

Map and Guide to Munibung Hill Walks



Grades

Walks are graded according to the Australian Walking Track Grading System.

Grade 1: No bushwalking experience required. Flat surface with no steps or steep sections. Walks no greater than 5km.

Grade 2: No bushwalking experience required. Track surface may have gentle hill sections with some steps.

Grade 3: Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections and many steps.

Grade 4: Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.

Know before you go ...

Please respect that Munibung Hill is an important nature reserve. Stay on the tracks. Give wildlife right of way. There are threatened species and endangered ecological communities living at Munibung Hill—an important pollinator corridor. Admire the views, appreciate the heritage..

Safe walking checklist

- ◆ Wear covered in sturdy shoes or boots, a sun hat, suitable clothing and take some insect protection.
- ◆ Carry a reusable water bottle and some nibbles in reusable containers and carry a bag for left-overs.
- ◆ Know your way, walk within your capabilities. Study track maps for times, distances and grades. Consider not walking alone—walk with friends.
- ◆ Carry a first aid kit and prepare to be 'on the track' for an hour or two at least
- ◆ Tell someone where you're going. Be sure to advise them of your safe return.
- ◆ Be flexible by being prepared to turn back or change plans if the walk is more difficult than expected.

Where to find Munibung Hill



15km, 20 min east of Newcastle

150km, 2 hours north of Sydney

250km, 3 hours south of Port Macquarie

If travelling by public transport, check timetables with NSW Trains (closest station is Cardiff) and Newcastle Buses (Bus routes: 29 and 44)

The map is based on a LMCC planning document that indicates proposed tracks across Munibung Hill. Walk names are colloquial. Identifying locality and basic information is the purpose.

Note: A walking track is a track provided for walkers, whereas a trail, in addition to walkers also caters for joggers and bicycle riders.

More details at the MHCS website:

<https://www.munibunghill.com/walking-tracks/>

Or at the QR code—see over

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Scan the QR code to get the
12 Great Walks at Munibung Hill
on your mobile phone or tablet.



3. Grandfather Rock Walk

Enter: Seventh Street, Boolaroo

Distance: 600m Grade: 2

4. Balkira (Mountain) View Walk - to Mountain View Lookout

Enter: Seventh Street, Boolaroo

Distance: 800m Grade: 2-3

5. Watalong (Wattle Tree) Walk

— to Ocean View Lookout.

Includes Grandfather Rock & Balkira Walks.

Enter: Seventh Street, Boolaroo

Distance: 1.1km Grade: 3

6. Songline Heritage Walk

Of high importance to Awabakal people, includes Ocean View Lookout and Birabaan Lookout.

Enter: Lucilla Ridge. Also access from various other tracks—refer to map

Distance: 2.6km one way Grade: 3

7. Bellbird (Booyaan) Nature Walk - to Awaba Lookout

Enter: Quarry Road, Speers Point

Distance: 1.2km Grade: 3

8. Tamarind Nature Walk

Enter either end: Located between Quarry Road and Farm Street, Speers Point

Distance: 300m Grade: 2

9. Gondwana Rainforest Walk

Enter: Farm Street, Speers Point

Distance: 800m Grade: 2-3

10. Koworowal (Bandicoot) Loop Walk

Combines Songline Heritage Track, Gondwana Rainforest and Tamarind Nature Walks. Includes Ocean View, Birabaan and Awaba Lookouts.

Distance: 2.8km Grade: 3-4

11. Great North Lake & Ocean View Walk — combines Watalong Walk with Songline Heritage Walk.

Enter Sixth St, Boolaroo, exit Thompson Street, Warners Bay

Distance: 2.2km Grade: 3-4

12. The Geo History Walk

View former coal mine site, rock formations. Learn about lake formation, etc

Enter: Various locations—refer to map

Distance: Up to 5km Grade: 3-4

Symbols:



Lookouts & Photo opportunities:

Walking tracks:



Cultural and Heritage area:



Park & picnic area (81c Delaware Drive, Macquarie Hills):



Lookouts:

Ocean View Balkira View

Awaba Birabaan

1. Kantalong (Spotted Gum) Walk — to Ocean View Lookout

Enter: Macquarie Rd, Blaxland Rd, Ambleside Dr., Grasmere Way, Lucilla Ridge Distance: 1.1km Grade: 3

2. North Forest Nature Walk — to Ocean View Lookout

Enter: Kuraman Cl., Macquarie Hills Distance: 1.3km Grade: 3 Then visit The Secret Garden—Enter: 81c Delaware Drive. Distance: 400m Grade: 1