

## Getting to Hotham

# Welcome to Mt Hotham

The Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board welcomes you to Mount Hotham.

We want your visit to be a most enjoyable holiday for you, your family and friends. This brochure will give you the information you need to know to arrive at your destination safely and with a minimum amount of fuss. By reading the information provided and using this brochure as a guide for your travels and parking at Mount Hotham, you will be able to enjoy the scenery of the high country as you wind up Victoria's highest road the Great Alpine Road to your snow holiday destination.

## Alpine driving checklist

- Valid Resort Entry Permit
- DIAMOND PATTERN wheel chains on-board
- Know which wheels to fit your chains to and how to fit them
- Full tank of fuel as there is no fuel supply on the mountain
- Alpine Diesel is essential for diesel vehicles to prevent fuel freezing and is available from local off mountain service stations.
- Anti-freeze in the radiator
- Vehicle battery is in good condition
- Windscreen Heater and wipers in good working order
- Windscreen de-icing scraper



Melbourne - Harrietville - Mt Hotham		
Melbourne to Wangaratta	252km	2 hours 50 min
Wangaratta to Harrietville	101km	1 hour 30 min
Harrietville to Mt Hotham	32km	45 min (summer road conditions)

Melbourne - Omeo - Mt Hotham		
Melbourne to Bairnsdale	282km	3.25 hours
Bairnsdale to Omeo	121km	1.5 hours
Omeo to Mt Hotham Airport	34km	35 min (summer road conditions)
Mt Hotham Airport to Mt Hotham	25km	25 min (summer road conditions)

## Winter driving tips

Remember for your own safety and those in your vehicle slow down when driving in snow or icy conditions (this includes black ice). Driving on snow or ice is significantly different from driving on normal, dry, road surfaces.

- Observe speed limits on the Great Alpine Road and within the Resort (for the safety of both pedestrians and other vehicles).
- Travel at a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Apply gradual pressure to the accelerator to avoid wheel spin.
- Apply gradual pressure to the brakes to avoid locking the wheels which may cause loss of steering and control.
- Avoid unnecessary gear changes. Engage first or second gear on level ground before ascending or descending hills;
- You should try and avoid braking on corners as this can cause loss of control. Try to break before entering the corner while the wheels are straight.
- Think of snow like slippery mud driving.
- Clear any snow from the car roof and bonnet to avoid creating a road hazard to others. Failure to do so is an offence;
- Clear all snow and ice from your windscreen, windows and mirrors to ensure good visibility.
- Keep well away from snow clearing machines.
- To avoid windscreen wipers freezing when parking in snowy weather or overnight, lift wipers from windscreen.
- When parking your vehicle disengage your hand brake whilst leaving your car in Gear or Park to avoid freezing your brakes to your wheels.
- Please avoid driving too fast with chains fitted. Recommended maximum speed in the owners' manual of chains is generally 30 to 40 km/h - maximum.
- Always carry a jacket, beanie and gloves for getting out in the weather to fit your chains.
- Always drive with your lights on low-beam when driving in the alps.

## Wheel chains

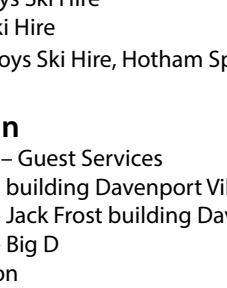
Wheel Chains are fitted to vehicles in snow and ice conditions for your safety and the safety of other road users. Vehicles entering Mount Hotham Alpine Resort during the declared snow season must carry Diamond Pattern Wheel Chains. Diamond Pattern Wheel Chains are a mandatory legal requirement. These are the safest and most suitable chain for the conditions on the Great Alpine Road. Please ensure that you know how to fit your chains and that they fit correctly.

Ladder chains, spider chains and snow socks are not permitted to be used at any time on the Great Alpine Road. Diamond Pattern chains are available for sale or hire from off mountain ski hires, retailers and petrol stations throughout North East Victoria and Gippsland.

It is an offence to travel the Great Alpine Road without carrying Diamond Pattern Chains and/or not fitting them where directed.

A chain fitting service operates on the Great Alpine Road Harrietville approach during the snow season and can assist you by fitting your wheel chains to your vehicle. Wheel Chains are not available for hire from this service or on mountain and must be carried before beginning your trip up the mountain.

Chains should be fitted properly when directed either by signage or a Road Management Officer. Look for the sign illustrated below so you know when to put them on.



### FAQs

**Q. Are four-wheel drive vehicles exempt from fitting chains?**  
 A. No. In heavy snow conditions four-wheel drive vehicles may be required to fit chains. This will be dictated by the conditions and the level of snow. Signs will indicate when 4WD vehicles need to fit chains.

**Q. Is my All Wheel Drive a 4WD?**  
 A. For the purpose of fitting wheel chains yes it is. However, the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board recommends fitting wheel chains to All Wheel drives as they may not have a differential locking 4WD system and are generally fitted with highway tyres as opposed to mud/snow tread 4WD tyres.

## Have you purchased a Resort Entry Permit?

All vehicles stopping in a Victorian Alpine Resort must have a valid authorized Resort Entry Permit. Day, Multi-day and Season Resort Entry Permits are available through the online system of [alpineeasyaccess.com.au](http://alpineeasyaccess.com.au), allowing guest to purchase prior to or immediately upon arrival, alleviating the need to queue at an entry booth to purchase an Entry Permit, giving you more time on the snow and less time in your car.

[alpineeasyaccess.com.au](http://alpineeasyaccess.com.au)

Alpine Easy Access is smart phone compatible allowing you to purchase your Resort Entry as you travel to Mount Hotham giving you more time on the snow and no Resort Entry queues.



**ALPINE easyACCESS**

[click here](#)

**Alpine Easy Access self-purchase iPad terminals are located at the following locations:**

### Off Mountain

- Myrtleford - Rays Ski Centre
- Harrietville - Hoys Ski Hire
- Omeo - Billies Ski Hire
- Dinner Plain - Hoys Ski Hire, Hotham Sports

### On Mountain

- Hotham Central - Guest Services
- Hoys - Jack Frost building Davenport Village
- Hotham Sports - Jack Frost building Davenport Village
- Hotham Sports - Big D
- Arlberg Reception
- Resort Management Office (*cash and eftpos and online sales*)

**MT HOTHAM LOCATIONS & CHAIN FITTING BAYS**  
Great Alpine Road

**CHAIN FITTING BAYS**  
SNOW CHAINS (Diamond Pattern) MUST BE CARRIED BY ALL VEHICLES AND FITTED WHERE DIRECTED

**HARRIETVILLE - MT HOTHAM (31km) - CHAIN FITTING BAYS**

Chain Fitting Bay	Location Name	Distance to Mt Hotham	Distance from Harrietville
Chain Bay 6	Corbetts Flat	15km	16.5km
Chain Bay 5	Olive Branch	14km	16.5km
Chain Bay 4	Star Extended	22km	18.5km
Chain Bay 3	The Black Hole	11.5km	19km
Chain Bay 2	Dungeys Hollow	9km	22km
Chain Bay 1	Blowhard Hut	8km	23km

**OMEo - MT HOTHAM (34km) - CHAIN FITTING BAYS**

Chain Fitting Bay	Location Name	Distance to Mt Hotham
Chain Bay 3	Flour Bag Plain	18km
Chain Bay 2	Dinner Plain	14km
Chain Bay 1	Wire Plain	2km

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