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## HORSE RIDING

### 5 Day "Man from Snowy River" and Heritage Ride

***With quality accommodation at the acclaimed***  
***'River House' at Howquadales & "Stockyard Creek" pioneer homestead***

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Quality overnight accommodation
- Authentic pioneer homestead experience
- Local gourmet cuisine
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife
- Private guides



Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victoria's High Country

Time: 5 days 4 nights

#### **ITINERARY – please note we sometimes may vary timings but include all of below**

**Day 1:** Arrive at 9.30am at our high country farming property that's been in the Watson family for many generations.

After saddling up, we set off on our 'Man from Snowy River' experience on horseback. We ride up to spectacular 360 degree views and along the way, watch out for the wildlife that often takes a look at us, including kangaroos, wallabies and Australia's largest bird of flight, the wedge tail eagle.



We stop at "Dungeon Hut" for lunch enjoying a gourmet hamper lunch and then in the afternoon we traverse the bridle tracks through quiet valleys and points of rich historical interest.

We arrive at the celebrated "Riverhouse at Howqua Dale", a magnificent country house hotel on the banks of the Howqua River. The 6 double rooms with ensuites all have beautiful views of the garden or countryside.

Enjoy a relaxing hot shower before a riverside BBQ dinner in one of Victoria's prettiest valleys.



**Day 2:** Next morning we enjoy an early hearty country breakfast and start our journey up the majestic Howqua River along the

high track towards "Stockyard Creek". It is a challenging days riding with spectacular views over the river, tree fern gullies and long cantering sections. We stop for a pack lunch on the river bank surrounded by just mountains.

After lunch we ride through Wares Flat, Whisky Flat and Tobacco Flat and into Stockyard Creek to the Stoney families Pioneering Homestead. Here we are greeted with a cool drink and warm hospitality by Wendy Jubb Stoney.

Enjoy a sumptuous traditional Australian dinner at the homestead with all the trimmings and then retire to your room furnished with original pioneer relics and sun kissed sheets.

**Day 3:** A relaxing sleep in then an indulgent breakfast awaits. This is a day of relaxation where we explore the historic Howqua Hills area including 'The Lookout', 'The Chinese Gold Diggings', 'Professors Hut', 'Fred Fry's Hut' and 'Tunnel Bend'.

Tonight's dinner is a special affair at "Greenstone" the Stoney family house where we will enjoy a 8 course degustation.

**Day 4:** Again an early rise and cooked breakfast. Today we return via the river track to the Riverhouse with long cantering flats and 64 river crossings. Lunch today is at the 'Hideout' with much memorabilia from the "Man from Snowy River" movie.

Tonight we take a drive to the historic Kevington Hotel on the banks of the Goulburn River for dinner. This is one of the longest continually licensed hotels in Victoria dating back to the Gold Rush era.

**Day 5:** Next morning we enjoy a hearty country breakfast that gives you a big energy boost before we set off for "Kate Cameron's Peak" where we see the perilously steep hill where the famous jump scene from the movie was filmed.

We wind our way back down to the farmhouse and then transfer to Mansfield for lunch at the Mansfield Regional Produce Store.



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## WHAT TO BRING ?

### Essential Equipment

- Shoe with a heel (if possible)
- 5 days clothes including below
- Warm jumper
- Long pants
- Swimmers

### Toiletries

- Soap and shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

### Personal Equipment

- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Personal medical requirements
- BYO alcohol

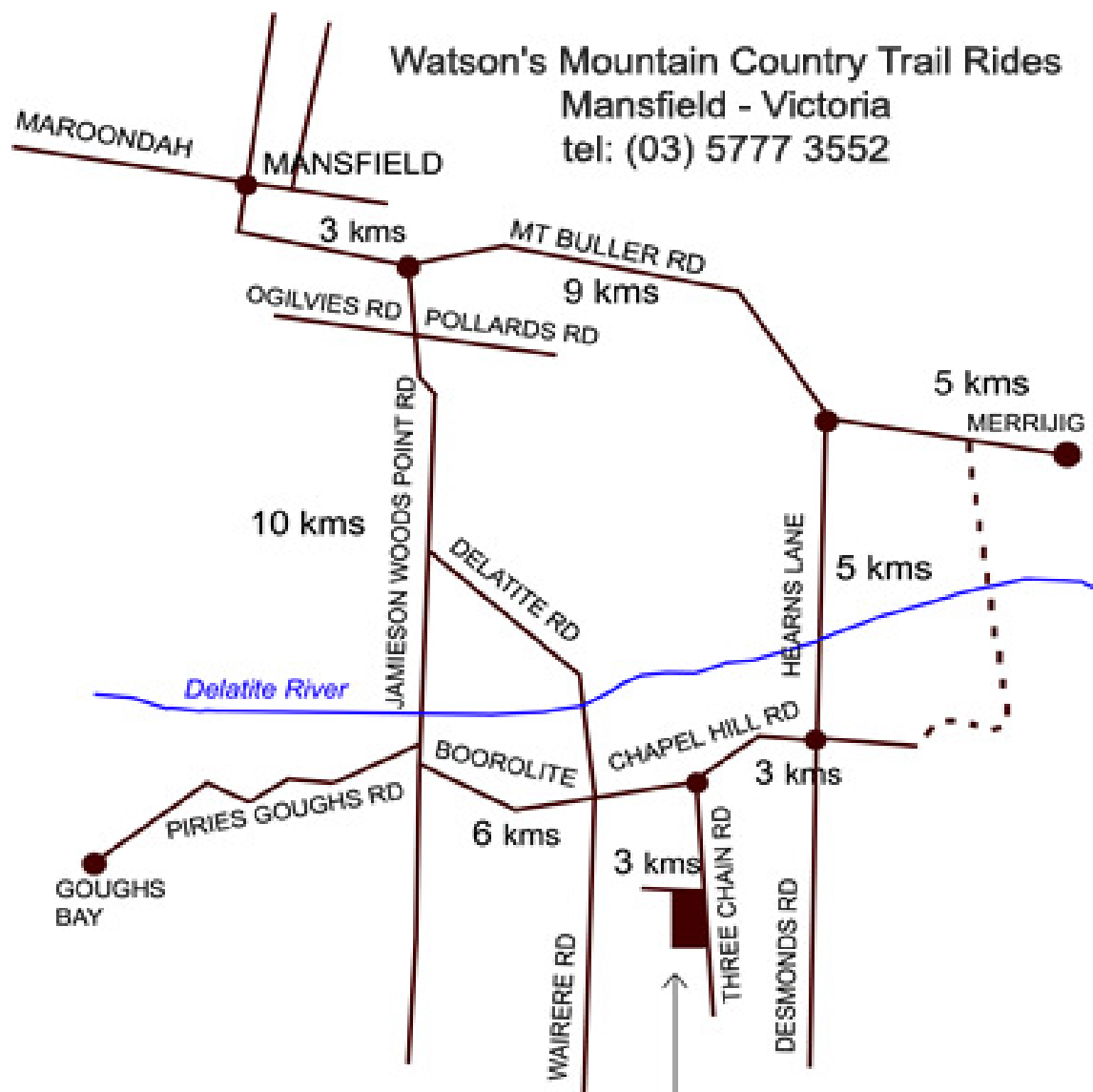
## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How many guests can take part?**  
6 – 10 guests
- **What style of accommodation will I be sleeping in?**  
Riverhouse has 6 rooms with ensuites and Stockyard Creek has 5 rooms with a shared bathroom.
- **How much riding do we do?**  
Generally we ride for 5-6 hours for days 1, 2 and 4 but day 3 the amount of riding is up to you.
- **What happens with our luggage and drinks?**  
We transport all gear in our trailer between accommodation.
- **What sort of food should I expect?**  
We focus on local produce and also enjoy a degustation dinner that highlights produce and game meats from our pioneering past.
- **How do I find you?**  
We provide pick up ex Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) the day before the ride, please ensure flights arrive by 4.00pm and return to Melbourne Airport by 5.00pm on the last day of the ride. If you prefer to drive then a map from Mansfield is provided on the next page. We suggest you stay the night before the ride as it is a 3 hour drive from Melbourne.

We recommend the Mansfield Motel to stay on the night before the ride as it is conveniently placed in town and reasonably priced [www.mansfieldmotel.com.au](http://www.mansfieldmotel.com.au)

There are many other options and they can be found at [www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au](http://www.mansfieldmtbuller.com.au)





**Watson's Trail Rides**

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## **WATSONS MOUNTAIN COUNTRY TRAIL RIDES**

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### **BOOKING FORM**

Name .....

Date/s (and time if appl) .....

Number of Participants:.....

Address:.....

Contact Person .....

Business phone .....

Mobile ..... Email: .....

#### Booking Conditions:

Cost \$2500.00 inc GST per person.

We request a 25% deposit upon booking and balance of payment 60 days before the tour.

We accept credit card, cheques, bank cheques or EFT Transfers (Watsons Mountain Country Trail Rides Commonwealth Bank – Mansfield BSB 063-711 A/C 1012 6467)

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On receipt of your booking form, we will send you a receipt.

Thank you for your booking.