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Over Snow Vehicle Guidelines

Falls Creek Alpine Resort



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land, waters and mountains, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it. We honour Elders past and present whose wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We acknowledge the profound impacts of climate change on Country and recognise the power of Traditional Owner knowledge in responding to and adapting to change. We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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Over Snow Vehicle Guidelines for Falls Creek Alpine Resort

1. Purpose and Scope

The use of Over Snow Vehicles at Falls Creek Alpine Resort is regulated to manage risk, preserve the village's ambience, and encourage safe pedestrian movement. This policy applies to all Over Snow Vehicle users within the resort, including village roads.

2. Permit Requirements

- **Permit Application:** Owners must secure an Over Snow Vehicle Permit from Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV) by completing an annual application form.
- **Criteria for Permit:**
 - The vehicle must serve a genuine commercial, emergency, or ski field operational need.
 - The applicant must have the required insurance and comply with relevant laws and regulations.
 - The vehicle must not replicate services provided by the resort's contracted transport provider.
 - For passenger transport services outside the contracted provider's scope, written approval from ARV is required.
 - The vehicle must be registered with Safe Transport Victoria and comply with relevant safety and registration standards.
 - Drivers must have a valid Australian or international driver's licence.

3. How to Apply for a Permit

1. **Email ARV:** Send an email to info@fallscreek.com.au, providing clear reasoning as to why the request for an Over Snow Vehicle permit is required, including what the intended use of the vehicle is.
2. Requests that satisfy the criteria will have an Over Snow Vehicle Application Form emailed to the applicant. Requests that do not satisfy the criteria will also be advised by return email.
3. Complete the Form: Fill out the application form with all required details.



4. **Submit Supporting Documentation:** Provide all necessary documentation, including proof of insurance, vehicle registration, and any other relevant certifications as noted in the Over Snow Vehicle Policy.
5. **Await Approval:** ARV will review and process the application. Approval is at the sole discretion of ARV.
6. **Pay the Application Fee:** if approval is received, submit the application fee as specified in the fee schedule. Fee waivers may apply to certain entities.

4. Vehicle Standards

- **Emissions & Noise:** Vehicles must be up to date with servicing and running at optimum efficiency to eliminate any possibility of increased or additional engine noise as well as increased exhaust emissions.
- **Electromagnetic Interference:** Vehicles must be screened to eliminate interference with other signals.
- **Mechanical Safety:** Vehicles must be in good mechanical condition with all safety features operational. The vehicle should be checked daily for oil and fuel leaks.
- **Insurance:** Vehicles must have appropriate insurance for registration in Victoria.

5. Permit Stickers and Operator Cards

- ARV will provide permit stickers for each approved vehicle, in addition to operator cards for snowmobile operators once mandatory ARV training has been completed. Stickers must be visibly fixed to the vehicle, and operator cards must be carried at all times.

6. Training

- Employers must ensure compliance with the Occupational Health & Safety Act 2004.
- Mandatory training about where Over Snow Vehicles can be used within resort boundaries and other Falls Creek specific considerations is required for all new snowmobile users before an operator card is issued.

7. Areas of Use

- **Yellow Permit:** Access to the village only.
- **Red Permit:** Access to the village and ski field area.
- **Blue Permit:** Access to all areas within the resort boundary.



- No vehicles are permitted below the village Gully Carpark entry point.

8. Operational Guidelines

- **Alcohol:** Vehicles must be operated with a BAC level in accordance with Victorian State Law.
- **Speed:** Vehicles must adhere to defined resort speed limits, with a maximum of 15 km/h on village roads.
- **Helmet Use:** Approved helmets are mandatory for all vehicle operators, except for ATVs and UTVs with fully enclosed ROPs.

9. Misuse of Vehicles

- Misuse includes operating beyond the vehicle's rated capacity, causing disturbances, dangerous operation, and using the vehicle outside permit conditions. Breaches may result in permit cancellation.

10. Post-Season Removal

- Vehicles must be removed from roadway parking areas at the end of the declared snow season. Non-compliance may result in impoundment and affect future permit applications.

11. Permit Fees

- Fees cover vehicle entry, use, driving, parking, and ARV administration costs. Fee waivers apply to certain entities like emergency services and contracted providers.

12. Reporting Misuse of Over Snow Vehicles

- **How to Report:** If you observe misuse of an Over Snow Vehicle, report it to ARV by:
 - **Contacting ARV:** Call the Falls Creek ARV office on (03) 5758 1200 or use the online reporting form available at falls creek.com.au
 - **Providing Details:** Include details such as the vehicle's registration number, location, time of the incident, and a description of the misuse.
 - **Confidentiality:** Reports can be made anonymously, and ARV will handle all reports confidentially.



13. Enforcement Actions

- Breaches of the policy may result in warnings, infringement notices, permit cancellation, and vehicle impoundment. Gross breaches may lead to immediate permit cancellation.

14. Responsibilities

- **ARV:** Ensure policy implementation and compliance.
- **Authorised Officers:** Issue warnings or infringements for breaches.
- **Permit Holders:** Comply with regulations and policy requirements.

15. Legislation

- Over Snow Vehicles are governed by various acts and regulations, including the Road Management Act 2004, Road Safety Act 1986, and Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997.





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