

Media Release

Walking without a trace in Australia's iconic National Park

Partnership between Leave No Trace Australia and Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort sets new standards for guided walks

Leave No Trace Australia and Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort continue to cement their relationship with a four year partnership that will see Kosciuszko Alpine Guided Walks, hosted by Lake Crackenback Resort, support the national Leave No Trace program by facilitating its development throughout the Australian Alps.

Lake Crackenback Resort has adopted the Leave No Trace principles as key elements in Kosciuszko Alpine Guided Walks systems and procedures.

Kosciuszko Alpine Guided Walks provides an opportunity for visitors to the region, including international travellers, to have a walking experience equal to any in Tasmania or New Zealand - fully catered and completely managed for maximum enjoyment and minimum impact.

Leave No Trace skills and ethics are practiced on the walks. Designed and guided by qualified Leave No Trace graduates, participants are able to experience the outstanding beauty and diversity of the Kosciuszko National Park with the knowledge that it is being done with minimal impact and with adherence to strict environmental guidelines.

"Kosciuszko is our largest national park in New South Wales and I think soft guided walks are a great idea. Anything that promotes walking is good for the health of the nation. I think the tourism industry, national parks & government, should get behind any such initiative. Of course you have to manage these projects so that there is no damage to these areas. But with Leave No Trace principals, which are now becoming more recognised I think it's possible to have our cake & eat it, said Tim Macartney –Snape, first Australian to summit Mt Everest and Leave No Trace Australia representative.

Cameron Crowe Executive Director of Leave No Trace Australia reiterates that "this partnership demonstrates that people who live and work in the regions of Australia, especially those experiencing high international and national visitation, are passionate about sharing their love for the natural and cultural heritage values of an area in a way that is sustainable."

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