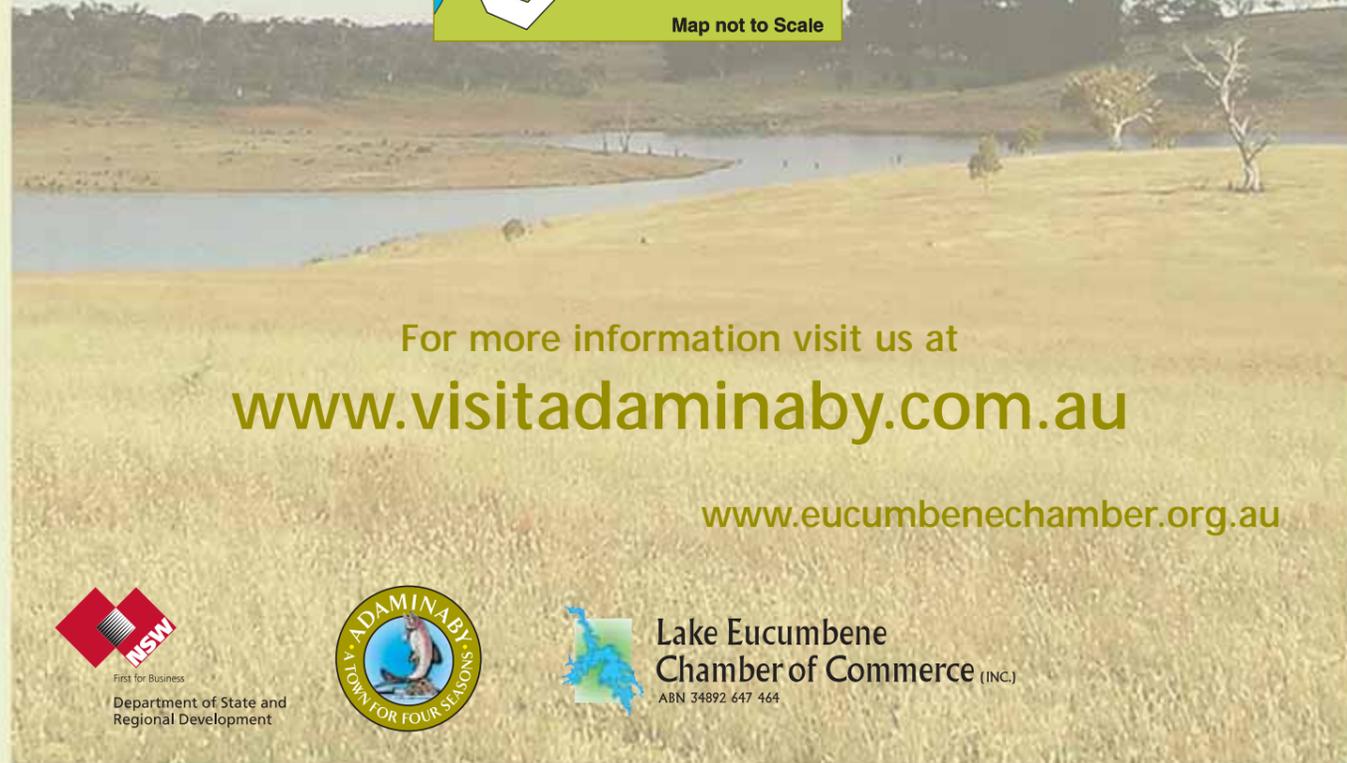
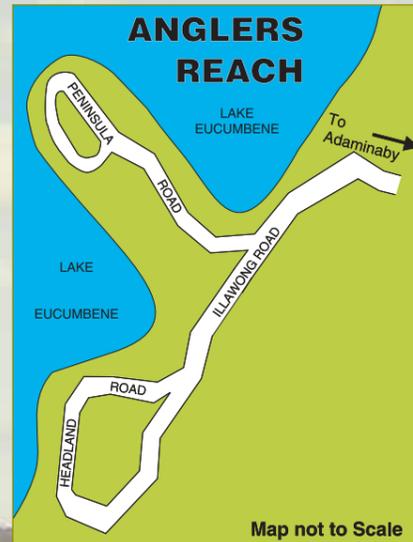
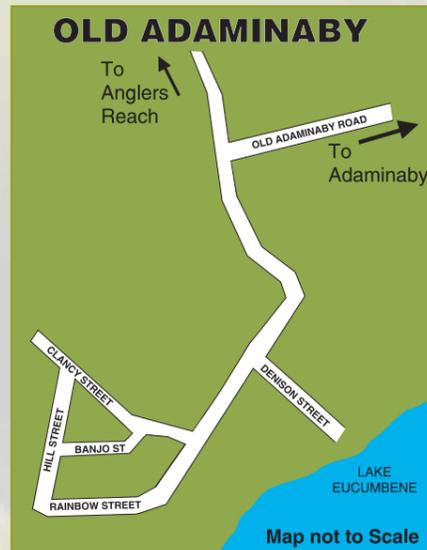
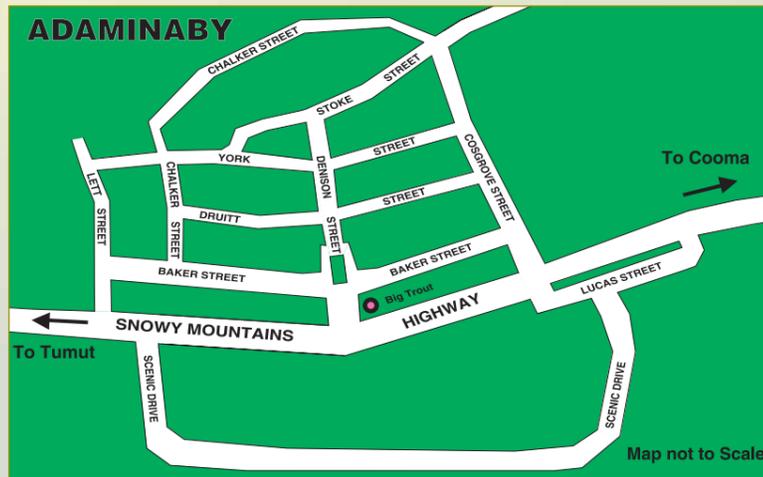


# Adaminaby ~ Lake Eucumbene

A Town for Four Seasons

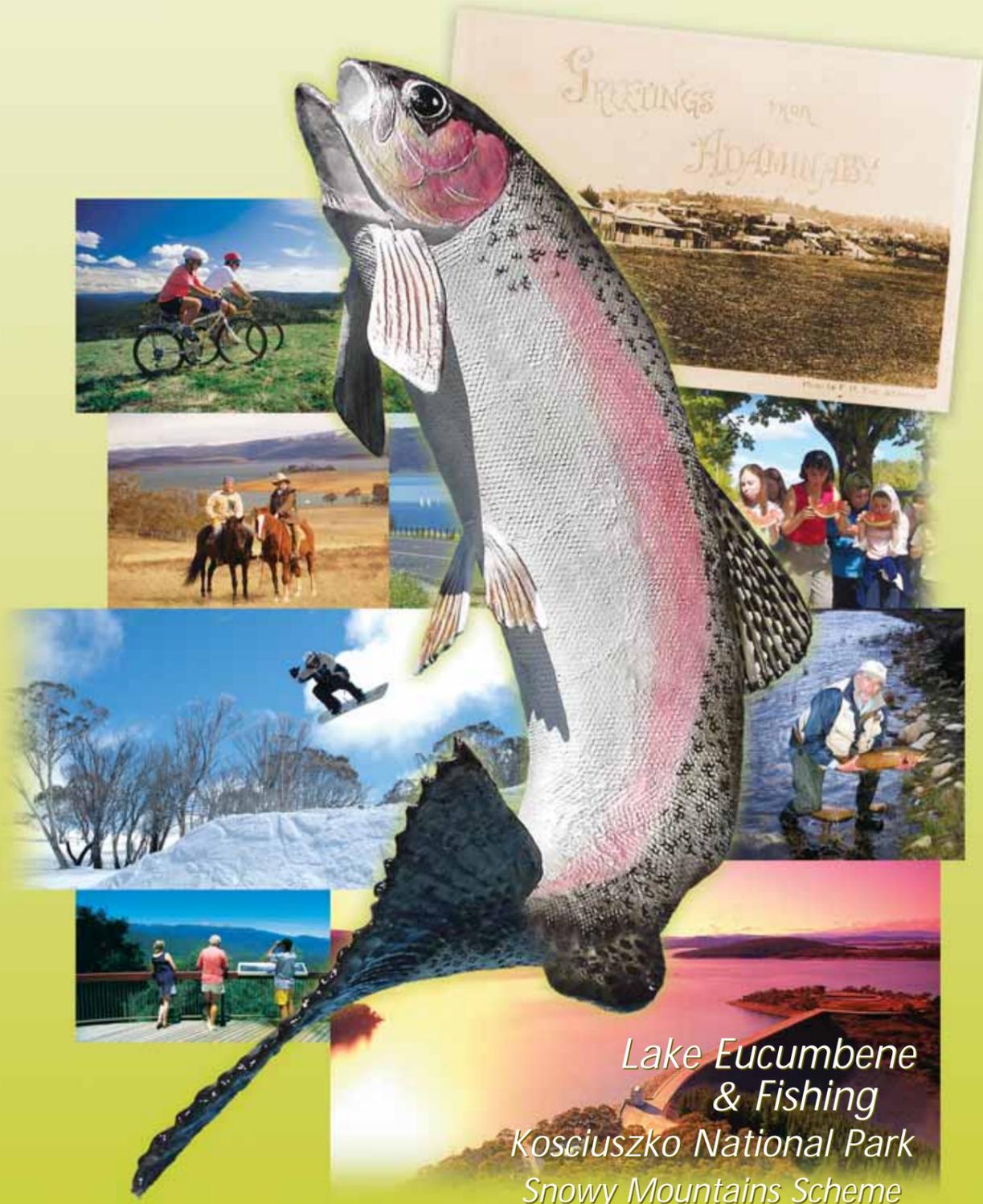


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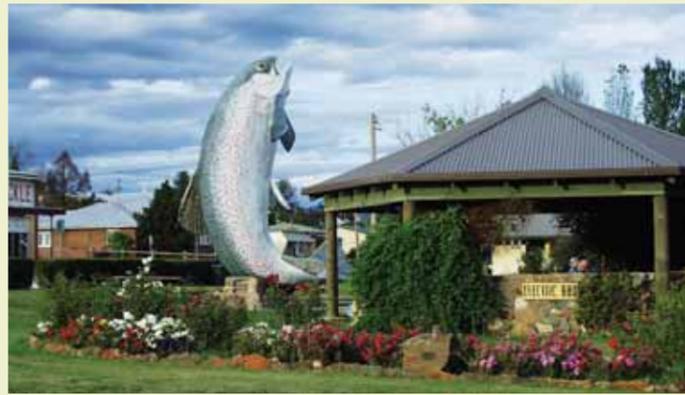
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## A Town for Four Seasons ...



Adaminaby and its smaller 'sister' townships of Old Adaminaby and Anglers Reach are set among the rolling high plains in the New South Wales Snowy Mountains, with Kosciuszko National Park at its doorstep. With an elevation of over 1000 metres Adaminaby is truly a "town for four seasons," with mild Summers, Autumns with clear blue skies and the brilliance of the multi-coloured foliage, Winters crisp with snowy days and Spring with daffodils, apple and plum blossoms and new born lambs.



Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene have a rich history, from the first inhabitants, the Aborigines who moved through the mountains in the summer months, to the first European settlers with their live-stock seeking sweet high country

pastures, the Gold Rush at Kiandra which brought fossickers seeking a fortune and the timber getters who helped build the townships.

Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene are also synonymous with the Snowy Mountains Scheme, with the very first stone being turned in 1949 and the creation of Australia's largest hydro electric and irrigation scheme. Claimed as the birthplace of Australia's multi-culturalism, the Snowy Hydro Scheme employed 100,000 people from many nations and saw the town of Adaminaby "moved" 9 kms to its present site, with the ensuing dislocation of families and friends.



In the present day, Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene are localities that offer both residents and visitors alike a range of lifestyle and recreational pursuits. These include horse riding, fishing, bushwalking and snow sports, located in the spectacular Snowy Mountains environment.



**Did you know...**  
The 'Big Trout' weighs 2.5 tonnes and is 10 metres high?



**Did you know?**  
In total 101 homes and buildings were relocated during "The Move" from Old Adaminaby to the present day site of Adaminaby between July 1956 and November 1957.

## Did you know ...

### Snowy Mountains Scheme

Construction started on the Scheme on 17 October 1949 when the Governor General, Sir William McKell and the Prime Minister Ben Chifley fired the first blast at Adaminaby.

More than 100,000 people from over 30 countries worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme between 1949 and 1974, approximately 60,000 were migrant workers who left the disruption of post World War II Europe.



### Kosciuszko National Park

Kosciuszko National Park is one Australia's largest National Parks covering more than 690,000 hectares.

### Kiandra Goldfields

At its peak in 1860 the gold rush at Kiandra attracted 10,000 people who mostly lived under canvas. An amazing amount of gold was found in a very short time, in 1860 - 67,687 oz and 1861 - 16,567 oz, with an official total production of 172,000 oz. The gold was mostly alluvial and large nuggets up to 28 lb (12,678 gm) in weight were found. Gold mining in the Kiandra district continued until the 1930's.



### Skiing and Snow Sports

The first snow skiing in Australia was recorded in 1860 in Kiandra when Norwegian miners raced down "Township Hill" on improvised skis called snowshoes.



### Lake Eucumbene and the Eucumbene River

In the 1830s the early explorers and settlers called the river, which today is known as the Eucumbene River, the Snowy River. Subsequently it became known as the Eastern Branch of the Snowy River and was renamed the Eucumbene River in the late 1800's. A bit confusing but true!

Lake Eucumbene stores almost 9 times the volume of Sydney Harbour and at the high water mark has 250km of shoreline.

The Eucumbene lakes and rivers boast some of the best trout fishing in Australia - the largest trout ever caught was reputed to be 22lbs(10kgs)

## Things to see and do ...

### The Adaminaby Memorial Hall Stage Curtain



A highlight of any visit to Adaminaby "The Curtain" was designed by 2 local artists featuring Adaminaby, Lake Eucumbene and the mountains, it took 2 years to complete with 85 adults and 31 school children involved in its production. It consists of two functioning stage curtains with a total length of 9m. The Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir officially opened the curtain on 19th May 2004.



### Fishing

This area is a freshwater Fisherman's Paradise. Offering a choice of lake and river – with fly, lure, trolling and bait fishing available for those wanting to drop in a line.

### Riding

The Snowy Mountains offers unique horse, motor and mountain bike experiences. This is where the real 'Man from Snowy River' came from and there are horse trekking specialists who expertly guide you through country that you can't see anywhere else in Australia. The Snowy Mountains Highway offers motor bike enthusiasts one of the great Australian riding experiences and the locals welcome you too. And if you are after a unique mountain biking experience, there are plenty of options as well.



### Sightseeing

Yarrangobilly Caves and Thermal Pool limestone precinct is an easy drive from Adaminaby and Lake Eucumbene.

The Old Adaminaby Cemetery tells the family names and some of the history of the early settlers and their descendants.



The Adaminaby Races – the last Saturday of November is when the gallopers come to town. This country race meeting is an award winning experience.

The "Old" Town - when the Lake is low you can see the old building foundations, with evidence from the past town site and its surrounding farm buildings.

### Bush walks

There are many walks in Northern Kosciuszko National Park, through sub alpine snow gums, open treeless valleys and forested country. In Spring and early Summer you can see rare and unique alpine wildflowers.

#### Kiandra Heritage Track (1km round trip)

Kiandra was the scene of intense gold fever from 1859 to 1861, it has been claimed that in 1860 up to 10,000 people were on the diggings living under canvas. This self-guided walk offers interpretative signs along the way, providing information about many of the major buildings, life and folklore of historic Kiandra.

#### Goldseeker's Track (3km round trip)

The track begins opposite the southern entrance of Three Mile Dam. Its features include an abandoned ore crushing battery, snow grass flats and snow gum woodland. This is also a popular cross-country ski trail during Winter.

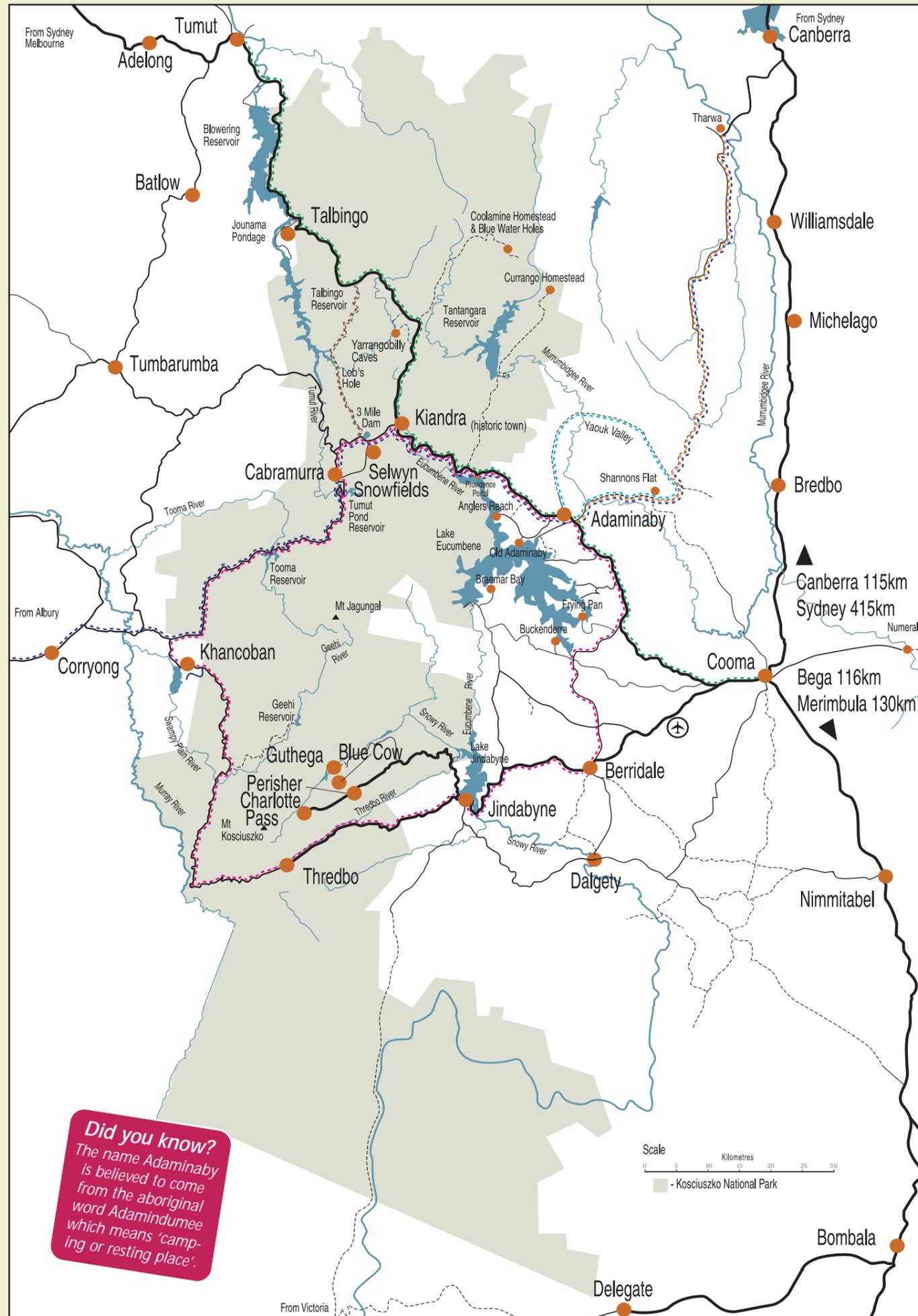


### Winter Snow Sports

Snow sports at the family orientated Selwyn Snowfields include alpine and cross country skiing and snowboarding, as well as snow tubing, tobogganing and snowplay. Selwyn Snowfields is the ideal place for the learner and for family groups who are looking for a fun day on the slopes. The Adaminaby area is also the accommodation and service base for Selwyn Snowfields, which is just over half an hour's drive from town.

### Flying

At the Adaminaby (Kennedy) Airfield where the Snowy River Aviators and the Ultralight Flying Obsession are located, you can arrange a flight to see this amazing terrain from the air.



## Drives and Rides ...



--- Snowy Mountains Highway  
– Cooma to Adaminaby to Tumut  
– 190km one way

Voted 1 of the 4 Australian Best Drives (Weekend Australian Magazine February 2007) – the Snowy Mountains Highway passes through Kosciuszko National Park which always offers something interesting – be it wildlife, local history or snow covered gums. Nearby Kiandra was once a thriving gold town; today it's rich in pioneering history. Cabramurra, just a short drive off the highway, is Australia's highest town with some of Australia's best alpine views.

--- The Grand Snowy Mountains Tour  
– 315km loop

This tour circles the Snowy Mountains and is the drive the locals do when they have family or friends visiting. From Adaminaby drive to Kiandra (40km), turning off to Cabramurra (20km), then Khancoban (60km), Thredbo (75km), Jindabyne (40km), Berridale (30km) and then back to Adaminaby (50km). Along the way there are views and points of interest that are the essence of the Snowy Mountains.

--- Bobeyan Road – Adaminaby to Tharwa – 80km (35km of gravel) one way

Locally known as the "back road" to Canberra. This picturesque road passes by the Adaminaby Racecourse prior to running through farmland. It then climbs into Namadgi National Park before descending into the valleys near Tharwa. The views are stunning.

--- Yaouk Valley Drive – Adaminaby, Yaouk Valley and Shannons Flat – 70km loop

This loop drive starts and finishes in Adaminaby and provides a great opportunity to see the spectacular upper Murrumbidgee River country, the Yaouk Bill Ranges and Shannons Flat country. And before you go ask a local how to pronounce "Yaouk" - because it's nothing like it reads!

--- The Ravine Drive  
– 15km one way to Lobs Hole

The drive starts on the Elliot Way between Kiandra and Cabramurra. The gravel road is best suited to 4wd vehicles and is not for the faint hearted as it follows the ridgeline and then dramatically descends 800 metres. At the bottom at "Lobs Hole" you will find the remnants of an old copper mine and hotel. If the Yarrangobilly River is low you can continue for a further 23km, and climb the other side of the valley to arrive at the Snowy Mountains Highway near Yarrangobilly Village.

--- Canberra to Melbourne via Adaminaby

Tharwa (southern ACT) to Adaminaby along the Bobeyan Road, then via the Snowy Mountains Highway to the Cabramurra/Selwyn turnoff, turn left and drive nearly to Cabramurra then take either the Elliot Way (via Tumbarumba) all year round or the road past Khancoban in the warmer months. Once you get to Corryong on the Murray Valley Highway it's straightforward from there.

Did you know?  
The original town name was Seymour but changed to Adaminaby in 1886.

