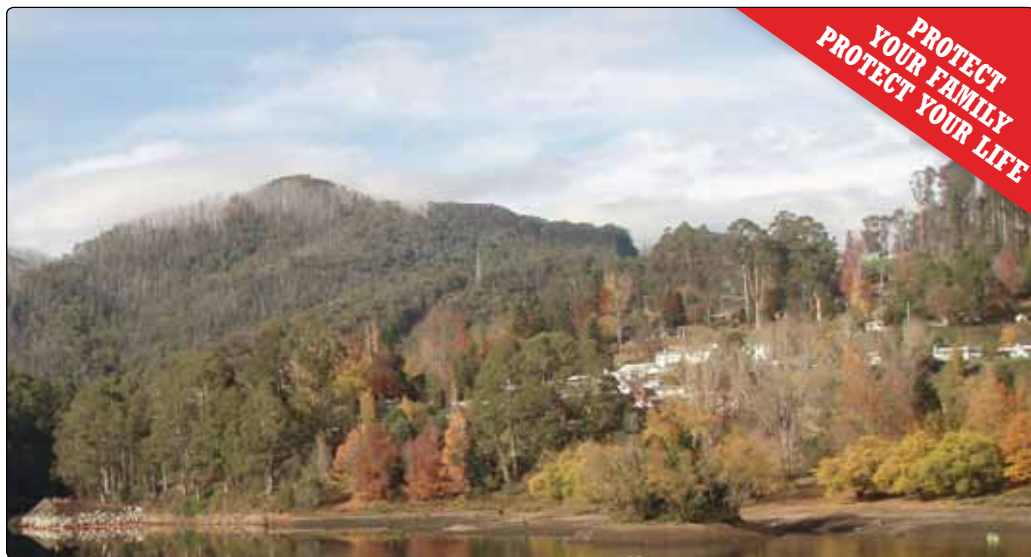


Prepare - Act - Survive



Bushfire rating: **EXTREME**

Fire Authorities have assessed Bogong Village as having an **EXTREME** bushfire risk. Local residents and visitors should be prepared for fire and have a plan for when the Fire Danger Rating is **SEVERE**, **EXTREME** or **CODE RED**.

This community information guide includes a map containing key elements of Bogong Village's bushfire risk. At the time of publication, there are **NO** designated Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort at Bogong Village.

Important community bushfire safety information is provided to help you make informed decisions about how to survive a bushfire, whether you're a local resident or a visitor to the area. Planning and preparation can save lives in a bushfire. Use this community information guide to help you and your family to prepare.



Prepare

It's important if **you** live, work and travel in this area, to plan what **you** will do if a bushfire threatens.

Understand **your** bushfire risk

- Bogong Village has been assessed as having an EXTREME bushfire risk in accordance with the Victorian Fire Risk Register.
- Leaving Bogong Village on a Severe, Extreme or Code Red day before a fire starts is your safest option.
- If a fire takes hold in or around Bogong Village, your ability to leave safely is greatly reduced.
- Bogong Village has experienced two major fires in the last ten years.
- Bushfires move quickly uphill, and the layout of Bogong Village increases fire impact/risk.
- Bogong Village is an isolated community and emergency services may not be able to attend due to time and access conditions.
- The only travel route in and out of Bogong Village may become blocked.
- Know the daily Fire Danger Rating in the district where you live or travel **www.cfa.vic.gov.au**

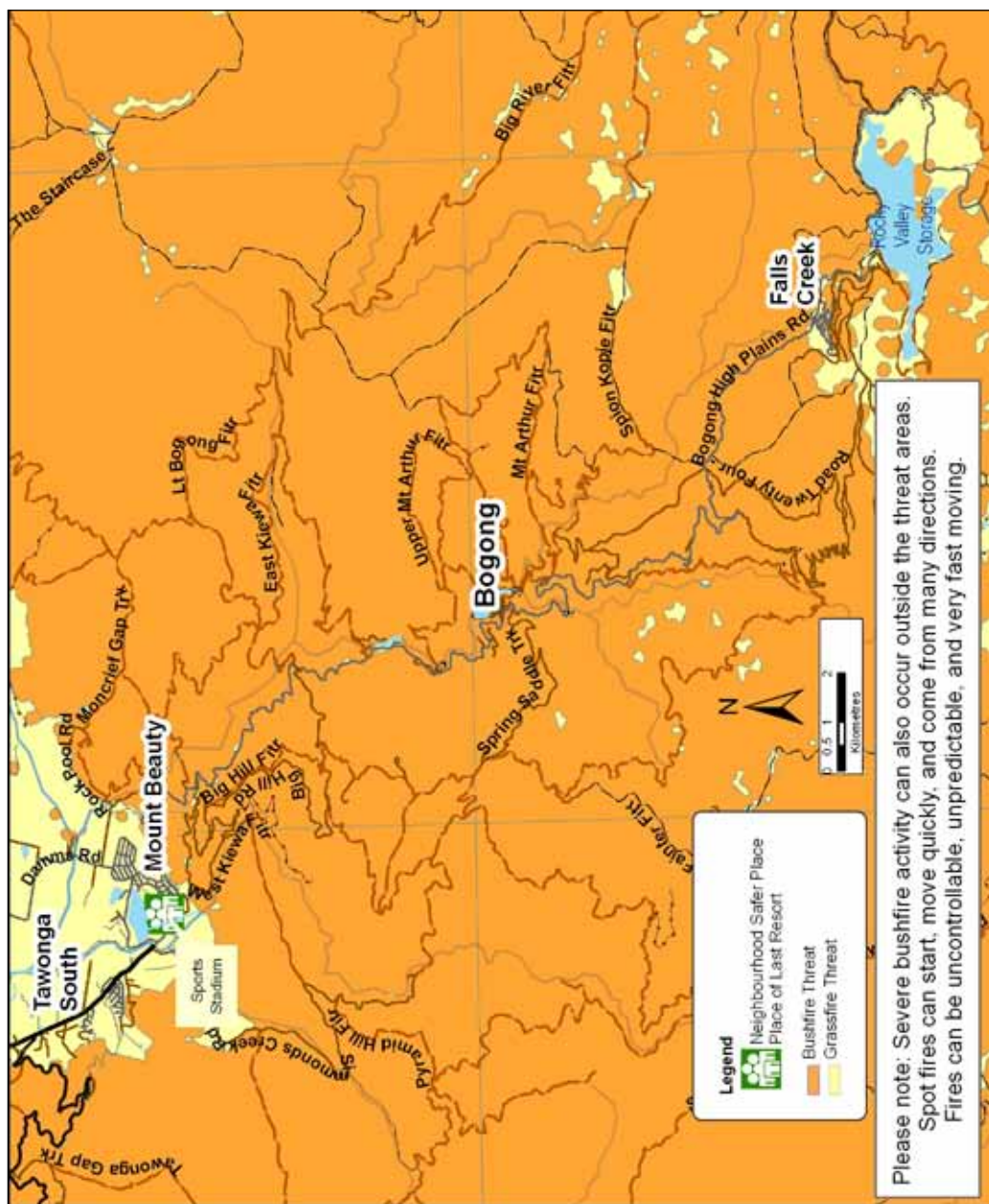
Reduce **your** bushfire risk

- Property owners have an obligation to ensure their properties are prepared against the threat of fire (e.g clean spouts, reduce vegetation, rubbish etc).
- If you have any queries, confer with the Bogong Village Management Team.
- **Develop and practise your Bushfire Survival Plan.**
- **You will also need to plan for your pets' safety.**
- You can attend or join:
 - A local Fire Ready Victoria meeting
 - A Bushfire Planning Workshop
 - A neighbourhood Community Fireguard Group
- **The Household Bushfire Self-Assessment Tool is available to help individuals assess the bushfire risk on their own property.**



You can download the CFA FireReady kit, containing the full Leaving Early Planning Template from **cfa.vic.gov.au**, or call **1800 226 226 (TTY 1800 122 969)**

Bogong Village Bushfire Threat Map





Prepare

FACT

It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bushfire. You need to act decisively in accordance with your **Bushfire Survival Plan** when fires threaten. Your survival depends on your preparations and the decisions you make.



Leave early

Leaving early is always the safest option.

Leaving early is more important when:

- The Fire Danger Rating is **CODE RED**. Homes aren't designed to withstand a bushfire during these conditions. Any fire that starts and takes hold will be so intense that you won't be safe to stay and defend your home – no matter how well prepared it is.
- There are children, elderly or disabled people in your home. People who are vulnerable due to age, health or any other reason, should always leave early.
- You have not prepared yourself or your property to give you and your home the best level of protection from a fire.
- Your house is not defensible. Some homes are not safe to defend because of their location or construction.

If you plan to leave, then you should leave well before a fire reaches your area and well before you are under threat. Follow the actions recommended for the Fire Danger Rating of the day (see pages 6 and 7). **Visit CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au**

Where will you go?

- Is it a safe choice? You may choose somewhere that suits your personal needs and circumstances, e.g. a family member's house in an urban area with a backyard for your pet, or shopping centre complex, or central business district of a large regional centre.
- If you don't have any other options, you may wish to consider the following township:
Wodonga.
- If you decide to leave early, ensure you notify Bogong Village Management.

If you - or someone you care for - will need help to prepare and leave early when there is high fire risk, obtain a Red Cross **Bushfire: Preparing to leave early guide** at **www.cfa.vic.gov.au** or request a copy by phoning the **VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226**

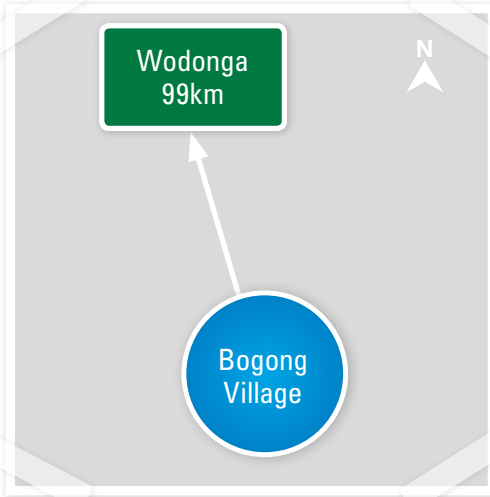
PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

PREPARE. You must make important decisions before the fire season starts.

ACT. The higher the Fire Danger Rating, the more dangerous the conditions.

SURVIVE. Fires may threaten without warning, so you need to know what you will do to survive.

- Where the fire danger is Extreme or Code Red, leaving early is the safest option.
- Leaving early can be the night before or early in the day.



How you can stay in touch

- Bookmark the VicEmergency webpage (www.emergency.vic.gov.au).
- Follow CFA on Twitter (www.twitter.com/cfa_updates).
- Join the CFA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cfavic).
- Access the CFA mobile website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile
- Download the VicEmergency app if you have a smartphone or tablet Apple (App Store) and Android (Google play).
- Beware, cordless home phones will NOT work if the mains power supply is cut.
- Wireless communications, internet and landlines may vary between service providers.
- Mobile phone coverage in and around Bogong Village is generally poor, and may not be accessible during times of emergency and may vary between service providers.
- There is no community-alerting siren operating in this township.
- Sirens sounding nearby are a trigger for you to seek information, as they may indicate fire activity in your area. When you hear a siren, further information may be available via ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, and SKY News TV (see page 16).
- Regularly observe what is happening outside and check all information sources.
- If unsure contact Bogong Village Management.

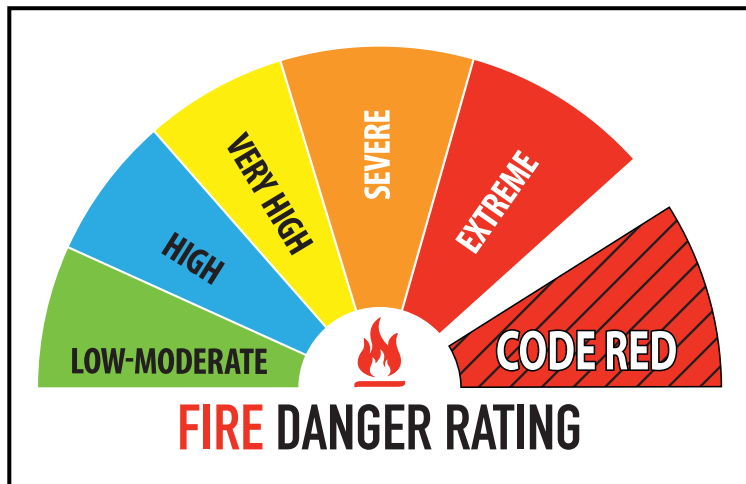


A written fire plan may save your life - would you remember a plan that's just in your head if your surrounded by smoke, heat, flame and noise?



Act

Note *your* district's
Fire Danger Rating
daily as *your* trigger
to act.



Bogong Village is in the North East Fire District



Triggers

CODE RED

EXTREME

SEVERE

VERY HIGH

HIGH

LOW- MODERATE

Actions

What does it mean?	What should I do?
<p>These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire.</p> <p>Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions.</p> <p>The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.</p>	<p>Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option – do not wait and see.</p> <p>Avoid forested areas, thick bush and long, dry grass.</p> <p>Know your trigger.</p> <p>Make a decision about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –when you will leave –where you will go –how you will get there –when you will return –what you will do if you cannot leave
<p>Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions.</p> <p>If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and will come from many directions.</p> <p>Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety.</p> <p>You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.</p>	<p>Consider staying with your property only if you are prepared to the highest level. This means your home needs to be situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, you are well prepared and you can actively defend your home if a fire starts.</p> <p>If you are not prepared to the highest level, leaving high risk bushfire areas early in the day is your safest option.</p> <p>Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.</p>
<p>Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions.</p> <p>If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable.</p> <p>Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety.</p> <p>You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.</p>	<p>Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – check your bushfire survival plan.</p> <p>If you are not prepared, leaving bushfire prone areas early in the day is your safest option.</p> <p>Be aware of local conditions and get information by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or Sky News TV, going to www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.</p>
<p>If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.</p> <p>Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk.</p> <p>Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits apply.</p>	<p>Check your bushfire survival plan.</p> <p>Monitor conditions.</p> <p>Action may be needed.</p> <p>Leave if necessary.</p>



Act

Planned Emergency



Understanding Warnings

- A warning will be issued when any type of emergency could impact you or your property.
- Warnings aim to provide you with the best advice and information on what is happening to help you make good decisions to protect yourself and others.
- Remember: don't rely on an official warning to leave. Emergencies can start quickly and threaten you within minutes.
- Always use more than one source for your emergency information.

Evacuation

You may be advised to evacuate by police or emergency services. In fast-moving situations, you may not always receive a warning or recommendation to evacuate. Stay informed, aware of local conditions and the Fire Danger Rating, so that you can plan ahead and make the right decision in a bushfire. Leaving early is always the safest option. Refer to 'Community Evacuation Information', available at

www.police.vic.gov.au

Should a recommendation to evacuate be made, the following advice would apply:

- A fire is rapidly advancing.
- If advised, travel to the evacuation destination as advised by emergency services.
- Strictly follow all instructions and advice.



Community information

- A newsletter containing updates for communities affected by an emergency.
- Can also be used as notification that an incident has occurred but there is no threat to community.



Advice

- An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.
- Can also be used as a notification that activity in the area has subsided and is no longer a danger to you.



Warning (Watch & Act)

- An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.



Emergency Warning

- You are in imminent danger and need to take action immediately.



Prepare to evacuate/evacuate now

- An evacuation is recommended or procedures are in place to evacuate.

Emergency Service Actions

Fire Agencies

- Saving life is the highest priority
- Issue advice and warnings
- Control and manage fire fighting activities
- Where safe to do so, protect:
 - Identified community assets
 - Property
 - The environment

Victoria Police

- Keep people safe and property secure
- Control traffic in bushfire areas
- Manage evacuations
- Register people who have evacuated
- Work with other agencies to keep the community informed

Bogong Village

- Communication and power cannot always be guaranteed
- Water supplies may be limited
- In the event of an emergency, access in or out of the village may be blocked

Alpine Shire

- Activate Municipal Emergency Management Plans
- Support and work with Emergency Services and responding Agencies
- Assist with the provision of local information to the Community and Media
- Activate and support Emergency Relief Centres when required
- Assist and support the Community to recover from the emergency

VicRoads

- Manage road closures on advice from Police and Fire Agencies
- Undertake safety inspections of roads prior to opening
- Provide advice to communities about road closures



Bushfire Survival

WHAT TO DO

Leave Early

- When the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, leaving early is always the safest option
- Leave early destinations could include homes of families & friends who live outside the risk area, a nearby town or built up area

Always the safest option



Well Prepared

If leaving the high-risk area is no longer an option, there may be options close to where you are that could protect you. These include:

Your safety is



For more information on how to prepare your own
www.cfa.vic.gov.au VicEmergency Hotline

Options

- A well prepared home (yours or your neighbours') that you can actively defend on Severe & Extreme Fire Danger Rating days only
- Private Bushfire Shelter (bunker) that meets current regulations
- Designated community fire refuge

not guaranteed

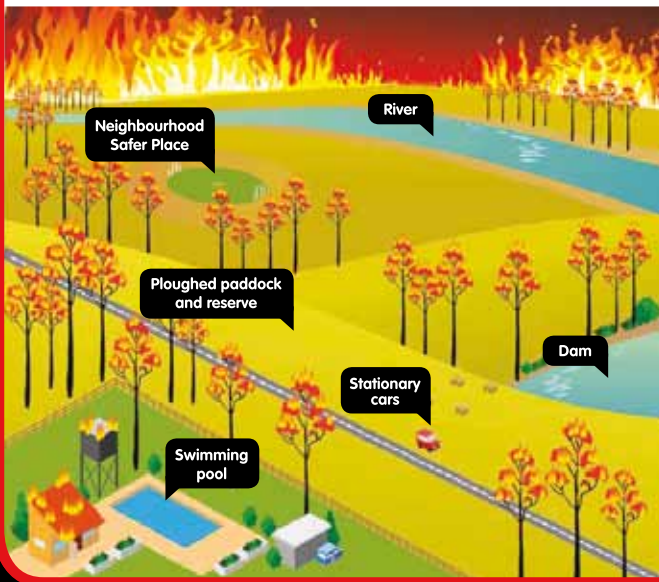


Last Resort

In situations where no other options are available to you, taking shelter in one of the below may protect from radiant heat:

- Neighbourhood Safer Place (place of last resort)
- Stationary car in a clear area
- Ploughed paddock or reserve
- Body of water (i.e. beach, swimming pool, dam, river, etc.)

High risk of trauma, injury or death



Bushfire Survival Plan:
1800 226 226

Survive

Fire may threaten without warning, so **you** need to know what to do to survive.

Community Fire Refuges

- A Community Fire Refuge is a purpose built or modified building that provides short-term protection from radiant heat and embers. Community Fire Refuges are designed to be a last resort option if your personal survival plan has failed during a bushfire event.
- There is **NO** Community Fire Refuge located in Bogong Village.

Activate **your** bushfire survival plan **early**

- Remember, bushfires can happen when least expected. Planning and preparation are essential.
- A last-minute decision may cost you and your family your lives.
- **You may not receive an official warning about a bushfire.**
- Do NOT expect a fire truck at your property.
- Your survival and safety depend on the decisions you make.
- Always tell family, friends or neighbours and Bogong Village Management what you are planning to do.
- Regularly observe and be aware of what is happening in the environment around you.

Leaving late is **DANGEROUS**

- Travel on roads in this area during a fire is dangerous.
- You may be impacted by fire, and visibility may be poor due to smoke.
- The roads may be blocked due to falling trees, collisions or emergency vehicles.
- The only travel route in and out of Bogong Village may be blocked.
- Don't assume you can turn back, as the road may have become blocked behind you.
- Lives are more likely to be lost when people make a last-minute decision to flee a bushfire.
- The risk of being overrun by bushfire is very real.
- People caught in the open are likely to face severe and often fatal levels of radiant heat.
- Leaving late is a DEADLY option.

It is important that you plan to leave early (see page 4). Assemble a relocation kit.

Have a relocation kit with essential items already prepared and make sure it is stored in an easily accessible place.

Some of the things that you might like to include in your kit are:

Protective clothing made from natural fibres

Woollen blankets

Water and medications

Toiletries and sanitary supplies

Mobile phone and charger

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Important documents

First aid kit

Cash, ATM/credit cards

Valuables and photos

Battery powered radio

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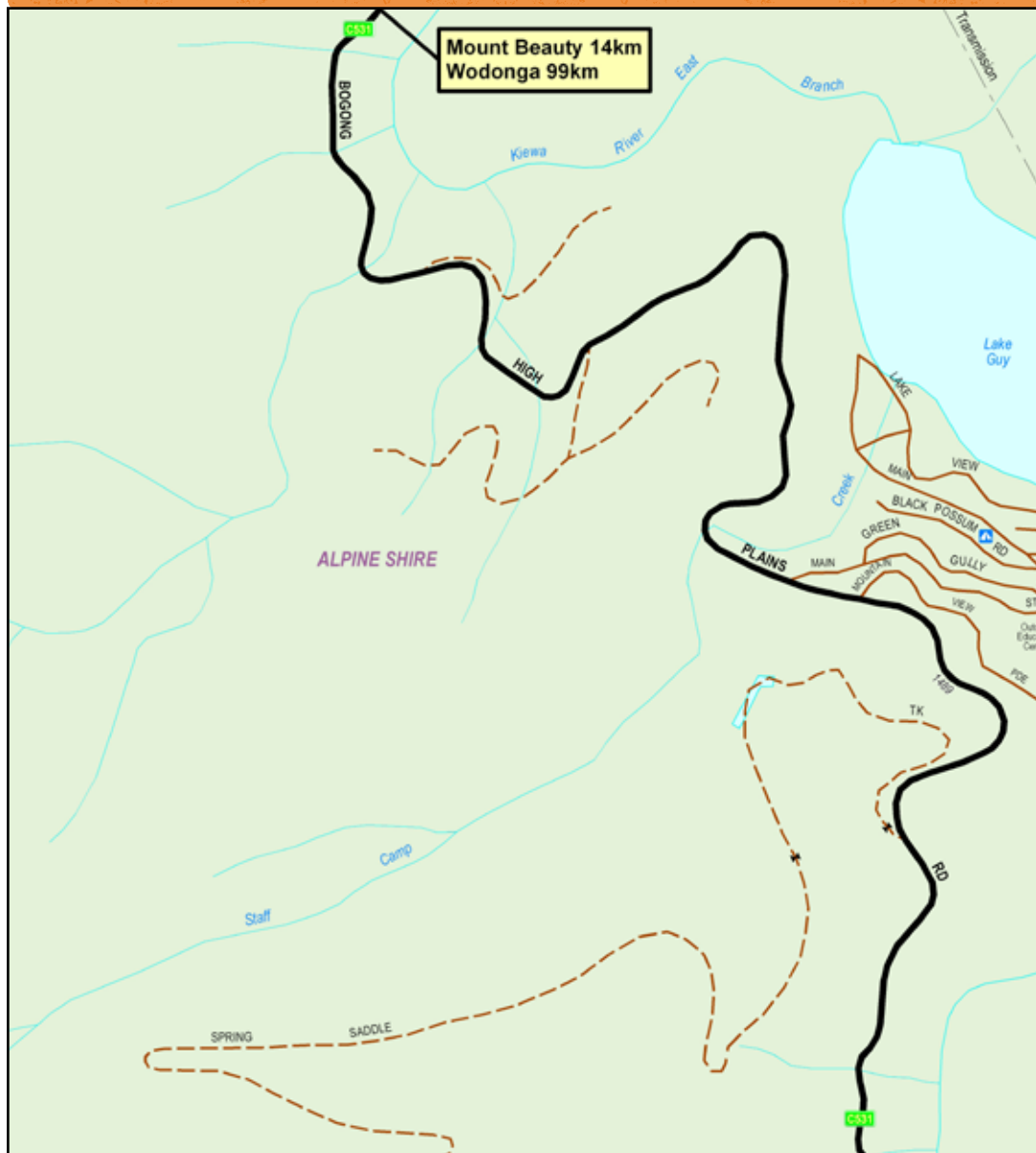
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Bogong Village Community Map



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In EMERGENCY dial 000 (TTY 106)

Do not call Triple Zero for information or advice. Calling Triple Zero unnecessarily may put others who are in a genuine emergency situation at risk.

VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226 **Emergency Contact Information**

Download the VicEmergency app, the official Victorian Government App for access to community information and warnings.

Monitor the VicEmergency App and tune into your emergency broadcaster and VicEmergency website (www.emergency.vic.gov.au) on days of high fire danger ratings is the most reliable way of staying informed. Mains power may be unavailable, or fail, during fire and emergencies – keep a battery powered radio available.

Emergency Broadcasters: Sky News TV, ABC 106.5 FM, ABC 720 AM, 102.1 Edge FM, 3NE 1566 AM, 1494 AM 2AY, HIT 104.9 FM & MMM 105.7 FM, Alpine Radio 96.5 FM

Road closures: 13 11 70 www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

National Park, State Forest and Park closures: 13 19 63 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

School, early childhood services and bus route closures: www.education.vic.gov.au

24 Hour Wildlife Emergency: 13 000 WILDLIFE or 1300 094 535

24 Hour NURSE-ON-CALL: 1300 60 60 24

Bushfire Information:

VicEmergency website: www.emergency.vic.gov.au

CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Follow CFA on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/cfa_updates](https://twitter.com/cfa_updates)

Join the CFA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cfavic

FFMvic website (Planned burning): www.ffm.vic.gov.au



Further Information

Dept of Human Services: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/emergency

Forest Fire Management Victoria: 13 61 86 www.ffm.vic.gov.au

Weather: www.bom.gov.au

CFA District Office: (02) 6043 4400 (**non emergency calls only**)

Alpine Shire: (03) 5755 0555 www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au

Deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired? **Contact the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677** if you use a **TTY, 1800 555 727** if you use Speak and Listen, and then ask for: **1800 226 226**