

WALKS

scenic trails and tracks

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MONGA NATIONAL PARK

1. Penance Grove

This beautiful gully is shrouded in a cool, temperate rainforest. Ancient plumwood trees form a cathedral-like canopy over a variety of delicate ferns. Mosses and lichen cling to their trunks and give the grove its luminous colour. Patches of tall mosses grow like miniature pine forests. Lyrebirds are often seen scratching through the leaves. Enjoy a picnic by the peaceful Mongarlowe River, only 400 metres from the Penance Grove carpark, before embarking on this stunning walk.

Length: 250m loop
Time: 15 – 30 minutes
Grade: Easy, wheelchair access for first 50m of boardwalk
Start: via River Forest Road from Kings Highway

2. Mongarlowe River Walking Track

A short stroll leads to the Mongarlowe River and possible platypus sightings. Monga and Gippsland waratahs bloom along the banks between October and December. Mongarlowe River picnic area is well equipped with picnic tables, BBQs, toilets and the area is suitable for people with disabilities.

Length: 300m loop
Time: 15 – 30 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Mongarlowe River picnic area, via River Forest Road from Kings Highway

3. The Corn Trail

The Corn Trail follows the route used by Aboriginal people and later by pack-horse teams of early settlers in the 1830s. The trail encompasses high mountain ridges and deep rainforest valleys, offering beautiful views of the landscape. It crosses two rivers and passes through majestic eucalypt forests. Some parts of the track are very steep, and most people follow the trail downhill.

Length: 16km one way
Time: 6 – 7 hours downhill
Grade: Moderate to difficult
Start: Batemans Bay, follow the Kings Highway for 40km
(top) turn left into River Forest to the Dasyurus picnic area
Finish: Follow the Kings Highway for 29.5km and turn
(bottom) left into Misty Mountain Road, then right onto No Name Mountain Road (40 minute drive from Kings Highway)



MURRAMARANG NATIONAL PARK

4. Pebbly Beach to Snake Bay

The northern section of Murramarang National Park is spectacular, with pristine beaches, forest, colourful heath and great vantage points. This half-day walk is a perfect taste of the varied landscape. From the carpark, take the track to Clear Point (1.7km), a lovely grassy headland with fantastic views where kangaroos often graze. Explore the rock platforms around the point if you're feeling adventurous. Continue to Snake Bay where the track ends. Return to Pebbly Beach the way you came. BBQs, picnic tables and toilets are available there.

Length: 5.6km return
Time: 2 hours
Grade: Moderate
Start: Pebbly Beach campground carpark

5. Pebbly Beach to Durras Mountain

Durras Mountain is a steep climb but worth the effort for the 360-degree bushland views at the top. Walk around the summit to find keyhole views to Montague Island and Pigeon House Mountain. A rewarding walk for photographers and in spring, you might be lucky to spot a whale or two. Start your walk at the Pebbly Beach campground carpark, where BBQs, picnic tables and toilets are available.

Length: 6.6km return
Time: 3.5 hours
Grade: Moderate to difficult
Start: Pebbly Beach campground carpark and picnic area

6. Depot Beach Rainforest Walk

This is a looping track that winds through the coastal rainforest. Information signs along the track explain the past existence of rainforest in the area. Children will enjoy the many stepping stones and balancing logs that line the path. Afterwards, take a leisurely stroll along the beach and across the rock platforms to see rock pools teeming with sea life, colour and unusual patterns.

Length: 400m loop
Time: 15 – 45 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Start and finish at Depot Beach off Depot Gutter Road

7. Durras Lake Discovery Trail

The trail features a lookout tower, several boardwalks and some timber bridges and gates. Burrawangs, ferns and spotted gums are the predominant flora and stands of palms native to this region abound. Signage describes the forest's early logging history. The walk begins and ends by the shores of Durras Lake, regarded as one of the most unspoiled waterways in NSW.

Length: 1.5km loop
Time: 30 – 90 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Take the North Durras/Depot Beach turnoff from the Princes Highway 14km north of Batemans Bay, then Durras North Road and turn into dirt track (Lake Road) marked 'Discovery Trail' and continue to the carpark near the lake

8. Ancient Headlands

This leisurely walk loops around ancient headlands and scenic beaches. Follow the left fork track to Dark Beach and explore the shingle-covered southern section. Here you can look for fossils in the unique rock formations and admire a band of volcanic rock separating white sand from black sand. Return to the fork and take the left track to extend this walk through the enchanted forest 400m south to beautiful Myrtle Beach. Stop to admire this stunning ancient headland from the platform on the way.

Length: 2.5km return
Time: 1 hour
Grade: Easy to moderate
Start: Myrtle Beach carpark, off the Old Coast Road south of South Durras and Murramarang Resort



CULLENDULLA CREEK NATURE RESERVE

9. Mangrove Walk

Seven thousand years of shoreline events are preserved in the "chenier" dune complex at Cullendulla Creek Nature Reserve. One of the most extensive stands of mangroves south of Sydney, it also has significant Aboriginal middens and burial sites. The walk winds through an exceptional landscape of Marine Park Sanctuary Zone via a 300m boardwalk, the beach and a track. There are informative signs along the way.

Length: 1km loop
Time: 15 – 45 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Cullendulla Creek Nature Reserve, Myamba Parade, Surfside

Short Walks (up to 1 hour) Long Walks (1-12 hours)

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BATEMANS BAY TO MORUYA

10. Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

The garden sits on 42 hectares of forest, showcasing plants native to the region. Enjoy birds and other native wildlife that share the garden. Features include display garden, herbarium, nursery, arboretum, picnic and BBQ areas, playground, a visitors centre and café. Admission is free. Open Wed to Sun, 9am – 4pm and every day of the NSW school and public holidays, except Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Length: 6 tracks from 500m to 2km, 6km in total
Time: 10 minutes – 2 hours
Grade: Easy, 2 tracks with limited mobility access
Start: Turn east off Princes Highway, 5km south of Batemans Bay, on Deep Creek Dam Road

11. Mogo State Forest Bushwalk

Tucked in behind the historic town of Mogo, this bushwalk meanders through wet and dry eucalypt forests. This walk provides a shady haven in summer and is suitable for all the family. The forest features majestic spotted gums with an understorey of burrawang cycads. Swamp wallabies often dart through the bush and in autumn, and early winter male lyrebirds display their magnificent tail feathers.

Length: 1.6km return
Time: 20 minutes
Grade: Easy with some steps
Start: Eastern side of the Princes Highway at Mogo via Tomakin Road then James Street

12. Burrewarra Point Banksia Walk

Burrewarra Point has a charming walk through a mature banksia forest with views of the south coast and hinterland. It is a fine place to spot whales from September to November. In autumn, the large grey-green flower spikes of the banksias open, attracting a variety of nectar-eating birds. The cliff edges are not fenced, making the walk unsuitable for toddlers and small children.

Length: 1.5km return
Time: 20 – 50 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Carpark at end of Burri Point Road, Guerilla Bay, off George Bass Drive, south of Batemans Bay



13. Broulee Island Nature Reserve

Broulee Island is joined to the mainland by a permanent sandbar and is always accessible. Find it at the southern end of North Broulee Beach and park at Broulee Island Walk Carpark. Take the track down to Shark Bay, where a short beach walk leads you to the island. Photographers will enjoy the ocean vistas across pristine rock pools. The walk features native plants and is known for birdlife, including the superb fairy wren and white-bellied sea eagle.

Length: 4km return
Time: 1 – 2 hours including the beach walk
Grade: Moderate
Start: Broulee Island Walk Carpark, at the end of Harbour Drive (turn right off Bayside Street)

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14. Bingi Dreaming Track

The walk begins at Congo and follows part of the dreaming track used by the Brinja-Yuin people. Through eucalypt forests, heathlands and wildflowers, this track takes in beach views, headlands (watch for whales in spring), and the Coila Lake shoreline. You'll spot a variety of birds and wildlife all year round.

Length: 27km return Congo to Tuross Head; 16km return Congo to Bingie Bingie Point
Time: 8 – 12 hours Congo to Tuross Head; 6 hours Congo to Bingie Bingie Point return
Grade: Moderate to difficult (some sand)
Start: The carpark off Congo Road, south of Congo village.

It might be worth considering a one way trip and parking a car at the start and end point of your journey. Parking is available at Meringo, Bingie Bingie Point and on Tuross Boulevard, Tuross Head.

BODALLA STATE FOREST

15. Bodalla Historic Town Walk

Take a walk back in time through Bodalla and ponder the village as it was. Beginning at the All Saints Church, continue south past the Bodalla Cottage, memorial hall, bakery, post office and on to the old police station where you cross over the highway to the fire shed. Continue south and turn down Sutcliffe Street. At the old Bodalla School follow the street north past the Uniting Church, Stone Shed and complete the walk at Bodalla Arms Hotel.

Length: 3.5km return
Time: 2 hours
Grade: Easy
Start: All Saints Church, Princes Highway, Bodalla

16. Mummuga Lake Walk

A level grade well-signposted track winds through a forest of spotted gums and cycads to the northern shore of Mummuga Lake, returning to the rest area where facilities include toilets and picnic tables. Local wildlife is a feature of this area; birds, reptiles and marsupials call this forest home.

Length: 2km loop
Time: 1 hour
Grade: Easy
Start: Bodalla Forest Park rest area, Princes Highway, 10km north of Narooma, 11km south of Bodalla

17. Dalmeny to Potato Point via Lake Brou

This is a long, wild and natural beach walk. From the park opposite the shops in Dalmeny, cross the wooden footbridge onto Dalmeny Beach and head north. You will come to the mouth of the magnificent Lake Brou after about 4km, right near a stretch of distinctive sandy red cliffs. Here is a possible turning point, or continue to Jemisons Point and then to Potato Point, where you can enjoy a rest and the view from the bench seat high on the south side of the point.

Length: 14km return (or 8km return to Brou Lake)
Time: 4 – 5 hours
Grade: Moderate
Start: At the park opposite Dalmeny shops, north Narooma, (tourist drive 5)



NAROOMA AND BEYOND

18. Box Cutting Rainforest Walk

The walk descends into a gully of grey myrtle rainforest featuring trees laden with mosses and lichens. Bright orange and white fungi glow in the cool shade, and birds-nest ferns grow in the dense canopy. Wonga pigeons, lyrebirds, satin bowerbirds and crimson rosellas are regulars in the rainforest.

Length: 700m loop
Time: 35 minutes
Grade: Easy with some steep sections
Start: Box Cutting Road, via Kianga Rd (Princes Highway, north of Narooma)

19. Mill Bay Boardwalk

The 350 metre Mill Bay Boardwalk from Apex Park (on the northern side of the inlet) is the perfect way to appreciate the natural beauty of Narooma and watch the many activities on its expansive waterway. Look out for large schools of fish and stingrays as you walk. Continue your walk over the bridge and wind your way along Riverside Drive past mangroves to the seafood eateries and cafés at Forsters Bay. Alternatively, follow the foreshore in front of the caravan park—walk past the jetty to Rotary Park then on to Australia Rock and the breakwall at the Wagonga Inlet entrance.

Length: 700m – 4km return
Time: 30 minutes – 2 hours
Grade: Easy, level wheelchair access on boardwalk
Start: Apex Park/Boat ramp off Centenary Drive on the northern side of the inlet



20. Mystery Bay Short Walk

From Mystery Bay campground follow the bush track north to Billy's Beach, a significant Aboriginal site and great for families. This small beach is enclosed by headlands and protected from the wind by surrounding bushland. At the northern end of the beach explore the rock pools, full of marine life. You'll be captivated by magnificent views of Montague Island along the way.

Length: 1km return
Time: 40 minutes
Grade: Easy
Start: Campground at Mystery Bay

21. Mystery Bay to 1080 Beach

A ten minute stroll from the entrance to Eurobodalla National Park will find you at Pooles Beach. Continue along the bush track for 50 minutes to 1080 Beach (pronounce it like the locals, 'ten-eighty'). Return the way you came, or at low tide it may be possible to reach Mystery Bay via the shoreline, traipsing over the rocks. For this route—take the stepped boardwalk down to the beach, go north around the headland and along a broken and rocky section of the coast. At Mystery Bay, take the opportunity to walk out on Boat Harbour Point, a rocky outcrop linked by a sandbar.

Length: 5km return
Time: 2 hours
Grade: Moderate
Start: At the beach carpark (end of Mystery Bay Road) or the entrance to Eurobodalla National Park on Lamont Young Drive, Mystery Bay

GULAGA NATIONAL PARK

22. Gulaga Mountain Walk

An ancient forested volcano, Gulaga and its landscape are important for Aboriginal people and especially significant to the Yuin women of the NSW South Coast. The steep track up the mountain was built in 1894 for gold miners. Take the gravel path between the café and carpark in Tilba Tilba and continue up the mountain. At 'Halfway Rock' the Battery Trail leads 1.6km off the main track around the side of the ridge to the foundations of the mine manager's residence. Return to the main track, and 30 minutes later you should reach 'The Saddle'—a great rest spot where magnificent giant granite tors are hidden in the rainforest. Push on to the summit with its spectacular views to the coast.

Length: 14km return
Time: 5 hours
Grade: Hard
Start: Near the café in Tilba Tilba

DEUA NATIONAL PARK

23. The Big Hole and Marble Arch

The thrilling start to this walk involves fording the knee-deep Shoalhaven River. An easy walk through stunning landscape leads to a viewing platform where the chasm known as 'Big Hole' spreads out before you. Adventurous hikers who continue to Marble Arch will be rewarded with the sight of the canyon's wide bands of marble, pretty ferns and a natural spring. Do not attempt this walk after or during rain—or if the Shoalhaven River is noticeably swollen. Please take a map or GPS.

Length: 3.5km return to The Big Hole;
10km return to Marble Arch
Time: 1–2 hours The Big Hole;
5 hours Marble Arch
Grade: Moderate
Start: Approx 38km south of Braidwood on Cooma/Krawarree Road. Park at Berlang camping area, Deua National Park

