

## Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Garawarra Farm Carpark (gps: -34.1801, 151.0393). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Garie Beach Car Park (gps: -34.1702, 151.0664). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/gftgb">http://wild.tl/gftgb</a>

# 0 | Garawarra Farm Carpark

(1.1 km 24 mins) From the Garawarra Farm car park, this walk heads east out of the car park to turn right onto the main dirt road (that leads into the car park). A short distance down the road this walk comes to an intersection just beyond the locked gate marked with a 'Coast Walk' and a 'Garawarra Ridge Management Trail' signpost. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Burning Palms, Era and Garie arrows on the Coast Walk signpost, winding along the bush track and down the long hill. The track gradually steepens and becomes a little rougher, winding down onto the ridge line and all the way along, until it breaks out of the trees and continues down through the short scrub and blade grass to the intersection of the bush track on the left.

#### 1.06 | Int of Burgh Ridge Track and Era Track (West)

(310 m 9 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading down the hill towards South Era beach. The track winds through the long grass to the intersection of the bush track at the large grassy clearing above the cabins.

#### 1.37 | Int of Burgh Ridge Track and Era Track (East)

(910 m 20 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads down the hill past the cabins to the bottom where it comes to South Era beach. From here, the walk continues around the back of the beach, keeping the ocean to the right as it continues up the other side to the top of the ridgeline where it comes to the intersection with a faint bush track (heading off to the left).

Continue straight: From the top of the ridge, the walk crosses the headland and open grassy area, down towards the beach (keeping the ocean to the right), coming to a 'North Era Bush Campground' sign just before the beach.

## 2.28 | North Era camping ground

North Era camping ground, Royal National Park, is a large dune area situated directly behind North Era Beach. This camping spot is

popular with surfers, and it also has a toilet and a cleared area to pitch your tent. A maximum of 36 people (12 sites) can camp here, so there is plenty of room for everyone. Open fires are not permitted, you can carry a fuel stove for cooking. A camping permit is required from NPWS before arriving (Phone:(02) 9542 068). Water is often available from the creek (treat before drinking), If dry you can walk to Garie Beach for water, although the water here may also be dried up, during a dry period it is best to carry all your water with you.

## 2.28 | North Era Bush Campground

(850 m 23 mins) Continue straight: Keeping the ocean and the coast to the right, the walk heads north across the North Era Bush Campground to the base of the large grassy hill, which it climbs steeply to the top. Upon reaching the top, the walk continues down the other side of the hill, winding down the bush track and wooden steps, until reaching the Little Garie Community Hall at the base of the hill.

# 3.13 | Little Garie

(750 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the Little Garie Community Hall, the walk heads down the hill, keeping the sea to the right of the track as it leads into the gully. The walk passes several old cabins as it approaches the bottom, where the track passes a 'Coast Walk' sign, providing information on erosion issues in this area. From here, the walk heads between the ocean on the right and the base of the large grassy hill on the left as the track narrows. This continues until arriving in the Garie Beach car park.

#### 3.88 | Garie Beach

Garie Beach, Royal National Park, is a large, south-east facing, yellow sand beach. The beach is backed by steep headlands and gullies. There is a large car park at the end of Garie Rd for access to the beach. Garie Beach is popular for surfing, patrolled 9am-5pm from December to January. Facilities include toilets, kiosk, picnic tables, cold showers and Surf Life Saving Club. The water from the shower should be treated before drinking, this water comes from a tank and may be unavailable during dry periods. More info.

