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## HORSE RIDING

### 5 Day 4 Night Howqua River Ride

*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, 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 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" 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 Howqua Feeder track to the 'The Hideout' with cantering sections and many 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



## 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
- Towel

### Personal Equipment

- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Personal medical requirements
- BYO alcoholic drinks

### Bedding

- Own sleeping bag

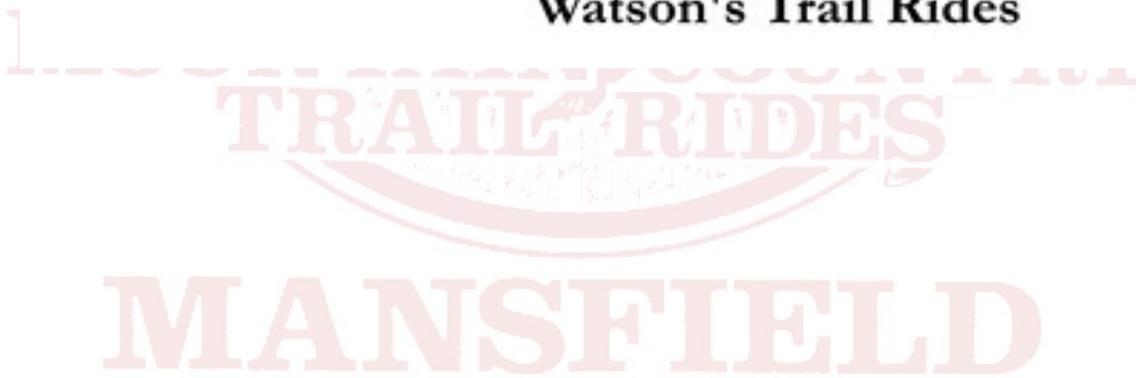
## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How many guests can take part?**  
Up to 20 guests
- **What style of accommodation will I be sleeping in?**  
Bunkhouse accommodation.
- **What bathroom facilities are available?**  
Share bathroom facilities.
- **How much riding do we do?**  
Generally we ride for 4 hours for Days 1, 2 and 4, 3 hours on Day 5 but Day 3 the amount of riding is up to you.

- How do I find you?



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**BOOKING FORM**

Name .....

Date of Ride:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Number of Participants:.....

Address:.....

Contact Person .....

Business phone .....

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

Booking Conditions:

Cost \$1600.00pp inc GST per person. \$320.00pp deposit requested upon booking and balance due 60 days before ride.

We accept credit card, cheques, bank cheques or EFT Transfers (Watsons Mountain Country Trail Rides Westpac Bank, 84 Bridge Street, Benalla BSB 033209 A/C 111888)

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

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Payment Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for your booking.