



# Recreation Information for Uriarra Village Residents



## Introduction

The planned enlargement of the Cotter Reservoir to twenty times its current size will make this an even more important part of the ACT's water supply. Good catchment management is critical to ensure a high quality water supply. Residents of Uriarra Village - located close to the catchment - will have a unique opportunity to assist in keeping our water supply catchment in good condition.

## What Can You Do To Help?

Uriarra Village residents can help by adhering to restrictions on recreation activities. There are also opportunities to take part in hands-on activities in the Cotter Reservoir catchment, including revegetation and catchment restoration work.

## Get Out There!

Apart from the range of recreation facilities within the Village, there are many more things to do in the surrounding area. All public land around the Village is available for non-motorised activities such as walking and cycling. Further afield, the Cotter Reserve and Uriarra Crossing have great picnic and BBQ facilities.

However, recreational activities that could negatively impact on water quality or ecological integrity are subject to restrictions. These restrictions are outlined in a Recreation Strategy developed under the *Lower Cotter Catchment Strategic Management Plan*. The Recreation Strategy is available on the TAMS website.

## Restrictions on Recreation Activities

**Motorbikes and cars:** Unregistered bikes and cars are not permitted on any public land. Registered vehicles are allowed on formed roads unless access is restricted by gates or signs.

**Use of Cotter Reservoir:** Fishing, swimming and boating are not permitted in the Cotter Reservoir. Fishing is currently permitted in the Cotter River upstream of the junction with Pierces Creek, subject to bag and size limits, as well as seasonal closures.

**Camping:** Camping is strictly prohibited in the water catchment of the Cotter Reservoir. Camping facilities are located at nearby Cotter Campground and Blue Range Hut (booking required).

**Horses and dogs:** Restrictions on horse riding and dogs are necessary to prevent impacts on water quality and conservation values. Horse riding is permitted in the areas shown in green on the map overleaf (map is subject to change). Riding in these areas is restricted to formed roads and marked horse trails only. Dogs are not permitted in the water quality protection zone of the Cotter Reservoir catchment. Restrictions will also be made known by on-site signage.

**Fires:** Fires are not permitted anywhere in the catchment of the Cotter Reservoir. Fires on other public land must be in a fireplace and are subject to seasonal restrictions. No fires are permitted on Total Fire Ban days. Firewood collection (both pine and hardwood) is not permitted on public land.

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