

Pines Circuit Walk



45 mins 1.7 km Circuit

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Moderate track

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427m

This short walk takes you into the moist forest around Dora Creek and is recommended. The walk visits a small waterfall and dammed pool then travels through forest, visiting the large open Pines picnic area before returning to the starting point. The section of this walk near Dora Creek is particularly pleasant on a hot day.

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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 Pines Camping Area (gps: -33.0629, 151.3366). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <u>http://wild.tl/pcw</u>

0 | The Pines Camping Area

The Pines Camping Area is large and popular, and positioned under large pine trees which provide excellent shade. These trees are remnants from trial plantings of different pine species, established in the 1920s and 1930s. The campsite has pit toilets, picnic tables, fireplaces and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). There is access to the creek for cooling off in the summer. <u>More info.</u>

0 | Pines Camping Area

(120 m 2 mins) From the Pines Camping area, this walk follows the track gently downhill (passing a 'Walking Track' sign on your left. Then this walk follows the track for about 30m to find a rotten timber footbridge. This walk crosses the footbridge and after about 10m, comes to a T-intersection with a track.

0.12 | Int of Pines and Abbotts Falls walking trails

(120 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, keeping the creek on your left. This walk follows the track (ignoring a creek ford to the left) for about 25m, to find stone cut steps. This walk follows the track down the stone steps for about 20m to find a small waterfall (on your left). The track continues gently downhill through moist forest for about 80m, until coming to timber railings and a dammed pool.

0.24 | Dammed Pool on the Pines Walking track

The dammed pool by Dora Creek (on the Pine walking track) is surrounded by lovely moist eucalypt forest and has an attractive dammed pool. Then is also evidence of axe-sharpening rubbing grooves on damp rock shelves from historical aboriginal use. The dammed pool is on the Pines loop walk, which can be begun from either the Pines campsite or the Pines picnic area. More info.

0.24 | Dammed Pool

(100 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the dammed pool, this walk follows the track along timber railing and then gently downhill, with the creek on your left. This walk follows the track, with the deep creek on your left (passing timber railings) for about 100m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track on the right.

0.33 | Pines Walk (creek intersection)

(620 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track moderately steeply uphill and away from the creek and keeping the timber track marker on your left. This walk follows the track through regrowth forest for about 260m, to find a rotten timber footbridge. The

walk crosses the bridge and continues to follow the track gently downhill for about 30m, to find another timber footbridge. The walk crosses the creek and footbridge and continues to follow the track gently uphill for about 110m, until another timber footbridge is crossed. Then this walk follows the track gently uphill for about 200m, until coming to the northern side of the Pines picnic area.

0.95 | Pines picnic Area (northern end)

(210 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the northern end of the Pines picnic area, this walk goes south and gently uphill through the picnic area and pine trees. This walk continues for about 200m, until coming to the toilet block on the management trail (Palmers Rd).

1.16 | Pines picnic area

This large picnic area is often used by groups participating in Forests NSW's school and community programs. The area provides plenty of tree cover, as well as a number of picnic benches and tables. There is a large shelter built and reserved for the Forests NSW's programs, but is available for use at any other time. The area is surrounded by native plants and animals.

1.16 | Pines Picnic Area Toilet Block on Palmers Rd

(470 m 10 mins) Veer right: From the toilet block on Palmers Rd, this walk travels north, passing through the picnic area(and keeping the metal shelter) on your left). This walk follow a track(30m past the metal shelter) gently downhill through pine trees for about 130m, to find a creek (on the left). This walk then continues to follow the track for about 140m (ignoring a timber stepped track which heads down to the creek), until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track and footbridge (on the left).

1.63 | Int of Pines & Abbotts Falls Track

 $(120 \ m \ 2 \ mins)$ Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill and towards a timber footbridge. The walk crosses the rotten timber footbridge), then continues along the track gently uphill for about 30m, until coming to the Pines Camping area.

