

# STAY SAFE ON THE MOUNTAIN

If you're not well prepared Tasmania's weather can be dangerous, including on kunanyi/Mt Wellington.

For every 100 metres you ascend the temperature typically falls a degree. The summit is 600 metres higher than The Springs and is likely to be 6°C colder. If it's windy, the summit will feel even colder. Be prepared to turn back. Low cloud can reduce visibility to a few metres. Snow and ice can make tracks very slippery.

## General safety advice

While we strive to keep Pinnacle Road to the summit of kunanyi / Mt Wellington open, sometimes this is not possible due to heavy snowfalls or icy conditions.

- Always check road and weather conditions before you go: [hobartcity.com.au/pinnacle](http://hobartcity.com.au/pinnacle)
- Check the Bureau of Meteorology website for the latest weather forecasts.
- Check road status: [hobartcity.com.au/pinnacle](http://hobartcity.com.au/pinnacle)
- Pack warm and waterproof clothing:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING



Warm layers and jacket



Waterproof jacket



Hiking shoes



Warm hat & gloves



Phone



Food & water



Map



If you plan on walking to the summit you must have sufficient warm and waterproof clothing. Do not attempt in snow conditions or poor visibility unless you are very experienced, well prepared, and in the company of others.

Junction Cabin

## Short walks in the snow

Hobart's kunanyi/Mt Wellington is a magical place in the snow and has some great short walks, but you must be properly prepared for harsh alpine conditions and you must give yourself enough time to complete your walk safely.

We've listed a few walks that can be undertaken in light snow conditions, but please remember that kunanyi/Mt Wellington is an alpine environment, and you must always be prepared for the conditions.

**Springs to the Chalet:** Starting from The Springs follow Pinnacle Track past the Zig Zag Track turn-off and along the Organ Pipes Track towards The Chalet. You will pass beneath the Organ Pipes before arriving at The Chalet. Return the same way.

**Sphinx Rock and Junction Cabin:** Follow Lenah Valley Track to Sphinx Rock for great views over Hobart. For a longer walk continue all the way to Junction Cabin. Return the same way for both walks.

**Silver Falls:** Towering tree ferns, lush forest and moss can all be found on your way to Silver Falls. If starting at Fern Tree Park follow the Pipeline Track to the Fern Tree Bower, then on to the falls, returning clockwise via Fern Glade Track. You can also visit the falls from The Springs by following Radfords Track, turning right on to Reids Track.

## The Springs

The summit of kunanyi/Mt Wellington can be reached via the Zig Zag Track in the snow, but this walk should only be undertaken by experienced walkers prepared for wet, windy and freezing conditions. The Zig Zag track is steep and can be icy and slippery in snow.

**Warning:** The summit is 1271m above sea level and exposed to wind gusts that can exceed 100kmh. Wind chill makes hypothermia a serious risk to walkers if not properly prepared.

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# GREAT SHORT WALKS IN THE SNOW



HOBART, TASMANIA



# kunanyi / Mt Wellington Snow Walks from The Springs

## LEGEND

- Easy
- Moderate
- Very Difficult

**Junction Cabin**  
(3.6km one way)  
via Lenah Valley Track

Difficulty: **Moderate**

Longer walk on narrow track, some sections more difficult in snow.

**Sphinx Rock**  
(1.4km one way)  
via Lenah Valley Track

Difficulty: **Easy**

A medium length walk on a wide and flat track. Excellent views from the Sphinx Rock lookout.

**Caution:** Cliff edge at lookout.

**Springs Lookout** (600m)  
via Exhibition Gardens

Difficulty: **Easy**

Short, easy walk through the old Exhibition Gardens site, with views over Hobart from the lookout.

**Silver Falls**

Difficulty: **Moderate**

A medium length walk from Fern Tree or The Springs.

**Junction Cabin**

**The Chalet**

**Sphinx Rock**

**The Springs**

**Springs Lookout**

**Fern Tree**

**Silver Falls**

**The Summit** (3km one way)  
via Pinnacle & Zig Zag tracks

Difficulty: **Very Difficult**

Long, steep, slippery, exposed, very cold & high winds. Only recommended for well equipped and experienced hikers.



**Great Short Walk**  
(3.8km one way)  
via Pinnacle & Organ Pipes tracks

Difficulty: **Moderate/Difficult**

Uphill walk to the Organ Pipes Track. May be more difficult in heavy snow. Great views across Hobart.

