# Yuraygir coastal walk

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| **Where** | Yuraygir National Park |
| **Accessibility** | No wheelchair access |
| **Distance** | 65km one-way |
| **Time suggested** | 4 - 5 days |
| **Grade** | Grade 4 |
| **Trip Intention Form** | It's a good idea to let someone know where you're going. Fill in a trip intention form to send important details about your trip to your emergency contact. |
| **Entry fees** | Park entry fees apply |
| **What to bring** | Sturdy shoes, drinking water, hat, snacks, sunscreen |
| **Please note** | • The walk involves a series of tracks, trails, beaches and rock platforms that are linked by following the 'coastal emu footprint' marker<br>• Check to make sure you're only crossing rock platforms at low tide<br>• Rough seas mean you may need to carry extra food as some sections of beach are unpassable, even at low tide.<br>• If you're planning to stay at Illaroo campground or Sandon River campground you'll need to book online before you leave. Other campgrounds along the multi-day Yuraygir coastal walk operate on a first in, first served basis. |

Follow the ancient wandering trails of Australia's coastal emus on the multi-day Yuraygir coastal walk.

This colossal signposted track traverses the coastline from Angourie to Red Rock. The scenery and views along the way are diverse and astounding. You'll encounter wildlife and wildflowers as you walk past heathland plains, long sandy beaches, tranquil creeks, lagoons, rocky headlands and even a marine park.

Tackle the full 65km with overnight camping stops along the way or break the track up into shorter segments. It's best walked north to south with the sun at your back.

However you choose to undertake this journey through the traditional homelands of the Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl nations, it's unlikely you'll ever forget it.

Take a virtual tour of Yuraygir coastal walk captured with Google Street View Trekker.

# Map


Chatsworth
Iluka Bluff lookout
Iluka Rainforest track
Pacific Hwy
Yamba Rd
Yamba
Ashby
Pringles Way
Clarence River
Maclean
Ilarwill
Mara Creek picnic area
Angourie Bay picnic area
Lawrence
Sportsmans Creek canoe trail
Woody Creek cycle
Angourie track
Shelley Head campground
Tyndale
Angourie to Brooms Head
Lake Arragan/Red Cliff campgrounds
Big River Way
Cowper
Clarence River
Brooms Head
Ulmarra
Pine Brush
State Forest
Brooms Head to Illaroo
Sandon River campground
Tucabia
Candole
State Forest
Pacific Hwy
Yuraygir coastal walk
Illaroo group campground
Illaroo campground
Angophora grove track
Rocky Point trail
Illaroo - Wooli track
Boorkoom campground
Wilsons Headland track
Wilsons Headland picnic area
Wooli
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Wooli to Red Rock
Halfway Creek
Freshwater track
Pebbly Beach campground
Corkwood/Scribbly Gum track
Station Creek campground
Red Rock
Corindi Beach
Arrawarra Headland
Arrawarra
Mullaway Beach/Headland
Conglomerate
State Forest

# Map


YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Sandon Back Trl
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Illaroo group campground
Illaroo Beach Access Track
Illaroo campground
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Rocky Point campground
Rocky Point trail
Illaroo Rd
Angophora grove track
Military Impact Area
Illaroo Rd
Seaview
Park

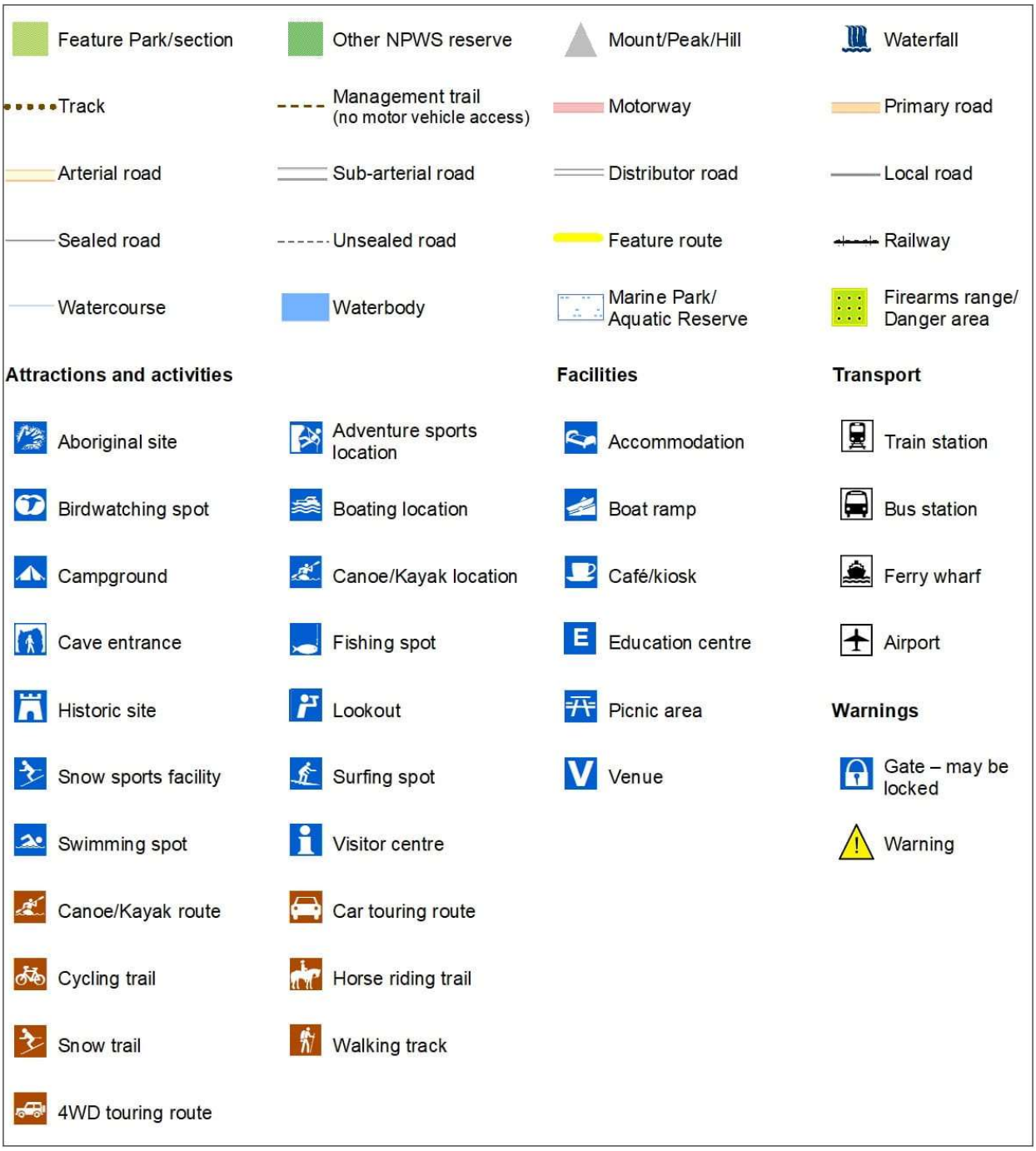
# Map


YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Goldminer Rd
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Nilands Trl
Rileys Rd
Luggies Trl
Rileys Rd
Nilands Trl
Nilands Trl
Nilands Trl
Military Impact Area
YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Bookram Creek Trl
Nilands Trl
Minnie Powerline Trl
Tip Trl
Tip Trl
Lake
Hiawatha
Jefferies Trl
Jefferies Trl
Doyles Link Trl
Diggers Camp Rd
Doyles Trl
Wilsons Headland picnic area
Wooli Rd
Faulkners Trl
Wooli Wooli River
Wooli Caravan Trl
Sandon Back Trl
Sandon Back Trl
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Yuraygir coastal walk
Illaroo group campground
Illaroo campground
Rocky Point campground
Rocky Point trail
Angophora grove track
Illaroo Rd
Warratah Cr
Illaroo - Wooli track
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Nugget St
Boorkoom campground
Wilsons Headland track

# Map


YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Wooli Wooli River
South Terrace
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Colletts Crossing Ftr
Wooli to Red Rock
Franklins Link Trl
Cabbage Tree Rd
YURAYGIR
NATIONAL PARK
Freshwater
Cabbage Tree Creek
Barcoongere
State Forest
Freshwater track
Pebbly Beach campground
Station Creek
Solitary Islands
Marine Park
Station Creek Rd
Corkwood/Scribbly Gum track
Station Creek campground
Pebbly Trl

## Map legend




## Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/yuraygir-coastal-walk/local-alerts

## General enquiries

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## Park info

in Yuraygir National Park in the North Coast region

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## Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Yuraygir coastal walk.

## Track grading

### Grade 4

Learn more about the grading system

Features of this track

| Time | Quality of markings | Gradient |
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| 4 - 5 days | Sign posted | Short steep hills |

| Distance | Steps | Quality of path | Experience required |
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| 65km one-way | Occasional steps | Rough track, many obstacles | Some bushwalking experience recommended |

## Getting there and parking

The Yuraygir coastal walk commences from the Angourie Surfing Reserve at the northern end of Yuraygir National Park.

To get there from Yamba, turn right onto River Street, then, at the roundabout, take the first exit onto Wooli Street. At the next roundabout, take the first exit to Angourie Street, then turn left onto The Crescent and follow the signs to the beach.

### Parking

Parking is available at Angourie Surfing Reserve

## Best times to visit

There are lots of great things waiting for you in Yuraygir National Park. Here are some of the highlights.

### Autumn

Autumn is the perfect time of year to go beach fishing along the park's coastline.

### Spring

The park's heathlands provide a spectacular display of wildflowers. Check them out on your choice of walking track, including the Wilsons Headland walk and, of course, the Yuraygir coastal walk.

### Summer

Visit in summer to make the most of the park's countless beaches and waterways. Swim, surf or snorkel – cooling sea breezes provide welcome relief in hot weather.

### Winter

Plan a winter trip to go whale watching. The sight of migrating whales swimming north to warmer waters is second-to-none, and there are magnificent viewing points at Red Cliffs lookout and Brooms Head.

## Facilities

- Rubbish and recycling stations are available at each national park campground. Cans, plastic bottles and glass can be recycled. Paper is not collected as part of the Yuraygir recycling program.
- Pay phones are located in all coastal villages, caravan parks and Sandon River campground.
- Ensure you carry sufficient water between points as water is not available at all campsites

## Maps and downloads

**Yuraygir coastal walk factsheet**

**Yuraygir coastal walk map** (9.3MB pdf)

## Safety messages

Yuraygir coastal walk is a 65km one-way walk that can be done as a whole or in sections. The walk involves crossing several rock platforms and waterways and some level of self sufficiency. It's a good idea to plan ahead and consider the following safety tips:

- The walk involves a series of tracks, trails, beaches and rock platforms that are linked by following the ‘coastal emu footprint’ marker
- Check a tide chart to ensure you're only crossing rock platforms at low tide
- Rough seas mean you may need to carry extra food as some sections of beach are unpassable, even at low tide.
- Vehicles are permitted on some beaches, so be alert and listen for their approach.

To cross rivers safely you’ll need to organise watercraft in advance:

- At Wooli River, call 0439 409 909
- No commercial service available at Red Rock/Corindi
- At Sandon River, call 0407 362 118
- Remember that the safest crossing is on an incoming tide

### Beach safety

Beaches in this park are not patrolled, and can sometimes have strong rips and currents. These beach safety tips will help you and your family stay safe in the water.

### Bushwalking safety

If you're keen to head out on a longer walk or a backpack camp, always be prepared. Read these bushwalking safety tips before you set off on a walking adventure in national parks.

### Mobile safety

Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Download the Emergency Plus app before you visit, it helps emergency services locate you using your smartphone's GPS. Please note there is limited mobile phone reception in this park and you'll need mobile reception to call Triple Zero (000).

## Accessibility

### Disability access level - no wheelchair access

This walking track is not wheelchair-accessible. There are several points of interest along the walk that are suitable for wheelchairs, prams and visitors with limited mobility, including:

- Angourie Bay picnic area
- Mara Creek picnic area
- Wilson Headland picnic area

## Prohibited

### Pets

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted. Find out which regional parks allow dogs and see the pets in parks policy for more information.

### Smoking

NSW national parks are no smoking areas.

## Learn more

Yuraygir coastal walk is in Yuraygir National Park. Here are just some of the reasons why this park is special:

## A watery wonderland



The park not only boasts a superb coastline but also features rivers, lakes and estuaries, so swimmers and snorkelers are spoilt for choice. Remember your fishing rod - the waters off the park are excellent for jewfish and groper, and Sandon River is among the state's most popular fishing spots. If surfing is your thing, you can't beat the legendary Angourie Surfing Reserve - it hosts what's arguably Australia's best right-hand point break. Yuraygir is also a paddler's paradise, its sheltered waterways provide the ideal setting for canoeing, kayaking and boating.

**Angourie Bay picnic area** After surfing or swimming at the Clarence Coast's famous Angourie Headland, stop off at the scenic Angourie Bay picnic area for a tasty picnic lunch with the family.

**Wooli to Red Rock** Wooli to Red Rock is part of Yuraygir coastal walk and a moderate hiking route with river crossings, scenic coastal views and great opportunities for birdwatching.

## Important landscapes



When you visit Yuraygir, you're entering one of the most diverse bioregions in Australia. Wander past age-old coastal landforms, littoral rainforest, eucalypt forest, woodland and wetlands - much of which simply wouldn't be there without the park's protection. Pay a visit to Shelley Headland to see the state's most significant remaining example of grassy clay heath.

**Angourie to Brooms Head** Angourie to Brooms Head, part of Yuraygir coastal walk, is a hiking route offering scenic lookouts and opportunities for beach walking, birdwatching, and seasonal whale watching.

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**Yuraygir guided treks with Home Comforts Hiking** Home Comforts Hiking offers guided treks of Yuragir coastal walk with overnight accommodation in 4 charming coastal villages. It's a great way to explore this beautiful coastline near Yamba and Coffs Harbour.

## Precious and protected



At Yuraygir, you can see some of the country's most vulnerable native wildlife up close, such as squirrel gliders and eastern grass owls. See if you can spot a rufous bettong, a rarely-seen rabbit-sized marsupial also know as the rufous rat-kangaroo. Or even the shy Queensland blossom-bat, Australia's smallest fruit bat. The threatened green and golden bell frog is one of the 25 amphibians within Yuraygir – likely to be found around swamps, lagoons and flood plains. Keep an eye out for coastal emus, once so prevalent and now, sadly an endangered species with fewer than 100 left in the park.

**Wilsons Headland walking track** The easy Wilsons Headland walking track is ideal for whale watching along the Clarence Coast. Starting at Boorkoom campground, the hiking track offers scenic coastal views.

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## Treasured culture



The landscape of Yuraygir National Park has been, and remains, the Country of Aboriginal groups. Generations of Yaegl and Gumbaynggirr People camped, fished and held ceremonies here and numerous areas remain of strong spiritual significance to the Aboriginal community. Take the Freshwater Walk and view the most impressive pandanus palms - this important Gumbaynggirr ceremonial plant was used to weave neckbands, dillybags and baskets.

**Brooms Head to Illaroo** Brooms Head to Illaroo, part of Yuraygir coastal walk, is a hiking route with river crossings, beach walking, scenic coastal views and birdwatching opportunities.

# Plants and animals you may see

## Animals



### White-bellied sea eagle *(Haliaeetus leucogaster)*

White-bellied sea eagles can be easily identified by their white tail and dark grey wings. These raptors are often spotted cruising the coastal breezes throughout Australia, and make for some scenic bird watching. Powerful Australian birds of prey, they are known to mate for life, and return each year to the same nest to breed.



### Yellow-tailed black cockatoo *(Calyptorhynchus funereus)*

The yellow-tailed black cockatoo is one of the largest species of parrot. With dusty-black plumage, they have a yellow tail and cheek patch. They're easily spotted while bird watching, as they feed on seeds in native forests and pine plantations.



### Emu *(Dromaius novaehollandiae)*

The largest of Australian birds, the emu stands up to 2m high and is the second largest bird in the world, after the ostrich. Emus live in pairs or family groups. The male emu incubates and rears the young, which will stay with the adult emus for up to 2 years.



### Brown-striped frog *(Lymnastes peronii)*

One of the most common frogs found in Australia, the ground-dwelling brown-striped frog lives in ponds, dams and swamps along the east coast. Also known as the striped marsh frog, this amphibian grows to 6.5cm across and has a distinctive 'tok' call that can be heard all year round.

## Plants



### Grass tree *(Xanthorrea spp.)*

An iconic part of the Australian landscape, the grass tree is widespread across eastern NSW. These Australian native plants have a thick fire-blackened trunk and long spiked leaves. They are found in heath and open forests across eastern NSW. The grass tree grows 1-5m in height and produces striking white-flowered spikes which grow up to 1m long.

# Environments in this park

- Coastal environments
- Eucalypt forest environments
- Wetland environments

## Education resources (1)

Who cares about national parks?, Stage 2 (Years 3-4), Geography

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