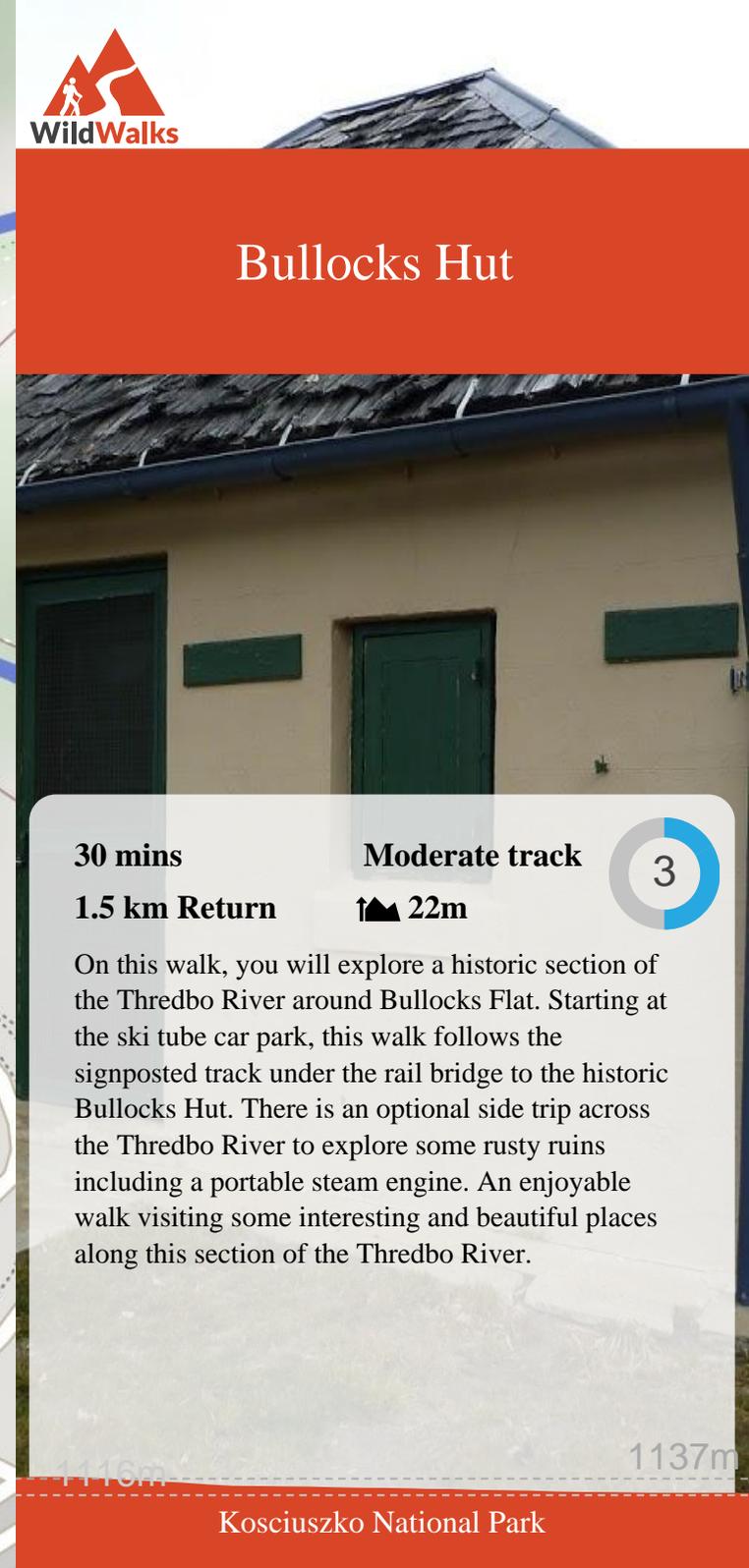
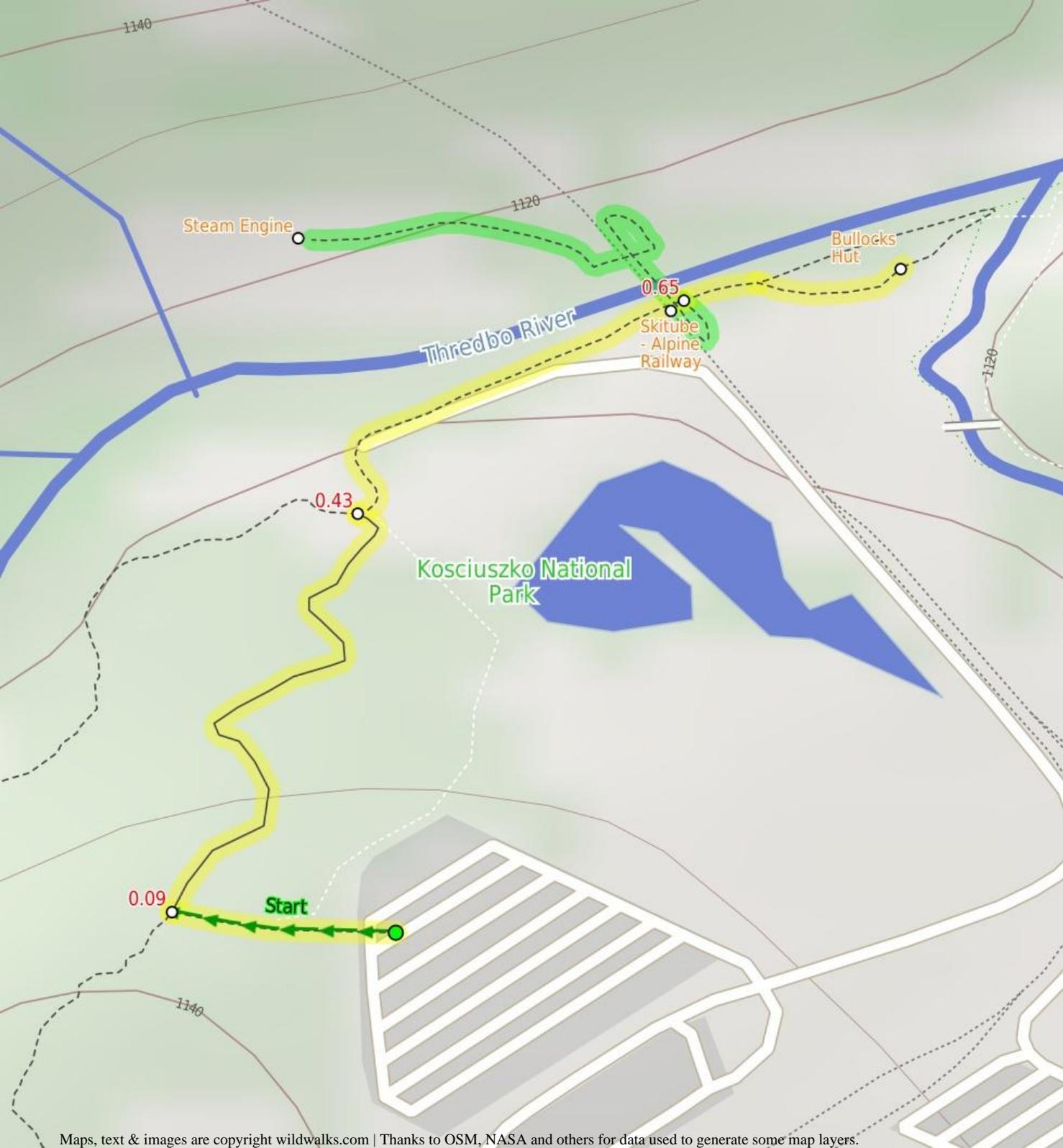


## Bullocks Hut



**30 mins**

**Moderate track**

3

**1.5 km Return**

**22m**

On this walk, you will explore a historic section of the Thredbo River around Bullocks Flat. Starting at the ski tube car park, this walk follows the signposted track under the rail bridge to the historic Bullocks Hut. There is an optional side trip across the Thredbo River to explore some rusty ruins including a portable steam engine. An enjoyable walk visiting some interesting and beautiful places along this section of the Thredbo River.

1116m

1137m

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### **Are you ready to have fun?**

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Bullocks Flat carpark C (gps: -36.4412, 148.4407). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/bh>

### **0 | Covered in snow part of the year**

This walk leads through an extreme alpine environment and all walkers must be well prepared. During summer, be prepared for both very hot and cold weather, high winds, rain, snow, extreme UV levels and some sections of snow or ice on the ground. Before starting this walk, check advice with [Snowy Region Visitor Information Centre](#) (02) 6450 5600, the [weather forecast](#) and the [snow conditions](#) then change your plans as needed. These notes, grades and walking times have been written for use in the summer months only. Between May and the end of October, this walk is likely to be covered in snow/ice, visitors should be carrying and be prepared to use snowshoes or cross country skis. When there is a chance of significant snow on the ground, visitors will need particularly strong navigation and snowcraft skills - tracks and signage may not be visible. For most visitors, it is best to consider this walk closed during the colder months.

### **0 | Bullocks Flat carpark C**

*(90 m 1 mins)* From the western side of car park 'C' at Bullocks Flat Skitube station, this walk follows the 'Bullocks Track' sign down the steps. At the bottom of the steps, the walk continues straight to follow the wide track into the bush. The track soon bends right and comes to a signposted 'T' intersection.

### **0.09 | Int of Bullocks Walking and car park tracks**

*(340 m 6 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullocks Hut 600m' sign gently downhill along the gravel path. The trail winds through the bush and soon

passes between some large granite boulders, then after about 270m, the walk heads left at a 'T' intersection with a management trail, and comes to an intersection just before signpost and timber bridge.

### **0.43 | Bullocks Loop bridge intersection**

*(220 m 4 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullocks Hut 300m' sign across the bridge. The grassy track bends left and heads over a small rise, before bending right and following the wide gravel track (past the water monitoring station). Soon the walk veers left to follow the 'Bullocks Hut' sign along the paved footpath and under the rail bridge. Just on the other side of the bridge, this walk comes to a signposted three-way intersection.

### **0.65 | Skitube - Alpine Railway**

The Skitube is an electric rack railway which provides access between Bullocks Flat, Perisher and Blue Cow ski fields. The journey starts across the bridge over Thredbo River, then covers a distance of 8.5km, of which 6.3km is underground in the Bilston and Blue Cow tunnels. Construction of the railway began in 1984, and the complete line was officially opened in 1988. There are 11 passenger cars in total, of which 4 are motor cars - each with four 301 kW traction motors, making them the most powerful rack railway vehicles in the world. The braking system is mixed regenerative and rheostatic. Prices are around \$48 for an adult return fare. Schedules vary throughout the year. [More info.](#)

### **0.65 | Optional sidetrip to Steam Engine**

*(310 m 6 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill, away from the river and face of the 'River Walk' sign, keeping the rail bridge to your right. The walk heads up the hill and bends sharply right, finding the 'Pedestrian Access...' sign. Here, the walk follows the footpath along the bridge and over Thredbo River. On the other side of the bridge, the walk follows the posts and the 'River Walk' sign right and under the bridge. Just past the bridge, this walk follows the grassy track up to the right, passing around the edge of a small dam. Soon after the dam, the walk turns left to head away from the trail line towards the grassy clearing. The walk crosses a small creek, then finds the rusty steam engine and a few other scattered historic items. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### **0.65 | Steam Engine**

On the northern side of the Thredbo River at Bullocks Flat is a large, open area, still home to some historic items. Here you will find a rusty portable steam engine, chains, wheels and a

small dam. These items are left over from the late 1910's when Ned Irwin established and operated a sawmill here. He would process the Alpine Ash trees that had been cut from the surrounding hills. There was another mill operating at the nearby Sawpit Creek since the mid to late 1800's. During the 1850's some gold mining was also undertaken at this site, but it proved not a very popular site. .

### **0.65 | SE corner of Skitube bridge**

*(100 m 1 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bullocks Hut' sign, keeping the river to your left and passing over a metal grate. The track almost immediately comes to another three-way intersection with a timber post and opening in the fence (on your right). Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads directly away from the river, through the gap in the fence to the large grassy clearing. The walk heads left through the clearing (passing the toilet, on your right) to come to a series of buildings, the last of which is Bullocks Hut.

### **0.75 | Bullocks Hut**

Bullocks Hut is a cement block house, built in 1934 as a fishing lodge for Dr Bullock. Extra buildings were added to the substantial house over the following decades. The hut has been managed by NPWS since 1969, and was fully renovated when the nearby Skitube was built in the early 90s. Bullocks Hut has bunk beds, tiled floors, a stainless steel food preparation area with sink, as well as a nearby toilet and stables building. A popular spot for day visits. The hut and grounds are available for hire for events such as wedding, please respect the space of other people using this site. [More info.](#)