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Basin Campsite

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Wollombi Brook Pool

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Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an ejoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast (BOM Hunter District)
- 2) Fire Dangers (Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney Region)
- 3) Park Alerts ()
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.

Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.

Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).

Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include:

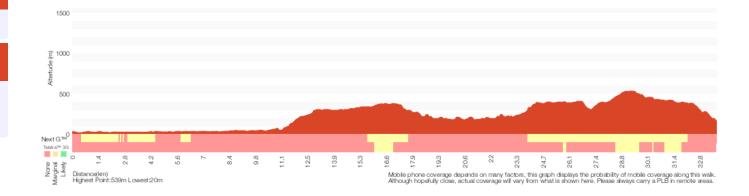
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Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is dertermined by the highest classification along the whole track.

4	Grade 4/6 Hard track			
Length	33.7 km One way			
Time	2 Days			
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)			
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)			
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)			
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)			
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)			



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 You can get to Yarramalong Track Head (gps: -33.2241, 151.2785) by car or bus. Bus: A bus School service runs along Yarramalong Rd from Wyong. Since this is a school bus service it only heads into Yarramalong twice a day. Phone Busway on (02) 4392 6666 to organise a pick up (they are happy to take passengers. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Int of GNW track & Watagan Creek Road(southside) (gps: -33.0286, 151.2739). Car: There is free parking available.

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

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0 | Yarramalong Track Head

(3.3 km 57 mins) From the 'Yarramalong Trackhead' (at the intersection of Yarramalong and Bumble Hill Roads), this walk follows the 'Cedar Brush Creek' sign along Yarramalong Road, away from Yarramalong Store. This walk continues through Yarramalong for about 400m, to cross a bridge over the Wyong River. Then this walk continues straight ahead past farm properties, undulating gently, for just shy of 3km, until coming to a three-way intersection, with 'Brush Creek Road' and a GNW 'Cedar Brush' sign on the left.

3.3 | Int of Brush Creek and Ravensdale Roads

(7.7 km 2 hrs 21 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker and Brush Creek Road gently downhill, while keeping Ravensdale Road on your right. This walk continues gently uphill, passing numerous farm properties for about 300m, then crossing a timber bridge. Then this walk continues on gravel road (with occasional sealed sections) amongst more farm properties for about 6.7km, crossing over a timber bridge to find a four-way intersection with 'Kingtree Ln' and 'Misty Valley Ln'. This walk continues straight ahead for another 600m, until coming to an intersection with the 'Cedar Brush Trackhead' sign and track on the right.

10.96 | Cedar Brush Track Head

(2 km 58 mins) Turn right: From the signposted 'Cedar Brush Creek Trackhead' (on Brush Creek Road), this walk crosses the stile and follows the track gently downhill, while following the 'Newcastle' sign. The walk continues for about 220m then crosses a timber and metal bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the walk heads gently uphill, past the 'Please keep on track' sign, then about 100m later this walk comes to 'The Great North Walk Walkers Register' book on a post - a good place to note your intentions. Now in a denser forest, the track begins to wind moderately steeply uphill (crossing over two moist gullies) for about 1.5km until coming to a three-way intersection with Kingtree Ridge Road.

12.94 | Int of GNW track & Kingtree Ridge Fire Road

(120 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road. The walk heads north along the dirt road for about 130m, coming to a flat GNW rest area with a couple of simple bench seats (on your left).

13.06 | Walkers Rest Area

This GNW walkers rest area (signposted) is located beside King Ridge Road, and consists of two benches, a campfire and enough room for four or five tents on a grassy level surface. There is no water is available.

13.06 | GNW rest area

(3.4 km 1 hr 4 mins) Continue straight: From the GNW rest area, this walk follows the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road gently uphill, whilst initially keeping the rest area on your left. The walk follows the series of GNW arrow markers, ignoring a few side roads for about 3.4km, until coming to a T-intersection with the dirt Walkers Ridge Road, marked with a Walkers Rest Area 3.4 km' sign pointing back along the road.

16.43 | Int of Kingtree Ridge and Walkers Ridge Roads

(370 m 8 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along Walkers Ridge Road, following the Great North Walk arrow west over the hill, past Bobs Point Rd (on the left) and coming down the other side to the signposted intersection on the Great North Walk.

16.81 | Int of GNW & Walkers Ridge Road

(370 m 7 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign and GNW arrow marker north east along the dirt road. The walk continues through forest (ignoring side roads) as it leads over a gentle rise for about 400m, then comes to a three-way intersection with a trail (on the left) marked with 'The Great North Walk' sign.

17.18 | Int of GNW AND an unsealed road

 $(1.3~{\rm km}~34~{\rm mins})$ Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign south-west, gently downhill along the fairly wide trail. The walk continues down for about 400m, becoming moderately steep partway , to come to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow marker (pointing right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the narrow track, which soon bends left and crosses the trail (just below the last intersection). Here, this walk follows the GNW arrow post moderately steeply downhill along the track, and down some stone steps for about 50m. The walk continues for about 700m along the side of the hill. Here the track leads steeply downhill, down a series of timber and rock steps for another 150m, to find a T-intersection with the 'Lyrebird Trail', also marked with a 'Basin camping area' sign.

18.46 | Int of GNW tracks AND Lyrebird Trail

(2.2 km 54 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the

'Basin Camping Area' sign along the track, while keeping Wollombi Brook on your right. The walk continues through dense vine and mossy forest as the track gently undulates along the side of the gully. Over the first 700m, the track leads past a few sandstone caves and crosses over several small creeks. The walk then continues for another 1.2km, where the track enters a more open forest on a saddle. At the edge of this saddle is an intersection with the Rock Lilly trail (signposted 'The Basin Camping Area' sign on the right) and a GNW arrow marker pointing directly ahead (also leading to the Basin campsite).

Continue straight: From the intersection on the saddle, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker gently downhill heading west (directly away from 'The Basin Camping Area' sign). The walk continues through tall open forest for about 300m, until coming to the large open clearing and Basin campsite.

20.66 | Basin Campsite

This large campsite sits by Wollombi Brook on the Great North Walk and is accessible by car. The campsite provides a range of facilities such as a pit toilet, picnic tables and chairs, wood BBQs and fireplaces. Water is usually available from the water tank or the nearby creek - treat before use.

20.66 | End of day 1

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20.66 | Basin Campsite

(2.5 km 1 hr 1 mins) Turn around: From the Basin campsite, this walk follows 'The Great North walk' sign, gently uphill, initially keeping the campsite on your right. The walk continues through tall open forest for about 300m, until coming to a saddle, with a GNW arrow marker (pointing ahead) and a 'The Basin Camping Area' sign (Rock Lilly Trail, on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection at the edge of the saddle, this walk follows the GNW arrow east and gently downhill. The track leads downhill to come close to Wollombi Brook (on your left), where the track gently undulates as it leads into the dense vine and mossy forest for about 1.2km. Then over the next 700m or so, the track leads past a few sandstone caves and crosses a few small creeks to come to a signposted three-way intersection with 'The Great North Walk' and the 'Lyrebird Trail' track, where a sign points back to 'Basin Camping Area'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lyrebird Trail' & 'The Great North Walk' sign , north along the track whilst keeping the valley to your left. The walk leads through the dense forest for about 250m, until crossing a mossy creek with many small boulders. This creek may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. On the other side of this side creek, the walk comes to the edge of the delightful Wollombi Brook Pool (on the left, at the junction of this side creek and Wollombi Brook).

23.14 | Wollombi Brook Pool

The Wollombi Brook pool is located where two creeks come together and is a deep pool surrounded by moist cool forest. On a hot day, this spot would make an ideal resting spot or place for a cooling swim.

23.14 | Wollombi Brook Pool

(550 m 14 mins) Turn right: From Wollombi Brook Pool, this walk follows GNW arrow post north-east steeply uphill, initially keeping the main pool behind and to the left. The walk zigzags up through dense forest, up a series of timber and rock steps and past some large rock walls for about 500m, until coming to the the wide and flat area at the end of the dirt Wild Boar Road.

23.69 | End of Wild Boar Road

(3 km 1 hr 9 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Wild Boar Road (aka Piglet Point Road), this walk follows the dirt road fairly gently uphill to the north. The roads leads distinctly uphill for about 500m, and then gently undulates along the ridge through forest for about 2.5km. Here the walk comes to a clear and signposted four-way intersection with 'Walkers Ridge Road' route and 'The Great North Walk' track.

26.73 | Int of GNW track & Pig and Sow Ridge Rd

(970 m 29 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign north along the track that heads moderately steeply downhill. The walk continues through forest(with occasional timber and rock steps) for about 500m, to cross the usually small Wollombi Brook. Then the walk climbs moderately steeply uphill for about 400m, until coming to the end of the dirt Kangaroo Point Road.

27.7 | End of Kangaroo Point Road

(1.3 km 34 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Kangaroo Point Road, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently uphill along Kangaroo Point Road. The walk continues through forest (with the road gradually widening) for about 1.3km, until coming to a signposted four-way intersection with Murrays Forest Road (and a wide trail directly ahead).

28.99 | Int of Kangaroo Point & Murrays Forest Road

(140 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt Murray Forest Road north-east, gently uphill and directly away from the face

of the 'Kangaroo Pt' sign. After about 150m, this walk comes to a signposted three-way intersection with the 'Great North Walk' trail (on your left).

29.13 | Int of Murrays Forest Road and the GNW

(880 m 19 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north along the dirt road for about 20m to another intersection with a 'The Great North Walk' sign. Here the walk veers right (following the sign) up along the track until it flattens out and winds down to the top of a ridgeline. The track then follows this ridgeline through an open wooded forest for about 300m, to find an unsignposted area that has been used as a campsite, at the end of a mostly flat section.

Continue straight: From the rest area, this walk follows the track down along the ridge line. The track winds steeply down into a saddle, where the track flattens out to lead through thicker green forest to the intersection with the narrow Bar Trail.

30.01 | Int of GNW and Bar trail

(860 m 18 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-east along the narrow, overgrown trail. The trail begins to widen and after about 800m, this walk turns left to follow a 'The Great North Walk' sign down for about 20m to an intersection with the wide dirt Warrawolong Road.

30.87 | Int of Bar trail and Warrawolong Road

(360 m 7 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently down along the the dirt road for about 400m to find the intersection with the dirt Turners Road, just past the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign.

31.23 | Optional sidetrip to Mt Warrawolong Fire Tower

(2 km 56 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west down along the dirt road, initially keeping the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign on your left and keeping the valley on your right. The road leads gently downhill along the side of the hill for just over 300m to come to a Y-intersection with the Mt Warrawolong trail (on your left).

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along the upper trail past the 'Authorised Vehicles Only' sign. After about 200m, the walk heads around a locked gate then continues moderately steeply uphill, winding up the hill for about 1.5km to come to a large flat clearing and the tall fire tower at the top of Mt Warrawolong. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

31.23 | Mt Warrawolong

At 642m above sea level, Mt Warrawolong is the highest point of the Great North Walk.

31.23 | Int of Turners and Warrawolong Roads

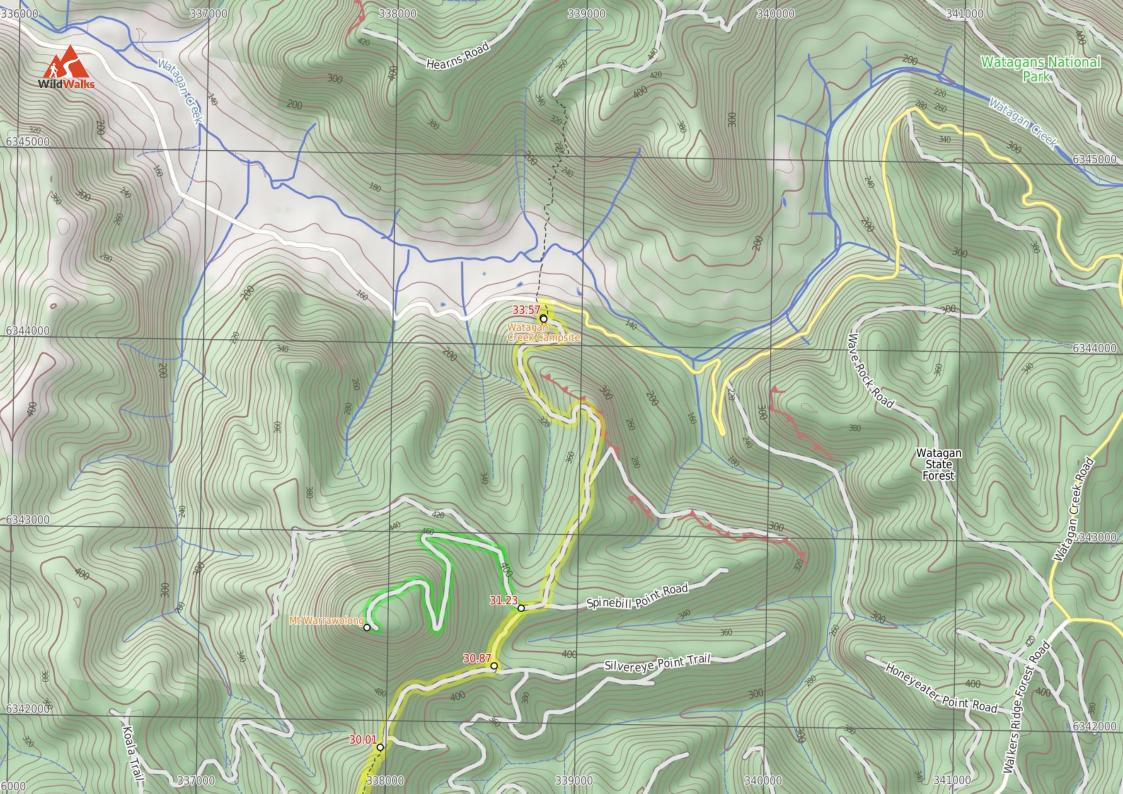
(2.3 km 53 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign, (away from face of the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign) to head east along the dirt Turners Road. After about 150m, this walk turn left at another 'The Great North Walk' sign to follow the trail as it gently undulates along the top of the ridge for just over 1km. Here the trail begins to wind downhill, becoming steeper as it goes, for about 1.1km to head around a rock road block and find the signposted rest area, where a 'Sydney Cove' sign points back up the trail.

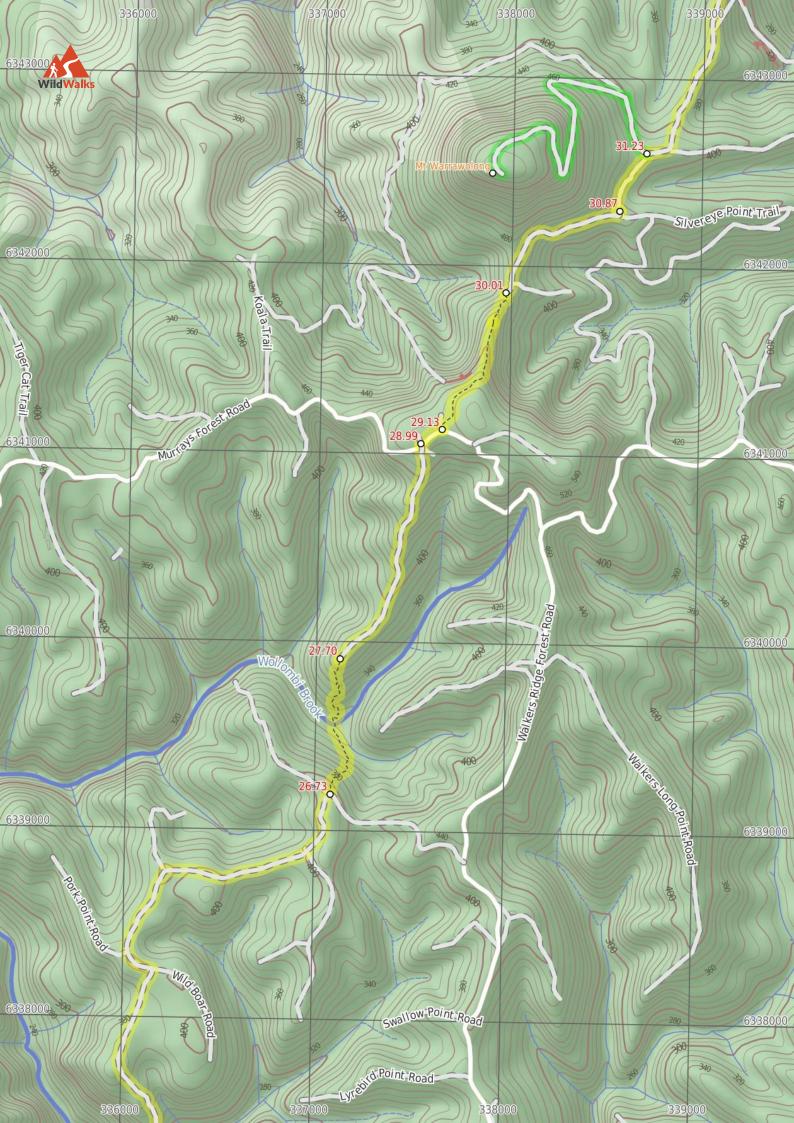
33.57 | Watagan Creek Campsite

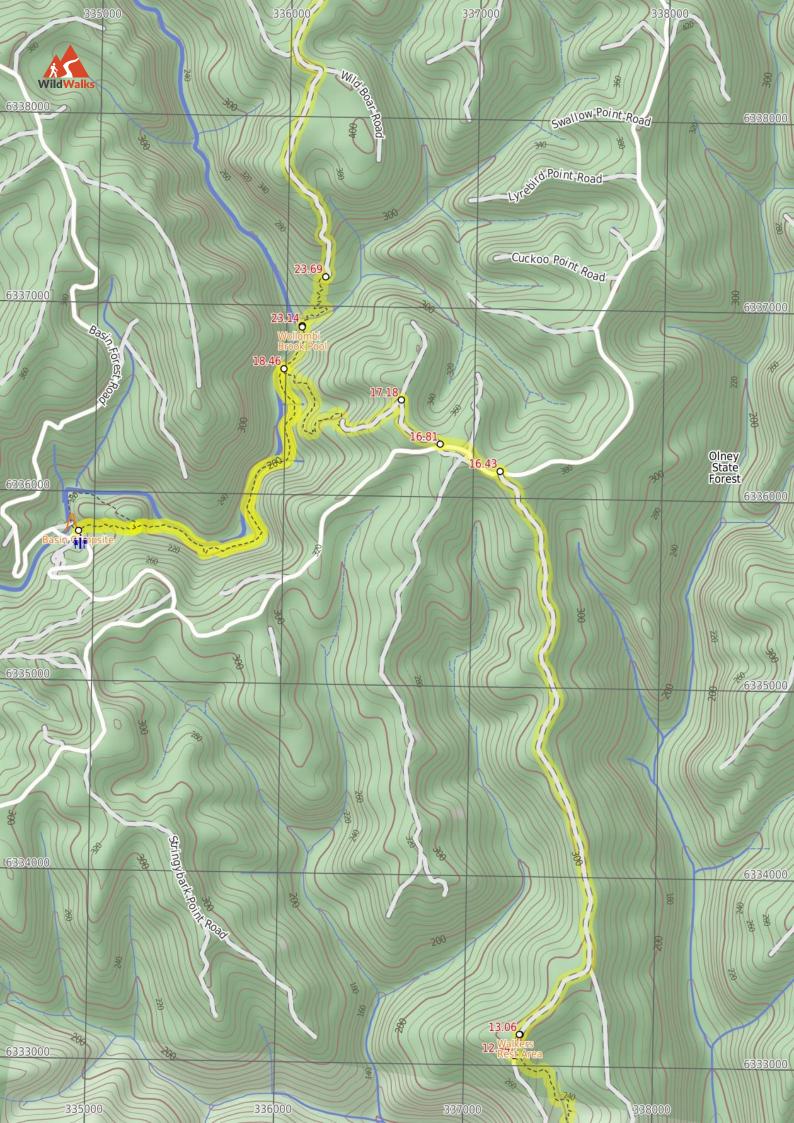
This is a Great North Walk signposted campsite, with plenty of room for a few tents but providing minimal facilities ie. no water, toilets or tables. There is, however, a bench and room for a fire.

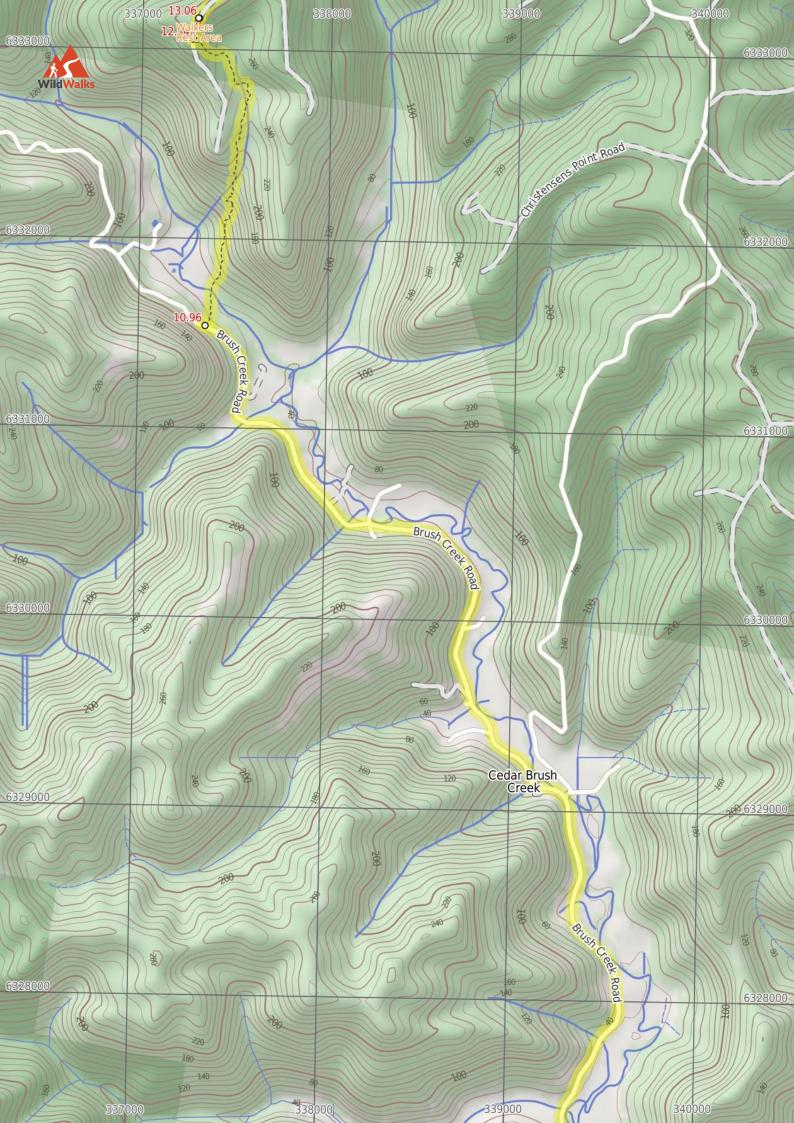
33.57 | Signposted Rest Area

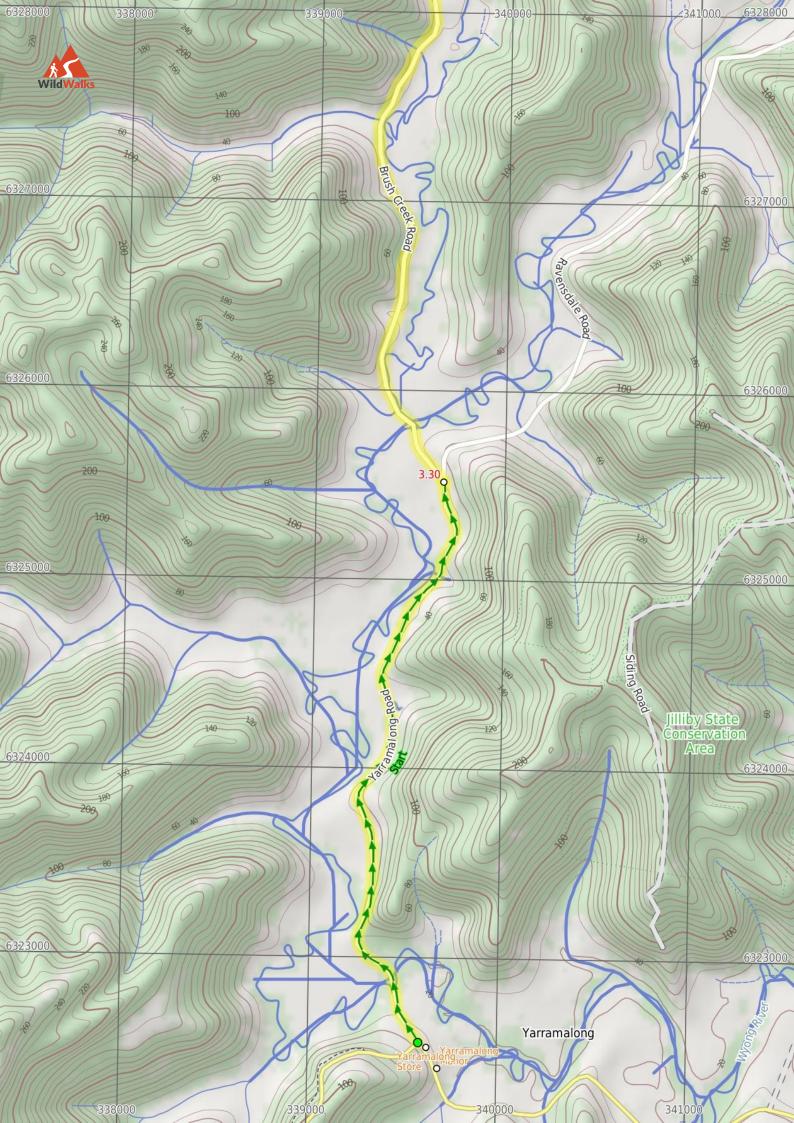
(100 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the rest area, this walk follows 'Newcastle' sign gently downhill towards the valley, along the narrow track. The track leads downhill for almost 100m, coming to a T-intersection with the dirt Watagan Creek Road, marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign pointing back uphill.











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km	From	Up/Dw	n Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks						
0.00	Yarramalong Track Head -33.2241,151.2785 (GR Dooralong, 396226)	48 -53	3.3 km 57 mins	From the 'Yarramalong Trackhead' (at the intersection of Yarramalong and Bumble Hill Roads), this walk follows the 'Cedar Brush Creek' sign along Yarramalong Road, away from Yarramalong Store.						
3.30	Int of Brush Creek and Ravensdale Roads -33.1973,151.28 (GR Dooralong, 397255)	193 -145	7.7 km 2 hrs 21 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker and Brush Creek Road gently downhill, while keeping Ravensdale Road on your right.						
10.96	Cedar Brush Track Head -33.1427,151.2562 (GR Dooralong, 374315)	266 -38	2 km 58 mins	Turn right: From the signposted 'Cedar Brush Creek Trackhead' (on Brush Creek Road), this walk crosses the stile and follows the track gently downhill, while following the 'Newcastle' sign.						
12.94	Int of GNW track & Kingtree Ridge Fire Road -33.129,151.2555 (GR Dooralong, 373331)	8 0	120 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road.						
13.06	GNW rest area -33.128,151.2559 (GR Dooralong, 373332)	115 -44	3.4 km 1 hr 4 mins	Continue straight: From the GNW rest area, this walk follows the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road gently uphill, whilst initially keeping the rest area on your left.						
16.43	Int of Kingtree Ridge and Walkers Ridge Roads -33.1012,151.2547 (GR Morisset, 371361)	11 -20	370 m 8 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along Walkers Ridge Road, following the Great North Walk arrow west over the hill, past Bobs Point Rd (on the left) and coming down the other side to the signposted						
16.81	Int of GNW & Walkers Ridge Road -33.0999,151.2514 (GR Morisset, 368363)	12 -5	370 m 7 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign and GNW arrow marker north east along the dirt road.						
17.18	Int of GNW AND an unsealed road -33.0978,151.2492 (GR Murrays Run, 366365)	49 -200	1.3 km 34 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign south-west, gently downhill along the fairly wide trail.						
18.46	Int of GNW tracks AND Lyrebird Trail -33.0963,151.2425 (GR Murrays Run, 360367)	129 -180	2.2 km 54 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Basin Camping Area' sign along the track, while keeping Wollombi Brook on your right.						
20.66	End of day 1 -33.104,151.2309 (GR Murrays Run, 349358)	0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.						
20.66	Basin Campsite -33.104,151.2309 (GR Murrays Run, 349358)	199 -156	2.5 km 1 hr 1 mins	Turn around: From the Basin campsite, this walk follows 'The Great North walk' sign, gently uphill, initially keeping the campsite on your right.						
23.14	Wollombi Brook Pool -33.0942,151.2435 (GR Murrays Run, 361369)	52 -5	550 m 14 mins	Turn right: From Wollombi Brook Pool, this walk follows GNW arrow post north-east steeply uphill, initially keeping the main pool behind and to the left.						
23.69	End of Wild Boar Road -33.0919,151.2449 (GR Murrays Run, 362372)	204 -60	3 km 1 hr 9 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Wild Boar Road (aka Piglet Point Road), this walk follows the dirt road fairly gently uphill to the north.						
26.73	Int of GNW track & Pig and Sow Ridge Rd -33.0737,151.2547 (GR Morisset, 371392)	91 -108	970 m 29 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign north along the track that heads moderately steeply downhill.						
27.70	End of Kangaroo Point Road -33.0672,151.2552 (GR Morisset, 371399)	146 -9	1.3 km 34 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Kangaroo Point Road, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently uphill along Kangaroo Point Road.						
28.99	Int of Kangaroo Point & Murrays Forest Road -33.057,151.2598 (GR Morisset, 375411)	2 -1	140 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt Murray Forest Road north-east, gently uphill and directly away from the face of the 'Kangaroo Pt' sign.						
29.13	Int of Murrays Forest Road and the Great North Walk -33.0563,151.261 (GR Morisset, 376411)	14 -93	880 m 19 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north along the dirt road for about 20m to another intersection with a 'The Great North Walk' sign.						
30.01	Int of Great North Walk and Bar trail -33.0498,151.2646 (GR Morisset, 380419)	27 -54	860 m 18 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-east along the narrow, overgrown trail.						
30.87	Int of Bar trail and Warrawolong Road -33.0459,151.2711 (GR Morisset, 386423)	8 -12	360 m 7 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently down along the the dirt road for about 400m to find the intersection with the dirt Turners Road, just past the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign.						

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31.23	Int of Turners and Warrawolong Roads -33.0431,151.2726 (GR Morisset, 387426)	40 -267	2.3 km 53 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign, (away from face of the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign) to head east along the dirt Turners Road.			
33.57	7 Signposted Rest Area -33.0293,151.2739 (GR Morisset, 388441)	1 -25	100 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the rest area, this walk follows 'Newcastle' sign gently downhill towards the valley, along the narrow track.			