

11 Tips to have you skiing Hotham like a local

1- How Do I get to Mt Hotham

- a. There are two routes to Mt Hotham through Bright and through Omeo.
- b. Bright way, is the most commonly used route, however when the weather is bad or there is a lot of snow, often this road can get closed and can cause delays. It is also the steepest, but also very scenic.
- c. Omeo, the slightly longer route around (10-15 mins extra), however the road is 99.99% usually open and much easier to drive. Recommended for those who haven't had much alpine driving experience.

2- Alpine Diesel

- a. If you have a diesel car, please fill up with alpine diesel before coming up the hill. There is also a fuel additive, Lucas anti Gel, highly recommended to add this to your fuel as well. This will stop the diesel freezing and save you hours and a potentially expensive call to the RACV

3- Chain Hire

- a. Carrying chains in Victoria is law when driving up the mountain. There are multiple opportunities to hire chains in Melbourne or on the way up. We recommend getting the people in the shop to help you try and fit the chains. Last thing you need if it's a blizzard out, is struggling with chains.

4- Resort Entry

- a. To enter Hotham you need to buy a pass for your vehicle. Please see the website for all further details. It can be found here <https://mthotham.alpineeasyaccess.com.au>

5- Where can I park my car?

- a. There is lots of places to park whilst up on Hotham. Parking during the day is designated by day car parking signage. You cannot leave your car here overnight.
- b. Overnight parking, is also clearly signed and you can leave your car here for the duration of your stay. Located near every overnight carpark is a bus stop. Busses run from early to late in order to take you back to your accommodation.
- c. If hiring from us at Tirol Sports and you're not staying in the Arlberg, we have 30 min parking out the front of the hotel. You can come in get your gear and take it with you, or get us to drop it off free of charge to your accommodation.

6- How to park my car

- a. Please reverse into your car park, just in case your battery goes flat or something happens, it is far easier for RACV to work on your car.
- b. Driving out of a snowed in car park is far easier than reversing out, so please reverse in when parking.

7- Ski Hire

- a. There are numerous places to hire your gear on the mountain. You can shop around to find the best deals. <https://www.mthotham.com.au/lessons-hire/equipment-hire/search-book> We recommend spending a few minutes before coming up, ringing around or checking online for the best deals. Most ski shops offer 25% off if you pre-book and pay.

8- On Versus Off Mountain Hiring

- a. When hiring on mountain if some of your gear doesn't suit or fit correctly you can be faced with a disastrous situation of uncomfortable boots or unsuitable skis/board for the duration of your stay.
- b. If you hire on mountain, you will have the convenience of changing your gear as required and speaking with someone who can help you get the most out of your holiday

9- Lift passes

- a. To get your lift passes you can visit the Mt Hotham website and pre-book and pay. **Please be aware that the ski hire offered with the lift company is not always the cheapest or the most convenient. Smaller operators have better technical knowledge and a more customer friendly approach.** We recommended you to shop around and do your research before heading up Mt Hotham.

10- Returning Gear, make it easy.

- a. After your holiday is finished, depending on who you hired with, often you can simply leave your gear in your room and the ski hire shop will come and collect it. This provides maximum convenience for you and your friends/family. Please ask about this option when booking or hiring.

11- Driving Back Home, made easy

- a. When you are on your way home, depending on where you have hired your chains from can depend on the route you take. Please do your research as to locations and drop off points for your chains. You don't want to get caught out and have to drive the long way around or experience long delays due to potential road closures.