

# Mt Stirling



Mt Stirling is only a short drive or a breathtaking snowshoe trip away from Mt Buller. As an untouched alpine environment, its natural beauty is the perfect setting to experience the wonders of cross-country skiing, snow camping, tobogganing, snowboarding and snowshoeing.

Mt Stirling is located an easy 30 minute drive from the neighbouring Mt Buller, or it can be accessed on cross-country skis or snowshoes. As natural alpine partners, Mt Buller and Mt Stirling are included in the same gate entry fee, giving guests the perfect opportunity to experience both mountains during their snow holiday. A true winter adventure playground, Mt Stirling has something to offer everyone – from school groups and families, to naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts.

All of Mt Stirling's winter services operate from the Telephone Box Junction facility found next to the car park. This includes a Visitor Centre complete with a cosy fireplace, a First Aid Centre and Ski Patrol Base, ski and toboggan hire, ski school, bistro and takeaway food options.



## **Cross-country skiing**

Mt Stirling's natural beauty provides the perfect backdrop to experience a vast array of exciting and rewarding activities. With more than 68km of maintained trails that wind through sheltered woodlands of Alpine Ash and Snow Gums, the scenic Mt Stirling has something to offer everyone.

## **Snowboarding**

Intermediate to advanced snowboarders will revel in the unique backcountry experience that Mt Stirling has to offer. While there are no lifts on Mt Stirling, riders can still trek to the Summit and make the most of the ultimate fresh tracks.

## **Snow Camping**

Launched in winter 2010, Mt Stirling is now home to an Alpine Winter Camp. Operated by Stirling Experience, the camp features a central tepee for dining and socialising around the pot belly stove, and seven accommodation tents on raised, insulated platforms. Check out the Mt Stirling website for all the details.

## **Snowshoeing**

Mt Stirling provides snowshoers with the ability to access stunning alpine scenery and unrestricted views of the surrounding region from the Summit. Power along trails or stroll between Snow Gums at a leisurely pace – the decision is yours.

## **Telemarking**

Telemarkers will love the freedom of space and untouched terrain that Mt Stirling has to offer. Take your pick of tree runs, powder bowls and groomed trails that stretch between the Stirling Summit and Telephone Box Junction.

## **Man From Snowy River country**

Mt Stirling provides a gateway to Craig's Hut, the perfect location for ski touring and a sound safety shelter. Craig's is just one of many cattlemen's huts on Mt Stirling, and was featured in the iconic High Country film, *The Man From Snowy River*.

## **Events**

Several events and camp weekends are held at Mt Stirling during winter. Weekends include ski clinics, meals and accommodation at the Mt Stirling Alpine Camp. Improve your technique skiing with an instructor for the entire weekend, whilst exploring the secrets of the mountain with an experienced guide.

### ***Family Camp, 8–10 July***

Bring the family and discover the fun of cross-country skiing.

### ***Family Cross-Country Ski Week, July 9–17***

Take the family on a fun and affordable ski holiday, with free cross-country lessons offered to families hiring ski equipment.

### ***Backcountry Festival, July 23–24***

Learn to telemark, or free-heel ski, the deceptively challenging and popular Nordic skiing style.

### ***Craig's Hut Tour, 5–7 August***

Head out to the historic Craig's Hut and trace the steps of the mountain cattlemen.

### ***Tele Clinic, 19–21 August***

Enhance your telemarking skills in the challenging bowls of Mt Stirling.

### ***River Spur Tour, 2–4 September***

Tour the beautiful open fields of snowgums along the scenic River Spur.

# Mt Stirling – the facts



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## Winter season

- > Official opening – Queen’s Birthday Weekend 11–13 June, 2011
- > Average days open – 107

## Location

- > Approximately 230km north–east of Melbourne, an easy three-hour drive
- > The mountain can be accessed by two-wheel-drive vehicles (weather dependent – please check website for details) to the Telephone Box Junction car park in winter using chains
- > 250 sealed vehicle parking spaces available

## Elevation and snowfall

- > Summit altitude – 1749m
- > Telephone Box Junction (facilities) altitude – 1234m
- > Snowline – 1200m to 1749m
- > Average maximum snow depth – 99cm on trails and slopes
- > Skiable Trails – 68kms trails (35kms groomed), all of which are well sign-posted outlining trails are of varying difficulty
- > Resort size – 3000 hectares
- > The Circuit Road is an excellent beginner trail and there are many practice slopes
- > Trails are suitable for both cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. There are no ski lifts on Mt Stirling.
- > The summit area has a variety of off-piste terrain for intermediate to advanced backcountry telemark skiers and boarders

