



THE GREAT NORTH WALK

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The Great North Walk is a diverse 250 km walking track spanning Sydney to Newcastle. Designed for all ages and levels of experience, it can be broken down into a series of day walks with numerous access and exit points, weekend walks or a combination of short walks to a 14-day trek for the serious adventurer.

The GNW map kit outlines all you need to know to safely enjoy the Great North Walk experience. Complete the order form over the page or pick up a copy from a well-stocked tourist office or through the Land and Property Management Authority (see contact details on back page).

The Great North Walk ventures across some of New South Wales' most outstanding natural scenery. The route features Sydney Harbour, Lake Macquarie, Newcastle coastline, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove River bushland. The walk also provides access through Brisbane Water National Park and an impressive network of state forests.

Families, picnic groups, day trippers and campers can all enjoy the walk. The Great North Walk has been developed by the Land and Property Management Authority with the cooperation and assistance of:

- ★ Forests NSW
- ★ National Parks and Wildlife Service
- ★ 14 local councils
- ★ several outdoor interest groups
- ★ local private landholders.

The Great North Walk aims to make bushwalking accessible to everyone. It's an ideal way to spend a few hours or a few days.

For further information on the Great North Walk contact the Great North Walk Coordinator on 02 4920 5074 or 0428 601 203.

THE GNW MAP KIT

The GNW map kit contains brochures with detailed maps and photographs, educational notes on geography and flora and fauna of the area, plus information on walk distances and walking and camping facilities.

There are six sectional maps within the kit, corresponding to various locations across the Great North Walk.

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SUGGESTED PREPARATIONS FOR YOUR WALK

- ★ Leave details of your walking plans with a responsible person.
- ★ Take notice of weather conditions – remember that some creek crossings may be flooded and dangerous during periods of high rainfall.
- ★ Carry sufficient water; purify drinking water suspected of contamination.
- ★ Carry a compass and map.
- ★ Carry a first-aid kit, suitable clothing (including coat and hat), sunscreen and insect repellent (apply to footwear in leech areas).
- ★ Optional topographic maps.

PROTECTING THE BUSHLAND

- ★ Stay on the track, do not cut corners.
- ★ Do not damage or remove any native vegetation.
- ★ Take rubbish home or use receptacles at the trackhead.
- ★ Be careful with fire, use established fireplaces or preferably fuel stoves.
- ★ Bury toilet waste well away from creeks and campsites.
- ★ Walkers only. Mountain bikes, trail bikes and horses all tend to cause damage to the walking track and its surrounds, particularly where the terrain is steep or boggy.

TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Call the transport information line for bus, train and ferry timetable enquiries on 131 500 or www.131500.info/realtime/default.asp. Independent bus, ferry and taxi services can be contacted for various areas. Some are listed below.

LANE COVE VALLEY WALK

Transport info line – 131 500

BENOWIE TRACK

Shorelink Buses – 02 9457 8888

City Rail – 131 500

HAWKESBURY TRACK

Brooklyn Water Taxi – 02 9985 7005 or 0410 554 777

Note: Please call first and make a booking as timetable and seats are limited.

Broken Bay Time Taxis – 1800 686 864

Busways Peninsula – 02 4368 2277

Central Coast Taxis – 1300 665 777

CEDAR BRUSH TRACK

Busways Peninsula – 02 4368 2277

Kulnura Bus Lines – 02 4324 1277

Road Runner Tours – 02 4353 1481 or 02 4353 9050

Central Coast Taxis – 1300 665 777

WATAGAN TRACK

Morisset Bus Service – 02 4973 2114

Newcastle Taxi Services Co-op – 133 300

Rathmines Wangi Taxi Service – 0408 493 986

Rover Motors Bus Service – 02 4990 1699

Cessnock Radio Cabs Co-op – 02 4990 1111

YUELARBAH TRACK

City Rail – 131 500

Newcastle Buses and Ferries – 131 500 or
www.newcastlebuses.info

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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