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## Fossicking

The Tumbarumba region is now one of nine designated fossicking areas in NSW.

This means that fossickers are not required to obtain consent from holders of mineral exploration licences, and since the Mining Act of 1992 have not been required to hold a fossicking licence.

However, fossickers do need to obtain permission from landholders, including government departments such as Forests NSW. You can usually obtain a 12 month no fee permit from Forests NSW. For more information on fossicking in state forests call 1300 655 687. You will find that some areas such as the Flora Reserve at Paddy's River Dam are closed to fossicking. Also, fossicking is not permitted in the Kosciuszko National Park.

## Rock Climbing and Abseiling

The Snowy Mountains Climbing School offers full and half day programs with experienced instructors, catering for the beginner through to the extreme, in a safe and secure environment.

Ph: 02 6076 9101 or visit [www.snowymtns.com](http://www.snowymtns.com)



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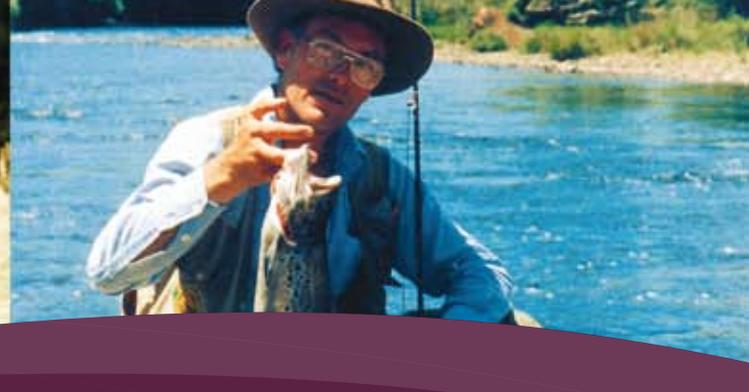
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# ACTIVITIES

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## Snowy Valleys Way

Road bike riders will enjoy the scenic route of the Snowy Valleys Way. This project is a five shire initiative and offers an alternative to the Hume Highway. It takes you through the towns of Gundagai, Tumut, Tumbarumba, Corryong and Beechworth, with lots of interesting side loops on the way. Maps and brochures are available at a number of outlets in Tumbarumba.

## Upper Murray Challenge

A gruelling race in October each year for teams and individuals. Competitors cycle 38 km over hilly forest trails, 4wd tracks and open paddocks in and around Khancoban township, then paddle for 11 kms down the swift flowing Swampy Plains River to where it joins the Murray River and continue for another 15 kms.

Runners then enjoy a gently undulating dirt road for 7 km.

Get your team together and enter, or enjoy the spectacle.  
For more information [www.uppermurraychallenge.com.au](http://www.uppermurraychallenge.com.au)

## Cycling Events

A three day event at Easter, and a five day event in January are organised by the Laurel Hill Forest Lodge. Routes are organized for both road and mountain bikes.

### For more information contact

Laurel Hill Forest Lodge; Ph: 02 69488669  
or visit [www.laurelhillforestlodge.com.au](http://www.laurelhillforestlodge.com.au)

## Mountain bike trails

Explore the NSW Bago and Maragle State Forests. There are numerous routes through pine and eucalypt forests; some will take you to Paddy's River Dam and the lovely Buddong Falls. Another good track going south from the Elliott Way follows the powerline to the Tooma River, and finishes near Khancoban. This track connects with the Bicentennial National Trail.

In the Kosciuszko National Park bikes are permitted on most management trails but not on walking tracks. Cycling in the Jagungal and Pilot wilderness areas is limited to certain tracks.

Visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kosciuszko](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kosciuszko) for more information or contact the National Parks & Wildlife office in Khancoban; Ph: 02 60 769373

## Water Sports

Boats with engine capacity no more than 5 hp are permitted on Mannus Lake, Tumbarumba.

Boat ramps are located at Khancoban Pondage and O'Hare's Rest Area at Talbingo Reservoir, and these are popular venues for water-skiers.

Organised white water rafting trips are available on the Swampy Plains River. Ph 1800 677 179 or 1800 637 486

Kayak and boat hire is available from the Khancoban Lakeside Caravan Park Ph 02 6076 9488

## Fishing

Fishing in the streams and lakes of the mountains is a rewarding challenge for skilled fishermen, and a lot of fun for the less experienced.

The Tumbarumba Shire contains some good fishing lakes:: Mannus Lake near Tumbarumba township; Paddy's River Dam in the Bago Forest; and Khancoban Pondage. Within easy driving distance from Tumbarumba and Khancoban are Talbingo Reservoir and Tooma Dam, storage reservoirs for the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

The secret of summer fishing in the region is the constant influx of cold water from the mountains, making the temperature ideal for trout.

Popular streams are Paddy's River, Tumbarumba Creek, Tooma River, the Swampy Plains River near Khancoban (including a Blue ribbon trout stream – the lower Swampy Plains River).

The Khancoban TroutFest is a week long competition held in November.

The Murray River flows past the village of Jingellic, where there is a public recreation reserve suitable for camping behind the historic Bridge Hotel.

### Fishing licences may be purchased at:

Tumba Valley Service Station, Tumbarumba  
Tumba Gifts and Sports House, Tumbarumba  
Union Hotel, Tumbarumba  
National Parks & Wildlife Office, Khancoban  
Khancoban Roadhouse, Khancoban  
Khancoban Lakeside Caravan Resort, Khancoban  
Online at: [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ fisheries](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ fisheries)  
Bait is available from the Khancoban Roadhouse in summer, and from the Khancoban Lakeside Caravan Park