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In November 2019, as forest fires worked their way south along the Great Dividing Range, I walked for a week in the Australian Alps. The wild granite tors, the delicate beauty of the snow gums, and the exhilarating freedom of the Alpine herb fields always lift my spirits. In late spring and early summer, this landscape still carries the memory of snow, of a magic, ethereal otherworld I came to know on skis as a child. Slicks of ice remain tucked under crags. It is a place apart, of

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subtle colours and sharp air, where ranges of cerulean blue cascade in receding waves to the horizon. (From the article)

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