FREE PRINTABLE ITINERARIES · THIS FOREST ONLY

Half day · full day · overnight

Times below are ours. Forestry Corporation does not publish walk hours. From **Bago State Forest Guide**. Not independently walked.

Not a booking sheet. Forest camping is free and first-come. Closures and fire bans live on official pages. Check Forestry Corporation closures · RFS total fire bans. Independent, unofficial, not Forestry Corporation, not NPWS.

Pick one plan

Half day

Picnic at Pilot Hill Arboretum or Sugar Pines. No walk required.

Full day

That picnic, plus the Alpine Ash Walk (1 km one way) if the sign is there.

Overnight

First-come at Paddys River Dam. Friday Plan B if you are aiming at a weekend.

Half day — picnic

1. Fill up in Tumbarumba, Batlow, Tumut or Talbingo. Check closures and RFS before you leave the seal.
2. Pilot Hill is near Laurel Hill. Forestry Corp says less than half an hour from Batlow and from Tumbarumba. That is not a promise once you are on forest roads.
3. Picnic on the grass. Sugar Pines is the other picnic: new grove after the 2019–20 fires, playground, sculptures.
4. Leave daylight for the drive out. Do not camp on the lawn.

Skip if: you need a reserved pad, a powerboat, or a summit day in Kosciuszko National Park.

Full day — picnic and the Alpine Ash Walk

1. Same start: Pilot Hill Arboretum.
2. Alpine Ash Walk only if the sign is there. Forestry Corp publishes 1 km, one way. No grade or time. Turn around when the Alpine Ash signs stop.
3. The Wellness Walk is the other short track: pines, Sound Pod, Sky Seat. No length is given. Do not borrow the Alpine Ash kilometre.
4. 426 km is the whole Hume and Hovell Track, from Yass to Albury. It is not this walk.

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Overnight — first-come, not a reservation

Paddys River Dam

- The camp people drive for. Free. First-come. You cannot book it.
- NSW listing: Back Creek Road, Tumbarumba NSW 2653. Public toilet listed. Bring water.
- Small dam. Passive water only. No powerboats, jet skis or waterskiing.
- Warm layer. Nights on the plateau get cold.

If the dam is full

1. Picnic at Pilot Hill or Sugar Pines and leave
2. Blowering foreshore is still first-come, and minor tracks can be closed. Not a lake booking.
3. Town bed: Tumbarumba, Batlow, Tumut or Talbingo

Pilot Hill, Sugar Pines, the Sculpture Forest and Paling Yards are not camps. Do not camp on picnic lawns or in a pine plantation.

Who should skip these plans

- Anyone who needs a guaranteed pad on a Friday or in school holidays
- Anyone who is not willing to drive unsealed roads after rain
- Anyone who wants a powerboat, jet ski, or waterskiing
- Anyone who actually wanted Kosciuszko National Park

Not Kosciuszko National Park

This is **Bago State Forest** (Forestry Corporation of NSW), not Kosciuszko National Park (NPWS). Dogs: this forest yes, under effective control; the park generally no. Summit walks and park entry are a different trip.

Official

- Bago page: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/forests/bago
- Closures: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visit/closures
- Tourism map PDF: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1619837/FCNSW1093-Bago_Tourism-Map090326.pdf
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