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LONSDALE LODGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ABOUT

Discover Lonsdale Lodge, a charming retreat nestled in the heart of the Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort.

In May 2018, Girl Guides Victoria was the recipient of a generous gift, the Baw Baw Lodge, from the Lonsdale Ski Club. The lodge enjoys a long history in the Guiding community. Conceptualising the ski lodge as a dream project in the 1950s, the 1st Dandenong Scout Group and their families pitched in to raise funds and construct their dream site on Mt Baw Baw. After a much-anticipated wait, the lodge was completed in the 1960s.

More recently, the lodge became a legacy building. The LSC Committee wanted the space to remain a place where young people could have adventures in the great outdoors and decided to donate the lodge to a like-minded organisation – Girl Guides Victoria.

The lodge is a wonderful asset for our members and allows Guides to experience the beautiful environment at Mt Baw Baw. Guide Units and camps take to the slopes for skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing, and mountain biking. The nature at Mt Baw Baw makes it possible for Guides to go on guided flora walks, alpine frog scavenger hunts, and educational dingo encounters.

The lodge is also open to schools, the public and Scouts for bookings, and can house a total of 20 people, with four bedrooms upstairs, each of which has a double bunk and a triple bunk. There is a shared, self-contained kitchen and dining area, as well as two open living spaces with plenty of couches. The bathroom has three toilets, two hand basins and three showers. A large drying room is also available for wet weather clothing.



GENERAL INFORMATION

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION

The general safety, supervision, first aid and the wellbeing of Lodge guests are the responsibility of the Girl Guides or Scouts Unit, the school, organisation or private hirer.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS (please also refer page 9)

Lonsdale Lodge is located about 2.5 hours east of Melbourne. The two main access roads are Tourist Road (on the east side) and the unpaved South Face Road (on the west side).

CLEANING

Guests are required to leave the lodge clean and tidy upon departure. Additional cleaning fees may apply if this condition is not met. A vacuum cleaner, broom, and cleaning products are provided for your convenience. We appreciate your cooperation. Please note that the lodge is also professionally cleaned between guest stays, with this cost included in the overnight rate.

BEDDING

Guests are required to bring their own bedding (pillows, doonas/blankets or sleeping bags), linen, and towels. Alternatively, linen packs can be hired through Alpine Resort Guest Services; bookings are recommended. Please contact Alpine Resorts directly for enquiries and reservations via their [website](#) or email info.mtbawbaw@alpineresorts.vic.gov.au.

For large group bookings, linen packs can be arranged for delivery to the lodge and collection after departure. Guests who supply their own towels may receive a \$10 discount per linen pack; please advise Alpine Resorts at the time of booking.

Item	Includes	Price
Queen Linen Pack	1 fitted sheet, 1 flat sheet, 2 pillowcases, 2 towels, 2 mini shampoos, 2 mini conditioners, 2 mini soaps	\$42.50
Single Linen Pack	1 fitted sheet, 1 flat sheet, 1 pillowcase, 1 towel, 1 mini shampoo, 1 mini conditioner, 1 mini soap	\$32.50
Doona Hire	Doona only	\$10.00
Pillow Hire	Pillow only	\$10.00

Note: Guests supplying their own towels may receive a \$10 discount per linen pack. Please advise Alpine Resorts when booking.



BREAKAGES

If any breakages or damage occur during your stay, including to crockery, furniture, or lodge equipment, please notify the GGV Head of People, Operations and Guiding at gaye.wealthy@guidesvic.org.au before checking out. Guests are responsible for the cost of repairing or replacing any damaged items.

PARKING

White Season: Upon arrival, guests may temporarily park in the resort Day Carpark (approximately 150 metres from the lodge), subject to availability, to unload luggage and supplies. After unloading, vehicles must be moved to Car Park 2 or 3 for overnight parking. Guests can then return to the lodge on foot or, where available, by resort bus. On departure day, vehicles may be moved back to the Day Carpark for easier loading.

Please plan for transporting luggage and supplies in snow conditions, including the short downhill walk (approximately 20 metres) to the lodge. Suitable footwear is essential, and guests may wish to consider using a toboggan or similar equipment to assist with luggage transport.

Green Season: Vehicles may remain in the Day Carpark for the duration of your stay.

Parking at the lodge is not permitted at any time of the year.



LODGE FACILITIES



KITCHEN

The lodge features a fully equipped self-contained kitchen with the following amenities:

- Single oven
- Two cooktops (8 burners total)
- Dishwasher (dishwasher tablets provided in the cupboard under the sink)
- Refrigerator (no freezer)
- Microwave
- Electric kettle and teapot
- Salt and pepper
- Three four-slice toasters (one on the bench and two in the cupboard near the oven)
- Ample crockery, cutlery, pots, pans, and cooking utensils
- Two coffee plungers (please bring your own ground coffee)
- Sandwich/toastie maker
- Tea towels
- Cleaning supplies, dishwasher tablets, and dishwashing liquid

The kitchen is well stocked for group catering and general meal preparation during your stay.

LIVING AREA

The downstairs open-plan living area includes comfortable seating, a gas fireplace, and a dining space that accommodates up to 20 guests.

For larger groups, two additional trestle tables and chairs are available in the drying room. If used during your stay, please return them to the drying room before departure. Hooks are provided for storing the tables.

While the lodge does not have Wi-Fi or TV reception, it is equipped with a large TV and a DVD player. A selection of DVDs is available for guest use, and you are welcome to bring your own. Guests can also enjoy a small collection of books, board games, playing cards, and yo-yos, located on and around the bookshelves beneath the TV.

A portable electric heater is available for additional heating. If moved to another room during your stay, please return it to its original location before departure.

BATHROOM

The bathroom consists of three toilets, two hand basins and three showers, each with its own hand basin. Body wash is provided in the three showers. Female hygiene products are in the cupboard.



DRYING AND LAUNDRY ROOM

The lodge includes a dedicated drying room, heated throughout the day by a gas heater. Hanging racks and plenty of coat hangers are provided for drying ski clothing and outdoor gear.

A washing machine is also available in the drying room for guest use, and a small quantity of detergent suitable for top-loading machines is supplied.

The two trestle tables and spare chairs are stored in the drying room. If these are used during your stay, please return them to the drying room and store them appropriately (tables hung and chairs stacked) before departure.

A snow shovel is also located in the drying room for guest use in clearing entrance areas and steps when required.

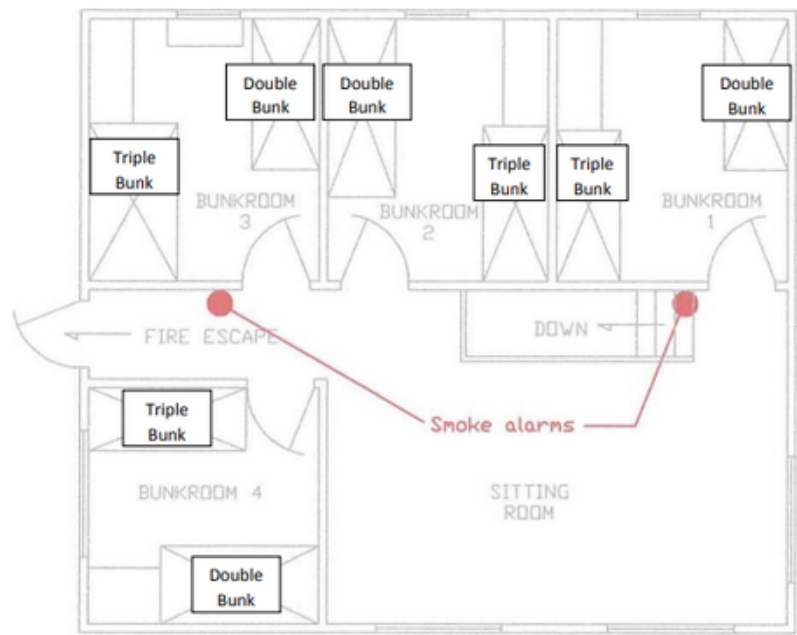
BEDROOMS

All bedrooms contain either single, double or triple bunks. Guests are reminded to ensure safety of young children when allocating bunks. i.e. Please do not allocate top bunks to children younger than 9 years of age for their own safety.

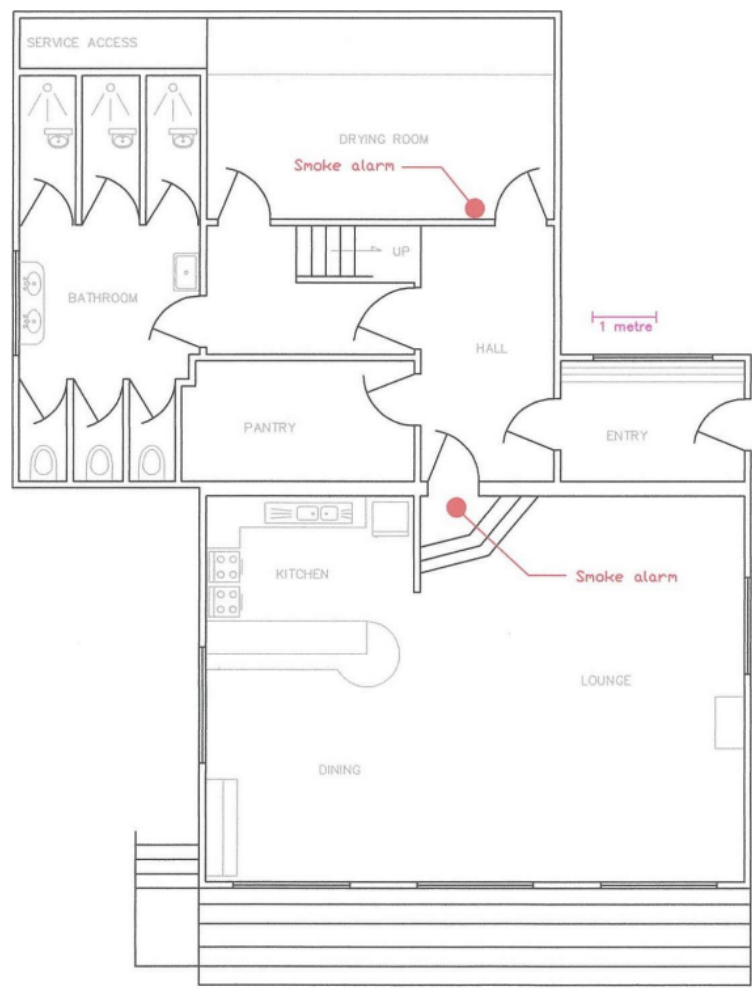


FLOOR PLANS

FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



GREEN SEASON

FREE ACTIVITIES

- ## FEE ACTIVITIES

- Mountain Bike riding tours and bike hire
- Laser tag
- Educational “Meet the Alpine Dingoes” sessions
- Orienteering

- Giant Jenga
- Bocce Sets
- Parachute Games
- Bean Bags
- Indoor Hopscotch Mats
- Giant Dice Games



WHITE SEASON

From from June to September, activities available on the mountain include: snow sports such as skiing, snowboarding, and tobogganing; alpine dingo educational encounters and mountain biking.

FREE ACTIVITIES

- Walking tracks: please keep off the cross country trails
- Frog fact walk: Learn about the critically-endangered Baw Baw frog
- Snow play

FEE ACTIVITIES

Book directly with Mt Baw Baw Guest Services:

- Skiing and snowboarding
- Cross-country skiing
- Snow shoe walking
- Tobogganing
- Japanese snow fighting
- Education "Meet the Alpine Dingoes"

GIRL GUIDE UNIT CAMPS

A selection of games and sporting equipment is available for Girl Guide Units:

- Giant Jenga
- Bocce Sets
- Parachute Games
- Bean Bags
- Indoor Hopscotch Mats
- Giant Dice Games



MT BAW BAW INFORMATION

TRAVEL

The map below is supplied by Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort. Option 1 is the normal bitumen road, but it is extremely windy. Option 2, although gravel for a 30km section, is much nicer for those who get travel sickness as the road is straighter and wider. Most staff on the resort take this option as it takes roughly the same time to get to Warragul as Option 1, with a much easier drive.

Mt Baw Baw is a declared hazardous area. All vehicles over 12 seats **MUST** have an alpine area qualified driver. A list of suitable bus companies can be found on the Mt Baw Baw website.



FUEL – THERE IS NO FUEL ON THE MOUNTAIN

We suggest you **fill up with fuel in the last major town** (depending on your travel route, we recommend: Launching Place, Warragul, Neerim Junction or Moe) as there are no fuel outlets at, or closer to Mount Baw Baw.

WHITE SEASON RESORT ENTRY FEE

This fee **applies to all motor vehicles and passengers of coaches and taxis** entering all Victorian Ski Resorts during the declared snow season. For more information and prices, visit the [resort website](#).

SNOW CHAINS

All vehicles, including 4x4s, must carry chains when travelling to Mt Baw Baw during the declared snow season (July – September). We recommend hiring chains from Baw Baw Sports at Neerim South, Icy Creek Chain Hire or Erica Ski Hire. Please know your options before leaving home.

DIESEL CARS

Icebreaker must be put into all diesel vehicles before arriving at Mt Baw Baw. Icebreaker is available at all leading automotive retailers, including Repco, Autobarn and Supercheap Auto.

Once temperatures drop below the freezing point, diesel can start to solidify into a thick, waxy substance that cannot pass through filters and can stop your car from working. Alpine Diesel Mix is usually available closer to the region, so ensure you have enough in your tank to allow for the journey to fill up with the mix. Alpine Diesel is available from Saviges Road Fast & Ezy in Moe.

FOOD AND DINING

Please **bring all the food needed** for the duration of your stay. There are no supermarket facilities on the mountain. **Village Central Restaurant** is open for lunch and dinner from 8:00am – 8:00pm in Winter seven days a week; and Mondays to Fridays in the Green season. Pre-booking is highly recommended. On weekends during the white season, the **Skiosk** is open for hot takeaway food.

WHITE SEASON FIRST AID CENTRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Mt Baw Baw Ski Patrol operates the First Aid Centre (formerly the Medical Centre) and may occasionally have a doctor on site. If you require medical assistance, contact Ski Patrol or speak with resort staff. Please note that the First Aid Centre is not staffed full-time.

For more comprehensive medical care, the nearest hospital is Latrobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon. After-hours GP services are available at the [Latrobe Urgent Care Clinic](#) in Moe, and emergency care can also be accessed through the hospital Emergency Department if required.

	Address	Phone
Warragul Medical Urgent Care Clinic	170 Normanby Street, Warragul VIC 3820	(03) 5642 6655
West Gippsland Hospital	41 Landsborough Street, Warragul VIC 3820	(03) 5623 0611
Mt Baw Baw Ski Patrol	Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort, Baw Baw Village VIC 3833	(03) 5165 1136 (Resort Guest Services)
Latrobe Urgent Care Clinic	42–44 Fowler Street, Moe VIC 3825	(03) 5127 9111
Latrobe Regional Hospital	10 Village Avenue, Traralgon VIC 3844	(03) 5173 8000

For life-threatening emergencies, call 000 immediately.



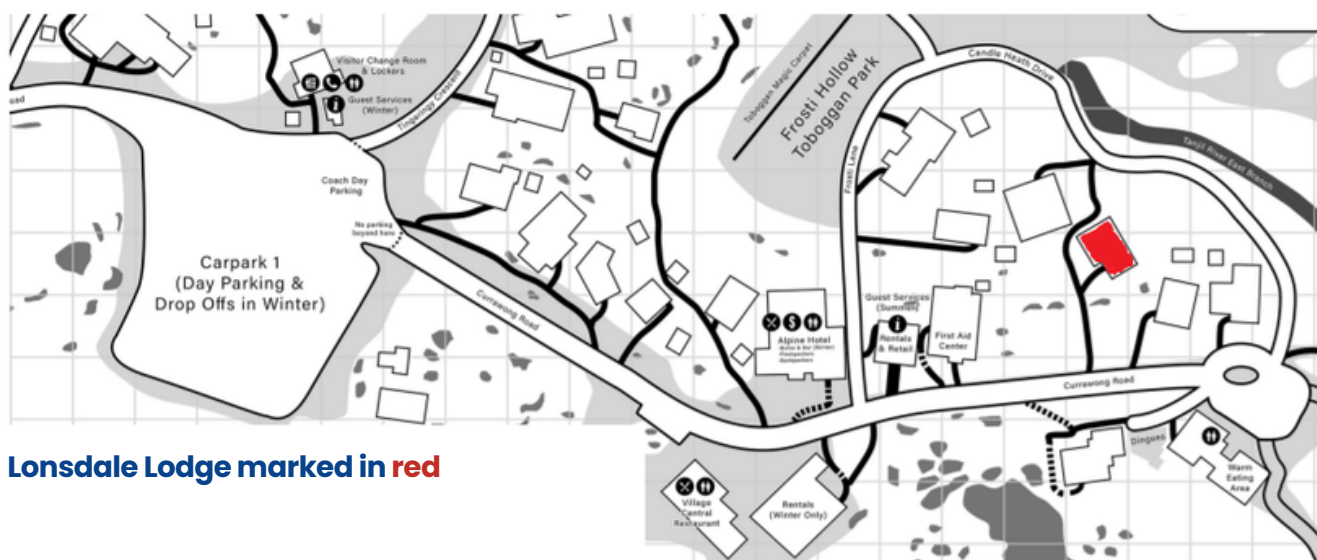
SKI HIRE AND RENTALS

There are multiple ski hire options on the mountain. Please visit the [Mt Baw Baw website](#) rentals page for more information. The lodge has a few snow jackets available for Girl Guide members in an emergency.

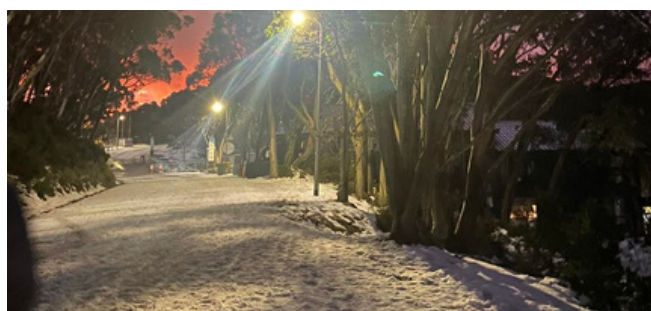
LOCATING THE LODGE

A backpack or a bag with sturdy wheels is a very convenient way to carry your luggage. The Village is relatively compact, and it is a relatively short walk (150m) from carpark 1 at the Lodge. The Lodge is located opposite the Alpine Dingo enclosure.

During the white season, an over-snow baggage delivery service operates within the Village. Additional fees apply. For enquiries and bookings, contact the Mt Baw Baw Alpine Guest Services. Guest should also consider how they will manage and transfer their luggage through snow.



Lonsdale Lodge marked in red



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF HIRE

Each group must have a competent leader/person in charge(hirer). The group leader/person in charge (hirer) is responsible for the group's supervision, safety and first aid at all times

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

During both the White Season and Green Season, check-in is available from 3:00 pm, and check-out is by 12:00 pm (midday).

Guests wishing to request an early check-in should email lonsdale@guidesvic.org.au before their arrival date. Early check-in requests are subject to availability and can only be accommodated when there is no departing guest scheduled to check out on the same day. Requests cannot be guaranteed.

BEHAVIOUR

All guests are expected to act with care, respect, and common sense throughout their stay, both within the Lodge and while enjoying the mountain. Please respect fellow guests, personal belongings, and Lonsdale Lodge property at all times. Guests are also asked to help protect the natural alpine environment and to be considerate of people staying in neighbouring lodges and properties.

CLEANING BEFORE DEPARTURE

The lodge is to be left in a clean and neat condition by guests. All groups are responsible for cleaning and maintaining all areas in a hygienic manner during their stay. If any part of the lodge is left in disarray, there will be an additional cleaning fee charged.

SMOKING

There is strictly no smoking on the property.

LODGE PROPERTY

All breakages and losses to Lonsdale Lodge property, appliances, or equipment are to be reported to Lonsdale Lodge management: lonsdale@guidesvic.org.au OR gaye.wealthy@guidesvic.org.au. Guests will be invoiced for the replacement value of a similar item. Lonsdale Lodge takes no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal property.

FIRST AID

First aid is the responsibility of the individuals. Groups must provide their own first aid equipment and trained staff.

PARKING

All vehicle parking is strictly at the owner's risk and only in designated car parks.



THE ENVIRONMENT

Mt Baw Baw National Park is a protected alpine environment. Firearms, animals, and pets are not permitted on the Lonsdale Lodge property. Please respect the natural surroundings and avoid disturbing or damaging the environment. Dispose of all rubbish and recycling in the bins provided to help keep the mountain clean for everyone.

ANIMALS

No animals are permitted in Mt Baw Baw National Park, Alpine Village or in Lonsdale Lodge at any time.

GUIDE GROUP LEADERS

It is the group leader's responsibility to ensure that:

- Attendees under 18 years of age must have appropriate parent/guardian consent to attend the camp.
- Each attendee has completed a health/medical record sheet.
- The GGV Incident & Complaint online form is submitted for all incidents and injuries.
- GGV Events and Activities Team is provided with a written list of camper names.
- Safety issues associated with self-led off-site excursions are identified, and necessary precautions are taken.
- All Guide Leader and First Aider ratios are complied with at all times.
- Attendees adhere to sun safety strategies.
- Bed-wetters, sleepwalkers & campers under 6 years of age should not sleep on top bunks.

ALCOHOL

There is no requirement to seek permission from Girl Guides Victoria (GGV) to consume alcohol on premises. However, it is expected that all groups adhere to the following guidelines:

- GGV adhere to State licensing, liquor and drink driving laws and recognises it is illegal for people under 18 years of age to drink or serve alcohol.
- GGV does not permit alcohol at Guide functions and activities where those attending are predominantly under 18 years of age.
- GGV Members have a 'do no harm' and a duty of care not to consume alcohol while responsible for young people under 18 years of age, particularly while in charge of adventurous activities – indoors and outdoors.
- When alcohol is available at an adult-only Guide event, non-alcoholic drinks should also be provided.

NOISE LEVELS

We would ask that you are sensitive to needs of neighbours. Be alert to noise levels and late-night "revelry" that may become a disturbance to others.



ACTIVITIES

Group leaders are responsible for the supervision and behaviour of campers at the activity, to and from the activity, for those campers awaiting their turn and also for any First Aid requirements.

TERMINATING THE OCCUPANCY

Lonsdale Lodge reserves the right to terminate the occupancy without notice for breach of the General Conditions for Hire.

AGREEMENT

By paying a deposit or confirming your booking, you have agreed to comply with the conditions outlined above.

On behalf of Girl Guides Victoria, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable stay.

