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## HORSE RIDING

### 2 Night 1 Day 'Man from Snowy River' horse experience (Winter Only)

*With lodge accommodation at 'Home Station Lodge'*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Rustic overnight accommodation
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife

Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Time: 1 day 2 nights

#### ITINERARY

**Pre:** Arrive Friday late afternoon / evening at Home Station Lodge at your leisure.

**Day 1:** Enjoy a pancake breakfast before departing Home Station Lodge for a short drive to our high country farming property that's been in the Watson family for many generations.

Upon arrival you are greeted by the Watson family and fitted with your riding gear and provided with tuition before setting out on your experience on horseback.

You 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.

The ride takes you to the famous 'jump scene' from the "Man from Snowy River" movie.

You then descend to the Dungeon Hut for a picnic lunch.

After lunch you ride up to another spectacular peak overlooking the high country on one side and the valley on the other before descending back to the farm.

A short drive back to Home Station Lodge for a relaxing hot shower and a BBQ dinner around the campfire overlooking the Delatite Valley.

**Day 2:** Enjoy a cooked breakfast before departure.





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## HORSE RIDING

### 2 Day 2 Night Howqua Valley Horse Ride (Autumn and Spring)

*With accommodation at Howqua Valley Views*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Overnight accommodation in rustic bunkhouse
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife
- Private guides

Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victorias High Country

Time: 2 days, 2 nights

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

**Pre:** Arrive Friday late afternoon / evening at Howqua Valley Views at your leisure.

**Day 1:** Enjoy a cooked breakfast before departing Howqua Valley Views for a short drive to our high country farming property that's been in the Watson family for many generations.

We then 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 the amazing bird life.

We ride to the Dungeon Hut for a picnic lunch.

After lunch we ride through creek beds and bridle tracks to our accommodation at Howqua Valley Views, a bunkhouse converted from stables. There are 4 bunkrooms with 2 bathrooms.

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

**Day 2:** We enjoy a hearty country breakfast that gives you a big energy boost before we set off for "Kate Camerons Peak" where we see the perilously steep hill where the famous jump scene from the movie was filmed. We then head down to the farm for lunch to complete our ride.





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## HORSE RIDING

### 2 Day 2 Night Howqua River Ride (Summer)

*With bunkhouse and swag out accommodation*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Overnight accommodation in bunkhouse and swag out accommodation
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife
- Private guides

Suits: Experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victorias High Country

Time: 2 days 2 nights

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

**Pre:** Arrive at our accommodation the 'Hideout'

**Day 1:** Enjoy a cooked breakfast before departing the 'Hideout' for a short drive to our high country farming property that's been in the Watson family for many generations.

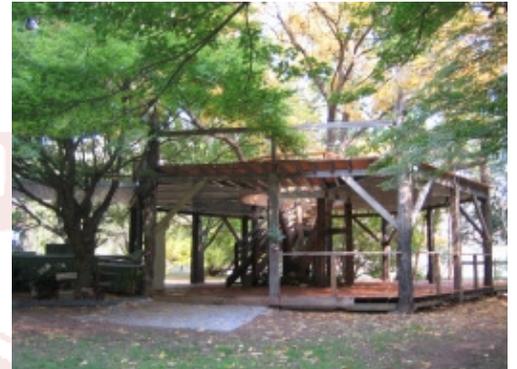
We set off from our farm and ride through to the Dungeon Gully and then traverse the bridle tracks along creek beds and open tracks to the Howqua River and the 'Hideout' for lunch.

After lunch we then follow the high track up the river through Running Creek Reserve with spectacular views over the river. Our return is via the river track with many crossings and exciting cantering sections.

We enjoy a BBQ dinner and large campfire in the evening.

**Day 2:** Next morning we enjoy a hearty country breakfast that gives you a big energy boost before we set off down the high track and then head for "Kate Camerons 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 valley floor to the farm house for a late lunch to complete our ride.





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## HORSE RIDING

### 2 Day Luxury Horse Ride (available mid week only)

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife
- Private guides
- Private half day fly fishing clinic

Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victoria's High Country

Time: 2 days

**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 picnic lunch and then in the afternoon we traverse the bridge tracks through quiet valleys and points of rich historical interest.

Then luxuriate at the end of the day in your fully renovated Historic Miners Cottage complete with spa bath for the evening or at the Riverhouse with a beautiful view overlooking the Howqua River. Enjoy a relaxed dinner with our regional produce hamper supplied by our local Mansfield Regional Produce Store.

**Day 2:** Breakfast is supplied in the cottage and then we then set off for "Kate Camerons Peak" where we see the perilously steep hill where the famous jump scene from the "Man from Snowy River" movie was filmed. We wind our way back down to the farm to complete our ride. We then drive to Mansfield Regional Produce Store for lunch.





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## HORSE RIDING

### 3 Day 3 Night Howqua Family Ride (Summer)

*With bunkhouse and swag out accommodation*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Overnight accommodation in bunkhouse and swag out accommodation
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife
- Private guides



Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victorias High Country

Time: 3 days 3 nights

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

**Pre:** Arrive at our accommodation the 'Hideout'

**Day 1:** Enjoy a cooked breakfast before departing the 'Hideout' for a short drive to our high country farming property that's been in the Watson family for many generations.

We then 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 the amazing birdlife. We ride to the Dungeon Hut for lunch.

After lunch we depart the Dungeon Gully and then traverse the bridle tracks along creek beds and open tracks to the Howqua River and the 'Hideout'. We enjoy a roast dinner and large campfire in the evening.

**Day 2:** After a cooked breakfast we follow the high track up the river through Running Creek Reserve with spectacular views over the river.

We enjoy a pack saddle lunch and then return via the river track with many crossings and exciting cantering sections. We return to the 'Hideout' for the evening with a BBQ dinner and campfire fun.

**Day 3:** Next morning we enjoy a hearty country breakfast that gives you a big energy boost before we set off down the high track and then head for "Kate Camerons 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 valley floor to the farm house for lunch to complete our ride.



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## HORSE RIDING

### 5 Day 5 Night Family Howqua River Ride (Summer)

*With over 60 river crossings*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- High country horse ride in 'Man from Snowy River' country
- Basic bunkhouse accommodation
- Spectacular scenery and Australian wildlife

Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victoria's High Country

Time: 5 days 5 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 picnic lunch and then in the afternoon we traverse the bridle tracks through quiet valleys and points of rich historical interest.

We arrive at "The Hideout" that sits beside the Howqua River and offers rustic bunkhouse accommodation or a swag under the stars with shared bathrooms.

**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 "Sheepyard Flat". It is a picturesque days riding with spectacular views over the river, tree fern gullies and long cantering sections.



We ride through Wares Flat, Whisky Flat and Tobacco Flat and into the historic Howqua Hills National Park

**Day 3:** A relaxing sleep in then and breakfast awaits. This is a day of relaxation where we explore the historic Howqua Hills area including 'Sheepyard Flat', 'Professors Hut', and 'Fred Fry's Hut'. After lunch we have time to relax and or a swim in the Howqua River.

**Day 4:** Again an early rise and cooked breakfast. Today we return via the river track to the 'The Hideout' with long cantering flats and 50 river crossings with a late lunch

**Day 5:** Next morning we enjoy a hearty country breakfast that gives you a big energy boost before we set off for 'Kate Camerons 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 for lunch to complete our ride





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## HORSE RIDING

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

*With quality accommodation at the acclaimed 'River House' at Howquadale & "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, Victorias 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.

MOUNTAIN COUNTRY  
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## HORSE RIDING

### 7 Day "Bluff and Beyond" High Country Peaks Ride

*Stay under canvas in Aussie made swags and private tents*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience 'Man from Snowy River' Country
- Enjoy the very best of Australia's High Country scenery
- Hearty fresh food and plenty of it
- Ride with a family that has been riding in this country for over 30 years

Suits: Beginners to experienced riders

Location: Mansfield, Victoria's High Country

Time: 7 days 6 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 a picnic lunch and then in the afternoon we traverse the bridle tracks through quiet valleys and points of rich historical interest. We arrive at the "Hideout" a basic bunkhouse on the banks of the Howqua River.



**Day 2:** Next morning we enjoy an early hearty country breakfast and start our journey up the majestic Howqua River along the river track towards "Frys Flat". There are around 60 river crossings and plenty of river flats for cantering. We stop for a lunch at "Fry's Hut" before riding through to "Seven Mile" where we camp under canvas for the evening by the river.

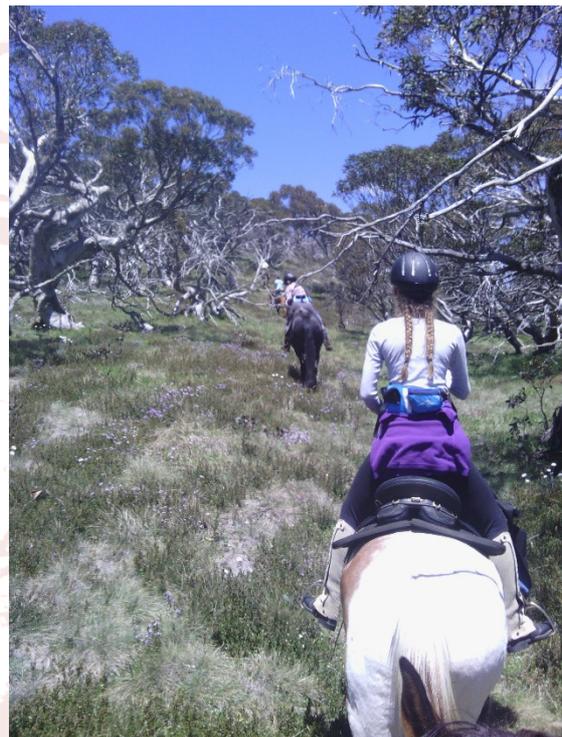


**Day 3:** An early start to the day with a cooked breakfast and then we climb along the trails up to "Refrigerator Gap" for lunch. We then ride under the spectacular face of the "Bluff" and then up past the "Bluff Hut" and onto King Billy and the "Lovick Hut" for the evening again under canvas. Here we are surrounded by the magnificent snow gums.



**Day 4:** We enjoy a leisurely start to the day before saddling up and riding across the peaks of this truly remarkable landscape. A brilliant day for photo's with breathtaking cliff edges and mountains that seem to stretch on forever. We take in the views of "Picture Point", Mt Magdala, Mt Howitt, The Cross Cut Saw, Mt Speculation and onto Mt Cobbler. We stay again under canvas at Mt Lovick for the evening.

**Day 5:** We pack up camp and ride down towards "Pikes Flat" and then switch onto the high track. We carry our lunches and enjoy the same at "Ritchies Hut". After lunch we switch onto the River Trail and ride through to "Seven Mile" for the evening.



**Day 6:** We ride along the river trail with its many long canters and ride into Sheeppyard Flat for lunch. We then pick up the Howqua Feeder Track and ride along the escarpment looking down on the Howqua River. We arrive at the "Hideout" for the evening.

**Day 7:** After a hearty breakfast we ride along the goat track through to the Lower Howqua and then ride up to "Kate Cameron's" peak the site where the famous downhill scene was filmed in the "Man from Snowy River" movie. We then ride down to our farm house for lunch to complete our seven day journey.

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PLEASE CHOOSE – as at Thursday, 3 May 2018

1 Day 2 Night Man from Snowy River Winter Ride - \$250.00pp inc GST

\$100.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 30 days before ride date

- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

2 Day 2 Night Howqua Valley Ride - \$450.00pp inc GST

\$100.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 30 days before ride date

- ~~Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Booked Out~~
- ~~Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Booked Out~~
- ~~Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – Booked Out~~
- ~~Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Booked Out~~
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018
- ~~Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Booked out~~

2 Day 2 Night Howqua River Ride - \$450.00pp inc GST

\$100.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 30 days before ride date

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

2 Day 1 Night Luxury Ride - \$800.00pp inc GST

\$200.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 30 days before ride date

- Bookings available mid week only and on request (ie choose your date)

3 Day 3 Night Family Ride - \$600.00pp inc GST

\$150.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 30 days before ride date

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

5 Day 5 Night Howqua River Ride - \$1100.00pp inc GST – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

\$200.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 60 days before ride date

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**5 Day 'Man from Snowy River' and Heritage Ride (Degustation Dinner / Luxury)  
- \$2750.00pp inc GST**

\$750.00pp deposit upon booking and balance due 60 days before ride date

~~○ Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 – Booked Out~~

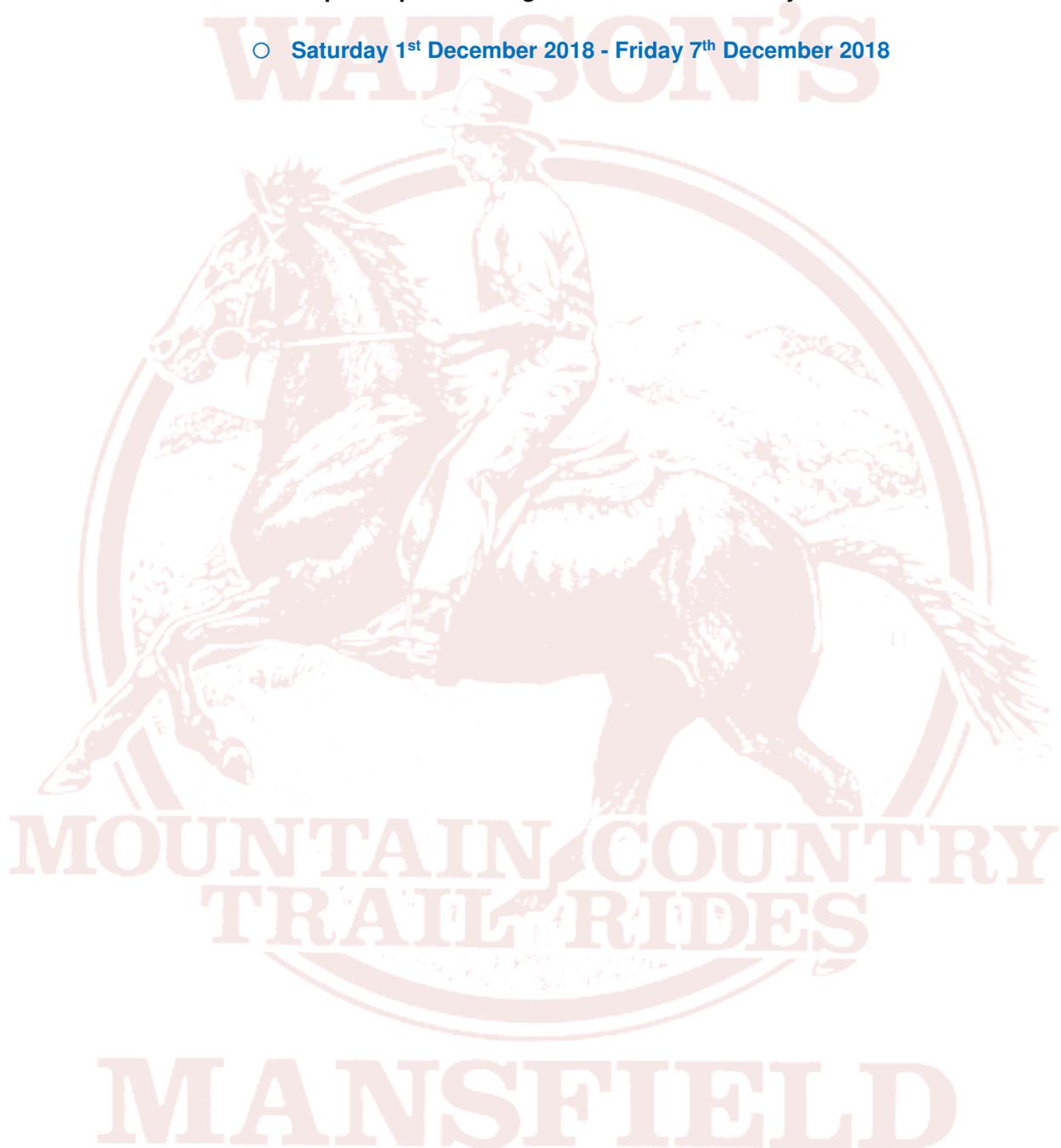
○ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

○ Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**7 Day Bluff and Beyond Ride - \$2500.00pp inc GST – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
2018 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

\$500.00 deposit upon booking and balance due 60 days before ride date

○ Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



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