue north on Mt Benambra Road (4WD steep descent). Continue on Greenham Track, turn left at Callaghan's Creek Road and right at the intersection onto Dartmouth Road. Turn left before bridge and return to Mitta Mitta.



Please Take Care

- be prepared for varying road conditions – ensure vehicles are in good order and watch for native wildlife, especially at dusk.
- timber harvesting occurs in areas – beware of log trucks and machinery.
- weather conditions can change rapidly – be prepared with warm and waterproof clothing and carry adequate food and drink.
- walking conditions can be steep and rough and rocky areas can be slippery when wet – wear adequate footwear and be careful near cliff edges.

Map Symbols

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| Toilets | Hotel | Historic Mine Site | Public Telephone |
| Historic Hut | Caravan Park | Hanggliding | Camping |
| Picnic Table | General Store | Lookout | Airport |
| Visitor Information | Fuel | Tourist Park/Attraction | |

Local Authorities

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| DSE | 136186 |
| Parks Victoria | 131963 |
| Goulburn Murray Water | 02 6072 4411 |
| Towong Shire Council | 02 6071 5100 |

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| | Omeo Highway |
| | Unsealed Road |
| | Bush Track |
| | State Route No. |
| | Mountains |

