

MELBOURNE WALKING CLUB LODGE – GENERAL INFORMATION

The Lodge is situated on Stirling Road Mt Buller opposite the fire station, with beautiful views of the ski slopes and the nearby mountains. It is located close to the central village area with easy access to a large ski lift network in the winter, and many interesting walking tracks in the summer. The Lodge is centrally heated and carpeted throughout with a comfortable lounge room, separate dining area, outdoor BBQ, plus a TV lounge with table tennis facilities.

Security

To provide greater security and safety for personal items, the front door to Lodge must be opened by operating a digital security lock and a keyed deadlock. The key is located in a digital key safe fixed to the meter box on the left side of the front door. The code for the security lock and the key safe (changed frequently) must be obtained from the Booking Officer. Do not reveal the code to anyone outside the Lodge.

Important: The deadlocks on the front door and the fire escape doors in the laundry and dining room must remain unlocked while the Lodge is occupied

What is Provided

The sleeping accommodation is unisex bunk style with 5 bedrooms. Three rooms have two double bunks (top and bottom) to sleep 4, while the other two rooms have single beds to sleep two people. There are 2 emergency folding beds which allow a MAXIMUM of 18 people to sleep in the Lodge. Each room has ensuite facilities with sufficient robe and drawer space for each person.

Shared cooking facilities include 2 gas cook tops and ovens, 2 refrigerators, 2 microwave ovens and a dishwasher, plus an electric frypan, toasters and an electric sandwich maker. All crockery, cutlery and food preparation utensils are provided. Coffee, tea, sugar, washing-up and cleaning materials are also provided. There is a ski storage and drying room and a laundry with washing machine and ironing board. The telephone can be used for local, incoming and emergency calls. STD or ISD calls can be made by reverse charging. Each person or family group is allowed reasonable fridge and pantry space for food. Storage lockers are available to members by request (depending on availability).

What to Bring

A sleeping bag (or continental quilt and bed linen), as well as pillow case and personal towel. One blanket and pillow is provided per bed. The fitted sheet and pillow case provided are for protection purposes only. Also bring your own food, warm waterproof clothing, ear plugs (if you're a light sleeper), toiletries and indoor footwear (no boots in the Lodge). There is an ATM in the day visitor centre and EFTPOS in the village.

Shared Accommodation

You may be sharing your room, kitchen and living areas with people you don't know. Therefore an attitude of mutual respect and club camaraderie is integral to everyone's enjoyment. Please keep noise levels down late at night. Everyone must help with general cleaning duties before departing.

Consumption of Alcohol, Smoking and Food

The Lodge has a restricted BYO licence; alcohol may be consumed at leisure but not at the displeasure of others. Food and alcohol must not be consumed in the bedrooms and smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Lodge. Do not leave butts etc. lying on the ground outside the Lodge. Please label your food in the pantry and fridges and Do not leave any food in the lodge after your stay.

Parking

During the ski season, entry and parking fees are charged and you must park where directed. It is compulsory to carry the correct size wheel chains for your vehicle. Carry a spade in case you need to dig the car out, and make sure you have added anti-freeze to the cooling system.

During the summer season no entry fees are charged and the road is open to the village, with ample free parking available adjacent to the Lodge. NOTE: Snowfalls can occur at any time throughout the year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO THE LODGE MUST ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR LOSS THAT THEY MAY SUFFER WHILST ENGAGED IN ANY WALKING, SKIING OR SNOW RELATED ACTIVITIES

BOOKING PROCEDURE – SKI SEASON

The ski season tariffs commence on the 1st of June and finish on the 31st of October each year. The Lodge is available for any period for which the Booking Officer has approved a member to act as a Leader. At least TWO people must occupy the Lodge, including the Leader, at any time.

Booking Periods

MIDWEEK BOOKINGS are from Sunday or Monday 4.00 pm to Friday 4.00 pm with a minimum charge of TWO nights. Priority will be given to members who wish to stay a full 4 or 5 nights midweek.

WEEKEND BOOKINGS are normally from Friday 4.00 pm to Sunday 4.00 pm with a minimum charge of TWO nights. Extensions into the midweek period are allowed if beds are available.

Leaders

Leaders for the SKI SEASON are printed in the Club Circular every month from May to September inclusive, and are updated as necessary.

Tariffs

THE WINTER OR SKI SEASON TARIFFS are printed on the booking sheet in the May circular.

AN 'EARLYBIRD' Discount applies to all WINTER bookings, which are paid before the 31st of May.

Advance Postal Bookings

Members should submit on the enclosed booking sheet, the total number of booking periods required by themselves, their dependants and visitors. If the demand for any period exceeds the available beds, allocation will be determined by ballot. Booking sheets must be fully completed (please print) and returned to the Booking Officer with full payment of fees, by the 31st of May.

The name, address and phone number of the Booking Officer is printed on the booking sheet.

MEMBERS HAVE PRIORITY OVER VISITORS UNTIL THE 31ST OF MAY.

Dependents are the spouse or defacto of a member, and their student children under 19 years of age.

Booking with Leaders

AFTER THE END OF MAY, Members may make bookings for themselves, dependants and visitors by contacting the Leader for the period required. Full details must be submitted on the booking sheet including payment in full to the **LEADER** within 5 days after a phone booking is made, or the booking will lapse. Friends and dependants of Members may be booked into the Lodge by the Member even if the Member does not attend, provided an appointed Leader is in charge of the Lodge.

ALL SHORT NOTICE BOOKINGS must be entered on the Leader's attendance sheet and be paid to the Leader at the Lodge.

Cancellations

All booking cancellations, including advance bookings, must be cancelled at least 14 days prior to the booked period to be eligible for a 50% refund. No refund will be given with less than 14 days notice. Details of any claim must be submitted in writing to the Booking Officer. Any dispute will be referred to the Mt Buller Lodge Committee.

No Snow

Due to an extensive snow making system on Mt Buller, a 'No Snow' situation should not occur. However, if the natural snow cover is poor, sufficient snow should be available in the snow making areas to provide reasonable skiing conditions. A 50% refund will apply in the event the "Snow Guarantee" lifts are unable to run. For details see www.mtbuller.com.au or contact the Booking Officer.

BOOKING PROCEDURE – SUMMER SEASON

The summer season tariffs commence on the 1st of November and finish on the 31st of May each year. The Lodge must be occupied by at least TWO people, one of which should preferably be a member. However, if a member cannot attend he may contact the Booking Officer to arrange bookings for family and friends. All bookings are from 4 PM on day of arrival to 4 PM on the day of departure.

Tariffs

THE SUMMER TARIFFS are printed on the booking sheet in the NOVEMBER club circular.

To make the opening of the Lodge financially viable, a minimum total charge per night is applied.

Advance Postal Bookings

Before sending a written request, members should phone the Booking Officer to ensure that the Lodge is available. Members should then submit their booking request (Please Print) on the booking sheet with the names of all members, dependants and visitors who will be staying at the Lodge. This should be sent to the Booking Officer as soon as possible after the phone booking, with full payment of fees. The name, address and phone number of the Booking Officer is printed on the booking sheet. An attendance sheet will then be sent to confirm the booking. Please return attendance sheets promptly.

DEPENDANTS are the spouse or defacto of a member, and their student children under 19 years of age.

Other Bookings

Members who decide to use the Lodge at short notice must still contact the Booking Officer to ensure that beds are available. They must obtain an attendance sheet (with the current door code) and forward all fees to the Booking Officer with the attendance sheet, immediately after their stay.

SHORT NOTICE BOOKINGS MADE TO APPOINTED LEADERS must be included on the leaders' attendance sheet and be paid to the leader of the Lodge.

Cancellation of Bookings

All booking cancellations, including advance bookings, must be cancelled at least 14 days prior to the booked period to be eligible for a refund. No refund will be given with less than 14 days notice. Details of any claim must be submitted in writing to the Booking Officer.

Summer Activities

Activities include fishing, tennis, mountain bike riding, horse riding and of course some excellent bushwalking in the surrounding areas. You can play golf at Mansfield and boating is available on Lake Eildon. Some of the local walking tracks include trips to Mt Little Buller and Mt Stirling. Why not retrace the steps of the early Mt Buller pioneers and walk the Klingsporn Track. Full details on all activities, including maps and brochures are available from the Mt Buller Information Centre. The less energetic may simply relax on the sun deck or in the lounge and enjoy some fresh mountain air and beautiful scenery. There are also year round activities like stargazing and the discovery of Victoria's unique alpine fauna and flora. Recently a luxury spa has opened at Breathtaker Lodge, an ideal way to soothe and relax those tired and aching muscles.

Summer Activities

The Mt Buller supermarket is normally open for restricted hours each day for milk, bread, papers etc. The Chalet Hotel is open throughout the summer and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as morning and afternoon teas. Mountain bikes and tennis racquets are also available for hire.

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Mt Buller Alpine Lodge



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A Lodge For All Seasons



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