

walks in Murramarang National Park

Murramarang Aboriginal Area

grade: medium length: 1.5 km return

time: 2 hr

Pretty Beach to Snapper Point

grade: easy

length: 1 km return

time: 1 hr

Pretty Beach to Durras Mountain

grade: steep

length: 12 km return

time: 5 hr

Depot Beach to Clear Point

grade: medium length: 7.5 km return

time: 23/4 hr

Depot Beach to Durras Mountain

grade: steep

length: 12 km return

time: 5 hr

Snake Bay Walk

grade: medium length: 12 km return time: 4½ hr

Rainforest Walk

grade: easy

length: 400 m return time: 20 min

Murramarang Aboriginal Area

Park at the Sandmine Car Park just north of the Racecourse Beach Caravan Park. Follow the sand track east to the commencement of the Murramarang Aboriginal Area Walking Track. The area is a headland complex of Aboriginal middens that contains evidence of great cultural and scientific value. Signs along the track provide information on this significant site.

Pretty Beach to Snapper Point

Start the walk at the campground head east and you will get to Snapper Point where there are great views of the coastline. Return the same way or via Merry Beach Caravan Park.

Pretty Beach to Durras Mountain

Commence your walk from the camping area and follow the track to Durras Mountain. From Durras Mountain there are sublime views of the coast and ranges. You can continue on to Pebbly Beach then return the same way to Pretty Beach.

Depot Beach to Durras Mountain and Snake Bay

Head north along Depot Beach to Pebbly Beach (not at high tide) then follow the track from Pebbly Beach car park through the forest to Clear Point. From Clear Point head to Snake Bay or take the track west to Durras Mountain. This remote part of the coast has isolated inlets, pebbly beaches and fascinating rock platforms. From Durras Mountain there are sublime views of the coast and ranges. Return the same way. (From Snake Bay you can continue on to Pretty Beach via the coast or the Durras Mountain Track.)

Rainforest Walk at Depot Beach

This short walk meanders into precious remnants of littoral and temperate rainforest. It is a window into a world that existed 50 million years ago when rainforest covered much of eastern Australia. Littoral rainforests are usually contained in sheltered gullies such as the creek-line at Depot Beach. Few stands of littoral rainforest remain today; for this reason this type of rainforest is listed as an endangered ecological community in NSW. The walk is accessible from the Depot Beach Road car parks or from behind north Depot Beach.



Rock Platform Walk

grade: medium (steps) length: 2 km return time: 40 min

Durras Discovery Trail

grade: easy to medium length: 1.5 km loop time: 45 min

Lake Walk

grade: easy

length: 8 km return

time: 3 hr

Headland Walk

grade: steep length: 2 km return time: 1½ hr or 2 hr via rock platform

Wasp Head Walk

grade: easy length: 2 km return time: 40 min

Honeysuckle Beach Walk

grade: easy

length: 2.5 km return

time: 1 hr

Rock Platform Walk at Depot Beach

From the camping area, take the steps across the road to the beach. Turn right to the first rock platform. The rock platforms, part of Batemans Marine Park, are great places to discover the fascinating marine life that occurs in the intertidal zone. Sea urchins, starfish, marine plants, tiny fish and colourful crabs make watery homes in and around rockpools. Low tide is the only time to go. Return the same way or via the steps from Shelley Beach and along the road.

Durras Discovery Trail and the Lake Walk

Take the Lake Road off North Durras Road to a car park. Both walks start via an exquisite rainforest remnant that is classified as an endangered ecological community in NSW. The track divides after a bridge, where the Lake Walk begins, or you can continue along the Durras Discovery Trail which is a loop trail. Signs along the Durras Discovery Trail reveal interesting facts about the forest and the history of logging in the area. The Lake Walk ends at Mount Agony Road and you return the same way.

Headland Walk at Depot Beach

Walk through the camping ground to the fire station and turn right. Walk to the top of the hill where you will find the entrance to the track on your right. The track crosses the headland (steep in parts) to North Durras Beach. Return the same way or via the rock platform (check tides).

Wasp Head Walk

Park at Wasp Head car park just past Murramarang Resort.

A short track through casuarina forest leads to great vantage points for Wasp Island. Continue around to Emily Miller Head where there are views down to a dramatic rocky cove. The area is an important Aboriginal place — look out for evidence of shell middens. If you follow the track down to the beach you may discover an alluring sea cave. Return the same way.

Honeysuckle Beach Walk

The walk starts at North Head camping area and winds through wind-sculpted spotted gum forest. Stop off at the lookout for uninterrupted views north along the coast and the occasional white-breasted sea eagle scouring the ocean for fish. Continue along the track then head north along the road for about 400 m. Veer off the road and follow the track to the Honeysuckle Beach car park. Polished black pebbles and dramatic rock formations create a memorable vista. Return the same way.