



Kosciuszko National Park

Back Country activity trip intention and personal locator beacon hire

Important notes

This form is not monitored by Authorities to confirm your safe return from your journey. It is your responsibility to advise friends or family of your planned journey and expected time of return, who can advise Authorities in the event of you becoming overdue. If notified that you have become overdue, this form will be used by Authorities to assist with planning and implementing search and rescue operations.

The process of hiring a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is very time consuming. All PLB hires are processed by Snowy Region Visitor Centre, Jindabyne between 8:30am and 4pm each day.

Person lodging / name:

Organisation / agency:

Address:

Contact numbers

Home:

Mobile:

Vehicle details

Rego:

Vehicle type:

Location:

Rego:

Vehicle type:

Location:

Scheduled activity timeframe

Start
date:

Start
time:

End
date:

End
time:

Proposed activity and route details

Please indicate route deviation points and / or overnight stopping locations, including date. Use grid references / map details if possible, or common names as reference points. Please attach additional details to this form as required

Start date:

Start location:

End date:

End location:

Has this trip been completed previously? (*please circle*) No / Yes / Some members

Equipment details

Please tick and add further details if required

Individual items carried by each person <i>(please number or tick)</i>	Group items carried by a member of the group <i>(please tick)</i>	
Food for <input type="checkbox"/> days <input type="checkbox"/> litres of water <input type="checkbox"/> Rain wear <input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothing <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Compass <input type="checkbox"/> GPS <input type="checkbox"/> Topographic maps <input type="checkbox"/> Tent / shelter colour <input type="checkbox"/> Satellite phone <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> PLB	

Group details

Please attach additional pages if required

Emergency contact	Phone	Group details		
		Name	Phone	Age

Known medical conditions

Name	Condition / medications required

Ensure that every member of the party is physically capable of completing the journey, and members of the party are experienced in navigation. Kosciuszko National Park often experiences extremes in weather conditions, even in summer. You must consider all known and variable factors in relation to this journey. Consult the Bureau of Meteorology website (www.bom.gov.au) and local visitor centres for updated conditions prior to departure.

Signature: _____

Date:

PLB hire
serial
number:

Date of return
of PLB

Emergency personal locator beacons hire conditions and release and indemnity

1. The personal locator beacon (PLB) is to be returned to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Office from which it was hired by 5pm on the nominated return date.
2. Deposit fee will be forfeited if the PLB is returned with the safety seal broken by any means other than during an emergency situation.
3. Hiking, walking, skiing or otherwise journeying through backcountry and remote bush land areas can be hazardous. The information provided on this form, including the proposed route of the trip, the equipment taken and expected return time, will not necessarily be reviewed by any officer of the NPWS or by any other person, except in the case of the NPWS being notified of an emergency.
4. PLBs cannot guarantee a person's safety. They must be operated strictly in accordance with instructions. The beacon distress signal will only be detected by satellite or appropriately equipped aircraft over flying the area monitoring 121.5 MHz frequency. The position of the PLB distress signal will be accurate to within 120 metres as it contains an inbuilt GPS. To further narrow the search area, a plane, helicopter or searchers on foot must be available and the weather must be suitable to enable them to get into the area. The use of planes, helicopters, and on foot search parties in Kosciuszko National Park is limited by prevailing mountain weather conditions.
5. I agree to undertake my proposed trip and to use the PLB provided pursuant to this hire agreement at my own risk.
6. I release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Director General of NPWS and the State of NSW their agents, servants, contractors and employees from all claims and demands of every kind resulting from any accident, loss, death, damage or injury occurring in relation or arising from the use of the PLB provided pursuant to this hire agreement and my proposed trip.
7. I will indemnify and keep indemnified the Director General of NPWS and the State of NSW their agents, servants, contractors and employees against all actions, suits, claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses in respect of any injury to person or property or any loss or damage occurring in relation to or arising from the use of the PLB provided pursuant to this hire agreement and my proposed trip.
8. Without limiting 6 and 7 above, the Director General of NPWS and the Government of NSW their agents, servants, contractors and employees shall not be liable for damages exceeding the consideration paid for this hire agreement.
9. Penalties can be imposed for improper use and activation of the beacon (PLB) under Commonwealth legislation.
10. By signing this form I acknowledge I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this PLB hire.

Deposit information *(office use only)*

Driver's license number *(attach copy)*: _____

Staff signature *(once logged on www.amsa.gov.au)*: _____

PLB ID number recorded *(please circle)* Yes / No

Rental fee – nil. I understand that if the PLB is not returned on the scheduled date, a rental fee of \$35 will be charged for each additional 2-week period until its return to Snowy Region Visitor Centre.

Seal intact *(please circle)*: Yes / No

Deposit fee \$400 *(please circle)* Cash / Cheque / Credit

SRVC staff to fax first 2 pages ONLY to Jindabyne Police 6456 2156, register trip details on AMSA website and ALL pages to be filed locally at SRVC.

Signature: _____ Witness signature: _____

Name: _____ Witness name: _____

Date: _____ Date witnessed: _____

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