

Travel Guide

Car to Mount Baw Baw:

Your Mt Baw Baw adventure is merely a 2.5 hour drive from Melbourne, 1 hour from the heart of Gippsland, and 3 hours from the Mornington Peninsula.

Don't rely on your GPS! Some GPS systems do not work well in the region.



Option 1 - Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road

Beautiful but narrow and winding road. Most visitors from Melbourne take this route, travel time from Melbourne CBD is approximately 2.5 hours.

- The turn off from the Princes Hwy (M1) is at the Drouin / Mt Baw Baw exit
- Continue along via Noojee along the Main Neerim Rd (C426)
- Follow this road through Noojee where it will then follow into the Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road (C426)
- Travel through Icy Creek and Tanjil Bren before reaching the resort gates
- Last major fuel stops is at Longwarry (before you exit the Hwy)

Facts about the Tourist Drive:

The tourist drive is so very picturesque but is curvy. Stop off via the beautiful old town of Noojee where you can have a quick break, snack or lunch. Chains are available for hire in Neerim South or Noojee.

Option 2 – South Face Road

An un-sealed gravel road wider and less winding than the Tourist Road. Travel time from Melbourne's CBD is approximately 2.5 hours.

From Moe:

- From the M1, take the turn off at the Moe exit, and then continue via Erica
- At Parkers Corner, continue straight onto the Thomson Valley Road
- 3km along, turn left onto South Face Road
- Last major fuel stop is at Moe

From Traralgon:

- Turn at the set of traffic lights at McDonald's in the town centre of Traralgon
- Travel along Grey Street and follow signs to Tyers/Walhalla (C477, C481, C461)
- Continue on the C481 through Rawson
- At Parkers Corner, turn right onto the Thomson Valley Road
- 3km along, turn left onto South Face Road
- Last major fuel stop is Traralgon

Facts about the South Face Road:

The South Face Road is not sealed for 25km. The township of Erica is your last stop for chains.

Option 3 – Scenic Suburbs

Picturesque and more direct from eastern suburbs. Travel time from Lilydale is approximately 2 hours. This is the best option from the far eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

- Travel along the Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction
- At Yarra Junction turn right onto the Yarra Junction-Noojee Road
- Follow this through Powelltown and Noojee, where you join the Mt Baw Baw Tourist Road
- Continue on through Icy Creek and Tanjil Bren until you reach the entry gate
- Last available fuel is on Warburton Highway in Launching Place

Chain Hire & Fitting Service at the Gate

Baw Baw Sports & Outdoors offers a Chain Fitting Service at the entry to Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort during the declared snow season. Bookings essential, Free-call 1800 106 078

Important Tips

Logging trucks

During both summer and winter logging trucks are present on both the South Face Road and Baw Baw Tourist Road, please slow down and be cautious when approaching intersections and corners.

Safe Snow Driving Tips

Driving in alpine conditions requires not only a lot of concentration and adept driving skills, but also a lot of patience. Stay calm if stuck in a long queue of traffic, and always follow directions by Resort Staff and road signs, they are there for your safety.

- Drive cautiously with gradual pressure on the accelerator.
- Avoid unnecessary changes – brake with gradual pressure.
- Avoid braking when cornering – Make sure your battery is in good condition.
- Fit chains to your tyres when advised or if the road looks icy.
- Check road conditions before you go.
- Engage low gear when you drive up the mountain.
- If you hit ice – do not panic or apply brakes too suddenly, just slowly regain traction.
- At night, only use low beam lights. High beams do not work in high mist areas. If you can't see, pull over, put on your hazard lights and keep your engine running.
- Anti-freeze is recommended in your radiator.
- We recommend that once parked, leave the car in park and do not apply the hand brake: moisture can freeze the cables and brake linings.
- Park only where directed. If you do not, you run the risk of another vehicle or snow-clearing vehicle, running into what looks to the driver like just another drift of snow.
- Please note: the car park closest to the village entrance (car park 1) is strictly for day visitors only. Overnight guests are required to park in car parks 2 or 3.
- Leave the car in gear with the front wheels turned away from the slope.
- Always park as close to the bank as possible, to leave room for two-way traffic.
- Do not use rocks to chock wheels as they may damage snow-clearing machines.
- Remove wheel chocks from parking area when leaving.
- Even if chains were not required to enter the area, it is advisable to fit them when parking. It is much easier than trying to fit them later for the return trip if weather conditions change or the vehicle is snowbound.
- Cover the radiator to help prevent freezing.
- Periodically clear snow from on and around the vehicle.

More Hints

- Lift wipers from windscreen or place in a plastic bag if parking for an extended period so that wipers do not stick to the glass.
- Clear all glass and mirrors of ice before attempting to drive away from snowfields.
- For fast demisting of the front windscreen, use the car's heater and fan in conjunction with the vehicle's air conditioner.
- Warm the engine for a few minutes before driving off.
- Cover door locks with masking tape to stop locks freezing up.
- Don't use wooden chocks, these tend to slip on icy surface.
- Important note for diesel vehicles: If you drive a diesel vehicle we recommend that you fill up in towns closest to the mountain who supply alpine diesel as the cold temperatures in the alpine environment can affect diesel fuel (closest is in Rawson). Please ensure you check with your owner/operators manual for any advice on entering alpine or cold climate areas.

Chains

All vehicles are required by law to carry chains during the declared snow season (10 June- 30 September) when entering Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort, or where signage indicates, and must fit them when advised.



NO CHAINS, NO ENTRY!

- Chains must be carried during the declared snow season regardless of snow conditions (10 June- 30 September)
- Diamond pattern chains are recommended due to the steep gradient of the access road
- Ladder chains are prohibited at Mt Baw Baw.
- You will be denied access to the Resort if you do not have wheel chains so be sure to plan where you are going to hire chains if you do not own any.
- Upon entry to the Resort, you will be directed by Mountain Staff where and when to fit your chains. Depending on the snowfall this generally takes place once you have passed the Gate Entry. It is your responsibility to know how to fit wheel chains and ensure they are the correct size. If in doubt please ask your chain retailer for instructions.

How Do I Know What Size Chains To Hire?

- Your tyres are marked with a code. Check the outside tyre wall for your car's tyre size. The staff at your local chain hire will help with ensuring you have the right size and they should train you on how to fit them.
- When at the Resort, you will be directed when chains must be fitted.

Where to hire snow chains

It's easy to hire your snow chains on your way to Mt Baw Baw!

BAW BAW SPORTS & OUTDOORS

The one stop snow shop!

Chain hire and snowboards, skis, clothing and accessories are also available.



Chain fitting service available when you hire chains from Baw Baw Sports and Outdoors, specializing in the hire and fitting of diamond pattern snow chains approved for use at Mt Baw Baw to suit most makes and models including 4wd.

With two convenient locations – Neerim South and Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Entry you can choose to travel either route to and from Mt Baw Baw, alternate pick up and return is available. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** You can also purchase your Resort Entry permit to Mt Baw Baw with us in store at Neerim South!

Open from 7am til late, 7 days a week

Address: 135-137 Main Road, Neerim South and
at the entry gate to Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort **p:**

1800 106 078 FREE **e:** info@bawbawsports.com

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Baw Baw Snow Chain Hire



Take the quickest route to Mt Baw Baw and stop in at Baw Baw Snow Chain Hire on the way to hire your Diamond pattern snow chains, toboggans, boots, jackets, pants and children's jumpsuits.

It pays to know how to fit the snow chains to your tyres if you haven't fitted snow chains before we have a YouTube video that can assist you.

Plus a great range of budget gloves, beanies, socks and toddler boots. Great service and price!
Go to our Website to check out our Pricelist for specials, sales and other goods available.

Open MON-FRI from 8am to 8pm, SAT & SUN 7am till late

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Avoid disappointment, book your diamond pattern chains and toboggans online at www.ericaskihire.com.au. Erica Ski Hire has diamond pattern wheel chains for 2WD and 4WD vehicles.

Also available for hire:

- Snowboards
- Downhill skis
- XC Skis
- Snow Shoes
- Toboggans
- Walking Boots
- Clothing including jackets, pants, baby and toddlers suits.

Plus a great range of budget gloves, beanies, and goggles.

Address: School Road, Erica

P: (03) 5165 3353

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Chain fitting directions

- Fit chains at bays where you see the “Fit Chains Here” sign
- Always fit chains to driving wheels only
- Chain fitting bays are safe, designated areas. They are level and make fitting easier
- Chains are hard to fit on slopes and you will obstruct other vehicles and snow clearing equipment, it is also dangerous
- At all Victorian resorts, you can be fined for not carrying and fitting chains as directed. This is a state law
- If it has not been necessary to fit chains when travelling to the resort, it is advisable to fit them upon arrival in preparation for the return trip
- It is quite difficult to fit them to cars covered by snow
- Do not drive faster than 40kph

Chain fitting checklist

- Fit chains to driving wheels only
- Always test fit chains before a trip
- Fit at fitting bays on level ground
- If chains fall off or loosen when a vehicle is in motion stop and check brake lines for damage, before retensioning
- Carry a torch, a mat or plastic garbage bag to kneel on and gloves to make fitting easier
- Use correct fitting chains
- Tyres must be in good condition with minimal wear
- The use of diamond pattern chains is recommended at Mt Baw Baw
- Chains alter your car’s handling, take time to re-adjust your driving and take care!