

Warrumbungle Long Walks



1 Fans Horizon

3.6km return. Grade 3: moderate to steep. 2 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark. Track leads to right.

Description: Excellent introductory walk on a well formed path of approximately 1000 steps to a lookout on the exposed sandstone cliffs of Balgaton (700m). This walk provides an excellent view of whole Grand High Tops area. Further down the track is Bluff View with views of Bluff Mountain and the eastern ramparts of Mount Exmouth.

2 Breadknife and Grand High Tops

(Pincham trail)

12.5kms return. Grade 3: moderate to steep. 4-5 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark.

Description: After crossing Spirey Creek several times through a shady valley, a steep well-formed path takes you to the Breadknife then follows the dyke to the Grand High Tops and the summit at Lugh's Throne (960m). Immersed in the rock spires and domes on all sides with 360° views and a spectacular view down to the Breadknife, you understand why this has become one of the most famous outlooks in the state. The route back down follows the other side of the Breadknife via the Dagda shortcut.

3 Grand High Tops Circuit

(return via West Spirey Creek)

14.5 kms return. Grade 4: steep. 5-6 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark.

Description: A variation on walk 2 but rather than use the Dagda shortcut to return, continue along Pincham to Dows camp and along a narrow ridge with views either side to Ogma Gap. Here you'll find the turn off to West Spirey Creek which connects to the Pincham Trail and down Spirey Creek to the carpark

4 Bluff Mountain

(via Grand High Tops)

16.9kms return. Grade 4: steep. 7-8 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark.

Description: A long walk and extension of walk 3. Before you reach Dows Camp, on the left, is the junction of the spur trail to Bluff Mountain. A steady climb soon meets the steeper slopes of the mountain. You'll find the outstanding groves of grass trees, some thought to be up to 500 years old. You'll emerge onto an open rocky summit with excellent views into Crater Bluff. The track continues through heathland, to the summit (1201m), where the hidden cliff face drops 250m. Enjoy watching the Wedgetails eagles before descending down the same path and returning via the West Spirey track.

5 Mt Exmouth

(via West Spirey Creek)

16.8km return. Grade 4: steep. 5-7 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark.

Description: From Pincham Trail, turn right at the West Spirey Creek junction. A steep walk takes you to Ogma camp. Turn right and head towards Danu Gap, and a junction leading to Cathedral Arch, a 1.1km return diversion, well worth a look. The walk to Exmouth begins where the Burbie Fire trail crosses the range. A steep 2 hr return trip from here, takes you past the parks most impressive stand of grass trees, to the highest point (1206m) in the Warrumbungles. Return to Pincham carpark the way you came via West Spirey Creek.

6 Mt Exmouth

(via Burbie Fire Trail)

17.3km return. Grade 4: moderate to steep. 5-7 hrs.

Start: Follow Burbie Fire Trail from Split Rock Carpark.

Description: Most of walk follows the fire trail up to Burbie Camp then toward Danu Gap. At that point follow the directions from Walk 5. A short diversion to Cathedral Arch is worth the effort. Return via the same route or walk back via West Spirey trail.

7 Goulds Circuit

6.3km return. Grade 3: moderate to steep. 3 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark.

Description: Branching off Pincham Trail, Goulds Circuit winds up a dry forested creek to Macha Tor (743m). A steady climb along the track reaches a saddle and to the right is a lookout on a small rocky outcrop. The track continues down around Febor Tor and a further steep climb then reaches Macha Tor, a small volcanic plug. A short scramble, to the right, up the cleft of the rock takes you to the summit. From Macha Tor the trail heads downhill to Spirey Creek and the Pincham Trail. Turn right to return to the carpark.

8 Beloungery Split Rock Circuit

4.6kms return. Grade 4: Steep to very steep. 3 hrs.

Start: Split Rock carpark. We recommend starting 600m along Burbie Trail and doing in anti-clockwise direction.

Description: A demanding walk starting through shaded woodland then climbing up over the lava dome and dramatically different vegetation. The track drops down over a knoll where a spur track, identified with a gate and some stairs, leads to a climb to the Split Rock summit (771m). Climbing requires some caution over the rock face and a scramble up the rock to experience 360° views. Return to the main track and catch the views from the eastern and northern faces of the dome. Can be attempted from either direction.

Warrumbungle Short Walks

2 Spirey View

(Breadknife and Grand High Tops modified)

6.2kms return - easy to moderate - even path. 2 hrs.

Start: Pincham carpark - Breadknife Grand High Tops Track.

Description: Views of the breadknife without the steep section. Walk along an easy and generally shaded track, crossing Spirey Creek several times over timber bridges before taking the short side-track to Spirey View. This rocky sandstone outcrop is just right for enjoying a break while taking in the views of the Breadknife and Grand High Tops. Return via the same track.

13 Tara Cave

3.4km return - moderate - well graded track with some uphill walking. 1.5 hrs.

Start: The Old Woolshed Carpark, immediately crossing Wambelong Creek.

Description: Tara Cave is a rock-shelter of cultural significance which was used by the Gamilaroi people with occupation dating back some 4,800 years and shows an excellent example of grinding grooves. The track meanders up a ridge to the cave. There are interpretive signs along the way and a timber walkway has been constructed to view the cave. Views of the Grand High Tops and Mt Exmouth.

9 Burbie Canyon

2km return or 3.5 km as a circuit including 500mtrs of road walking. 1-2 hrs.

Start: Burbie Canyon carpark. Track starts on opposite side of the road.

Description: An easy walk crossing a usually dry creek several times and then walk through a shady sandstone canyon. The track meanders another few hundred metres to the junction of Burbie Fire Trail. At this point you can either return on the same track or turn left onto the fire trail and return via Split Rock Car Park adding another 2 ½ km. Keep an eye out for Spring wildflowers and glimpses of Mt Exmouth.

10 Gurianawa Track

900mtr circuit – paved path - 20 mins.

Start: At Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre.

Description: This track is a circuit from the visitor centre returning to the car park. Great short walk for kids, strollers and assisted wheelchairs. The track meanders through a rocky outcrop to Spirey Creek with views of Siding Spring Observatory and the Grand High Tops. Great walk for bird watching.

11 Wambelong Nature Track

1km circuit – Creek crossings and steps. 45 mins - 1 hr.

Start: Canyon Picnic Area; eastern end of the carpark, towards the creek. [750 mtr each-way link from west side of Camp Blackman 1]

Description: Walk along a shady creek through a rocky canyon and then complete the circuit by climbing up a small hill for views of Camp Blackman, Siding Spring, Beloungery Split Rock and glimpses of the Grand High Tops. Good for bird watching, kangaroos and wallabies. This track can also link up with Camp Blackman by crossing the road on the higher side of the bridge.

12 Whitegum Lookout

1km return – paved path. 30 mins.

Start: Whitegum Lookout carpark, approximately 3km from the eastern park boundary on main road.

Description: This track is a paved with an easy grade to the lookout. Suitable for strollers and assisted wheelchair. Walk through Red Gum and White Box woodland to a sandstone outcrop dominated by Scribbly Gum and Iron Bark. Expansive views of the Grand High Tops and a wonderful sunset location.

Camp Blackman Walks

Beloungery Flats

Shown on park map as Management Trail looping from Camp Blackman 5km Circuit - flat. 1-2 hrs.

Start: Eastern end of Camp Blackman 3 – walk in an anti-clockwise direction from Blackman 3 to Blackman 2 for the best benefit of the views.

Description: This walk runs adjacent to Mopra Creek then crosses it about 1km further on providing expansive views of the Grand High Tops, Bluff Mountain, Mt Exmouth and Beloungery Split Rock. This central valley was cleared and farmed until the late 1960's when it became a national park.

Campers Link

Shown on park map south from Camp Blackman or north from Visitor Centre 2km return – links the camping area to the visitor centre. 40mins.



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