



# FIRST TIME Visitors' Guide

2017

# NO PLACE LIKE IT

# FIRST TIMERS' TIPS

If you've never visited the snow Mt Buller is a great place to start.

Whether you want to build a snowman, throw a snowball, experience the thrills of tobogganing or try skiing or snowboarding

Mt Buller is easy to get to, and we love to welcome new visitors.

### **Snowplay and Tobogganing**

Mt Buller has two large snowplay parks ideal for kids and adults, easily accessed from the car parks. It's so much fun playing in the snow!

### **Skiing and Snowboarding**

Mt Buller is ideal for beginner skiers and snowboarders offering plenty of gentle learning terrain and a world-class team of instructors to get you started on the snow safely. The Discover pass comes with a FREE 2 hour beginner lesson and access to beginner area lifts. You'll be making your first turns before you know it!

### **Twilight Sessions**

Weekends are longer at Mt Buller with Twilight Sessions in July and August. On Saturdays and Sundays the Village Snowplay Park is the place for tobogganing under lights and the Village buzzes with live entertainment. From 8 July – 27 August you can enjoy skiing and boarding as Bourke Street lights up until 8.30pm for added weekend fun on the slopes - you can even take a beginner lesson at the Ski & Snowboard School! Add discounted day resort entry after 3pm and extended car park shuttle hours for the best 'long' weekend around!

### Information at your fingertips

Download the Mt Buller Live app to have the latest information in your pocket including wheel chain requirements, snow and weather forecasts, road conditions, maps, bars and restaurants and what's happening in the resort.

# Before you arrive

Mansfield is the closest town to Mt Buller and a good place for a break. You can collect wheel chains and ski and snowboard equipment before you drive up the mountain.

#### Take the bus

A range of coach services operate daily to and from Mt Buller, for both day visitors and overnight guests. A coach ticket price also includes the resort entry fee. Most coach services stop at the Horse Hill Car Park from where guests can access the Village and snowfields.

### Your ticket to Mt Buller

A B-TAG is your ticket to access the chairlift for sightseeing or skiing. Keep it for your next visit. You can save money reloading it online (more info page 9).

#### Helmets are included!

All kids taking a lesson in the Ski & Snowboard School MUST wear a helmet. The good news is most rental outlets include them FREE with a rental package.

### Where to get help

Our Guest Services team in the resort wear bright yellow jackets and are easy to spot. They are there to help if you need directions or have any questions.



# BE PREPARED

### Before you leave home

- Check you have antifreeze in your car
- Fill up with alpine diesel if driving a diesel vehicle
- Check the clothing list and pack some dry clothes for the trip home
- Check the wheel chain declaration
- Check the weather forecast



### **Driving**

- Use headlights in poor weather
- Drive slowly, brake gently and leave a safe stopping distance between vehicles
- Fit wheel chains correctly.
   Ask resort staff for help if you need it.
- Remove ALL snow from your vehicle before driving. It is dangerous and you can receive a large fine for driving with snow on your vehicle.

# DRESS APPROPRIATELY

To make the most of your visit it is important to keep warm and dry with the right clothing. These items are all available to rent or buy in Mansfield or Mt Buller. It is important that your jacket, gloves and pants are waterproof.

### Beanie

Keeps your head warm.

#### Helmet

Helmets keep you safer on the slopes, and are included free with most rental packages.

### Jacket

Waterproof jacket to keep you dry.

### **Pants**

Waterproof pants (or overalls).

### Gloves

Waterproof ski gloves or mittens.

#### **Boots**

Sturdy boots for walking around.

#### Socks

Long socks – light/medium weight.

#### Sun Protection

Sunscreen (30+) and lip balm.

#### Jumpe

Warm jumper or fleece and light wool undergarments/thermals.

### Goggles

Ski goggles and/or sunglasses.



# **STAY SAFE**

The snow is lots of fun but there are a few things you should know to arrive safely and enjoy your time on the mountain.

- Obey signage and advice from resort staff
- Stay in control on skis or toboggans, and look out for other people
- Take a lesson to learn safely
- Only use the chairlifts if you have the ability
- Only ski or toboggan in permitted areas
- Use safety equipment including helmets



Ski Patrol wear red jackets with a white cross. They can help with first aid and emergencies. Follow their instructions - they are there to keep you safe on the snow.

**SNOWSAFE** 



www.snowsafe.org.au

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# **GETTING HERE**

### Drive

Mt Buller is 248kms north-east of Melbourne via Mansfield. Set your destination in your GPS as Mansfield via Yea.

# WHEEL CHAINS



Depending on snow and road conditions day visitors may be required to carry wheel chains. Check the daily declaration on the Mt Buller Live App or the website before you arrive.

### **Overnight visitors**

All vehicles staying overnight in the resort must carry wheel chains by law.



LEGEND

ACCESSING THE VILLAGE AND SNOWFIELDS

MT BULLER VILLAGE

# Day visitors

HORSE HILL SNOWPLAY PARK

On arrival at Mt Buller car parks you will be directed where to park, or disembark your coach. From here you can:

Northside Express sightseeing chairlift / access to snowfields

- Enjoy tobogganing and snowplay at the Horse Hill Snowplay Park

Walking track between Village and chairlift

Free Day Visitor Shuttle

- Catch the FREE bus to and from the Village

chairlift directly to the snowfields

On departure return to the car parks via either free bus or chairlift. From there you can meet your coach or depart in your own vehicle.

# **Overnight visitors**

HORSE HILL DAY CAR PARK

Information

Meals & Snacks

On arrival at Mt Buller car parks you will be directed where to park, or disembark from your coach.

Ticket Office

Public Toilets

Toboggan Area

Free Bus

BEGINNER SKI AREA

- From here you will transfer to an oversnow taxi that will take you to your Village accommodation.

# Oversnow Taxi Fees (One Way)

Payable online, at resort entry or to the driver.

| Child \$15 | Adult | \$23 |
|------------|-------|------|
|            | Child | \$15 |

On departure return to the car parks via oversnow taxi (fares apply, refer above). From there you can meet your coach or depart in your own vehicle.

# ENTERING THE RESORT

All visitors pay a fee to enter the resort, payable online or on arrival at the resort. Overnight visitors also pay overnight parking fees.







# SKI & SNOWBOARD SCHOOL

Never tried skiing or snowboarding and not sure how to get started? The instructors at the Ski & Snowboard School are ready to help you get on the slopes safely and make learning FUN!

### Where do I go for a lesson?

If you are visiting for the day you can ride visitor carpark. You do not need to be able to ski or board to ride this lift. At the top available for kids through to adults out of the Ski & Snowboard School on Bourke

### **Lesson options**

for all ages and abilities including group

# Book early and online

### Need to know more?



# **DISCOVER LESSONS**

These lessons are specifically for first time skiers and snowboarders so you can start on the snow safely. The Discover Pass includes a 2 hour beginner lesson and access to beginner level lifts.

| Adult              | \$124 |
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| Tertiary           | \$99  |
| Teen (15-18 years) | \$69  |





### Bunyips 3 months-6 years Ski Lessons & Crèche

The Mt Buller Ski & Snowboard School and Yoplait Petit Miam Buller Kids Centre offers a range of lessons for kids aged 3 to 18 whatever their skill level. There is also a crèche for little ones from 3 mths - 3 years. Visit mtbuller.com.au for more.

# B-TAG

### YOUR KEY TO MT BULLER



A B-TAG is your access card for all you need for the slopes: lift access, lessons, rental, Snow Dough (you can load credit and use it as a debit card in resort) and receive discounts and offers.

### Don't have a B-TAG?

- 1. Buy and register your B-TAG at mtbuller.com.au, any ticket office in resort or any Buller Sports store.
- 2. Add lift access, any lessons or rental items to your B-TAG.
- 3. Carry your B-TAG in a secure pocket by itself.
- 4. Hit the slopes it scans automatically.

### Already have a B-TAG?

- 1. Register it at bullerestore.com.au to keep it secure.
- 2. Reload at bullerestore.com.au or via the Mt Buller Live App.
- 3. Carry your B-TAG in a secure pocket by itself.
- 4. Hit the slopes!

Reloading online is quick, helps you skip the line and enjoy online savings.

# WHERE TO...

# SO MUCH TO DO

### Where to get information

Ask any of our resort staff for help, go to the Clock Tower Information Centre in the Village Square or Alpine Central next to the Village Snowplay Park.

### Where to eat

You can get something to eat at the café in Horse Hill Car Park, at Spurs at the top of the Northside Express chairlift, or catch the free bus into the Village where you'll find over 40 cafes, bars and restaurants offering a variety of cuisines.

Skiers will also find several cafes located in the snowfields. Use the Mt Buller Live App to find the best venue for you.

#### Where to rest

In the Village Square next to the public bus station, the Village Square Plaza public shelter offers seating, toilets, free Wi-Fi, and food outlets.

### Where to shop

If you need to hire equipment, buy clothing, gifts or souvenirs, or simply get some retail therapy, there are several outlets in or near the Village Square.

### Where to play

If you wish to ride a chairlift to ski, snowboard or sightsee you will need a B-TAG. You can get one at the Village Ticket Office near the Blue Bullet lift, at the bottom of the Northside Express lift or in any Buller Sports where you can also get rental gear and book a Discover lesson in one easy purchase.

Mt Buller has two Snowplay and Toboggan Parks, one located in the day visitor car park (Horse Hill), the other in the Mt Buller Village. Take the free bus from the car parks to the Village, cross the Village Square past the Information Centre, then cross the road to the park.

# Build a snowman, have a friendly snowball fight, or go for a thrilling toboggan

**Snowplay & tobogganing** 

ride. There are two Snowplay and Toboggan Parks; Mt Buller Village and Horse Hill.

Hire toboggans in the Mt Buller Village or at Horse Hill Car Park (from \$16)

### 'Snowplay in a Day' tour

A great way to see the mountain and have fun in the snow. Tour includes sightseeing chairlift, snowshoeing and tobogganing – from \$88 pp.

Call 03 5777 6000 or email bookings@snowplayinaday.com.au

# **Snowshoeing**

Mt Buller's wintery wonderland can be explored easily on snowshoes.

Visit the Clock Tower Information Centre

### **Gnome Roam**

On this family friendly walk you can search the village for our favourite little residents, the Mt Buller Gnomes.

Collect map from the Clock Tower Information Centre

# **Sled dog tours**

Take a ride with the beautiful Siberian Huskies for an experience like no other. Suitable for adults and children. Includes a sled dog ride, meet and greet, and photo session.

Book at australiansleddogtours@gmail.com or 1800 BULLER

# Sightseeing chairlift

Take in the amazing mountain views and stunning scenery on a scenic chairlift ride – from \$19.

Purchase tickets at any Lift Ticket Office

### **Breathtaker Spa Retreat**

Relax with a soothing massage, facial or beauty treatment.

Phone 03 5777 6377 for info and bookings

# Scenic helicopter flights

Spectacular views of Mt Buller, Mt Stirling and the High Country vistas.

Book at the Clock Tower information centre or 0428 376 619

# Sports hall & gym

Located in Alpine Central, this world class facility includes gymnasium, indoor courts and rock climbing.

Phone 03 5777 6000 for info and bookings

### Cinema

Visit Australia's highest cinema and enjoy new releases daily at Alpine Central.

Phone 03 5777 6000 for info and bookings

# **National Alpine Museum**

Discover Mt Buller's fascinating heritage and how skiing has evolved. Gold coin entry.

Located in Alpine Central



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# **NEVER MISS** a Moment

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