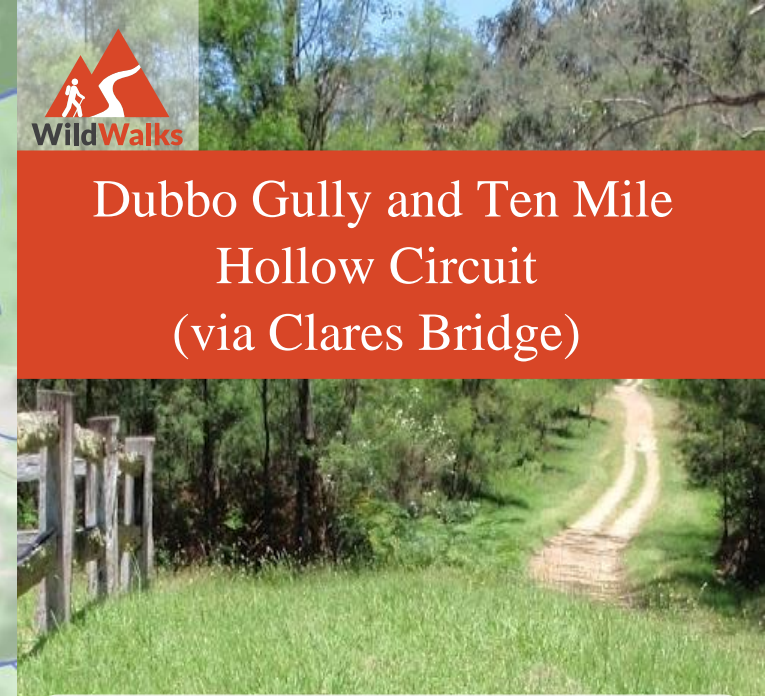
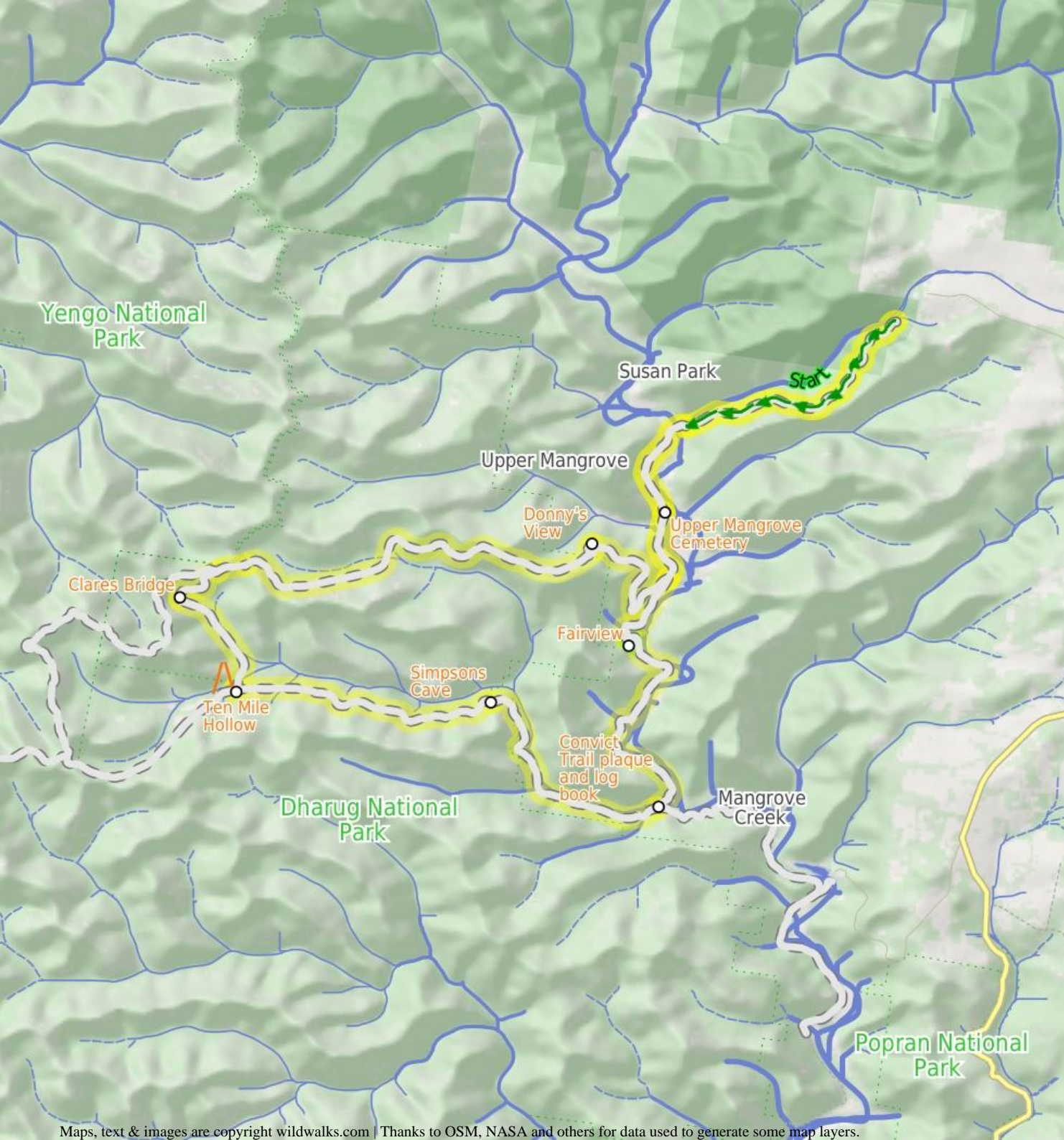


Dubbo Gully and Ten Mile Hollow Circuit (via Clares Bridge)



2 Days

Hard track

24.3 km Circuit

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This two day (or ten hour) walk follows several historic roads, now closed to traffic. Starting with a walk down to Dubbo Gully and past an old cemetery, you will then explore some old farms before coming to Simpson's Track. Here, head up the hill to come to the Ten Mile Hollow Campsite. The next day you will follow the Old Great North Road to Clares Bridge (second oldest bridge on mainland Australia). A bit further along the Old Great North Road, you then head down Donny's track and return to the start via Dubbo Gully. A great way to explore the history and beauty of the area.

Upper Mangrove Cemetery

The Upper Mangrove Cemetery is on the western bank of Mangrove Creek, near the junction with Newmans Creek. The cemetery was part of St Thomas' Church of England, however the church building was destroyed in the 2002 bushfires. Exploring the cemetery gives a glimpse into the history of the valley. You will find the stone remembering Alfred and Amanda Andrews who built 'Fairview' in 1922 and read of the loss of Leslie Starkey's parents in 1913. On the other side of the road, up the hill, is the remains of of the old St Thomas' Church building. [More info.](#)

Fairview

Fairview (550 Ten Mile Hollow Rd, Mangrove Creek) is a property with a homestead, built in 1922 by Alfred Andrews. The homestead and adjoining slab hut are now fenced to protect them, however the large corrugated iron shed on the south side is still open. The homestead was once a popular rest area for people traveling the North Road, via the Simpson track. The home was privately owned until 1973 when Gosford City Council acquired the land to protect the catchment area. The home was rented until 2002, when the tenants moved due to the threat of bushfires. The building is now in poor condition and the 'Friends of Fairview' are exploring ways to save the building and restore the history of the valley. [Save Fairview More info.](#)

Convict Trail plaque and log book

In a large clearing at the end of of Ten Mile Hollow Creek is a boulder with a 'Convict Trail' plaque. The inscription provides information on the area and the historic old Great North Road and Simpson's Track. Behind the boulder is a metal box housing a log book, waiting for your entry.

Simpsons Cave

Simpsons Cave is an informal name given to a sandstone overhang on the Simpson Track, about 2.5km east of the junction with the Old Great North Road. The cave is perched high on the side of the old road and looks north over Ten Mile Hollow valley. The cave has an outward sloping floor and is best viewed from the track.

Before You walk

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an enjoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast ([BOM Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Dharug National Park](#), [Yengo National Park](#))
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

Think before you TREK

The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- T** Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

Topo Maps

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

1:25 000 Map Series:91313N MANGROVE

1:100 000 Map Series:9131 GOSFORD

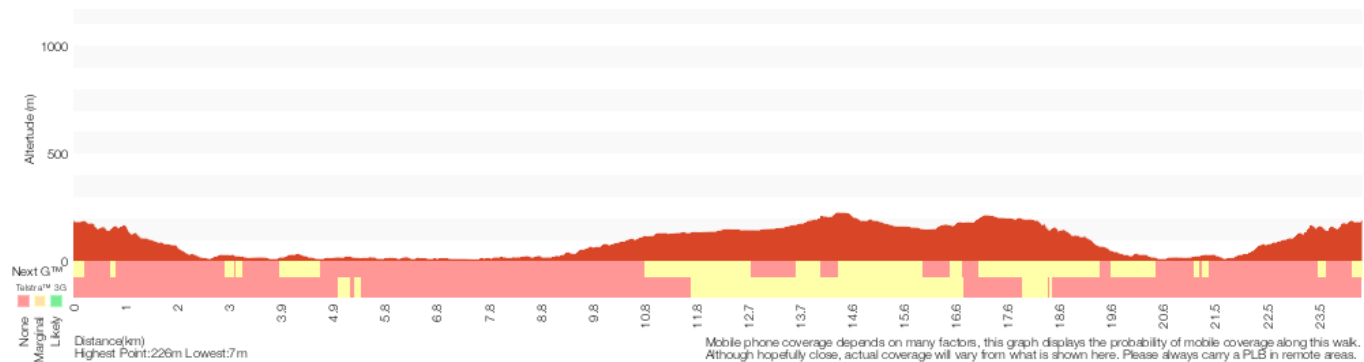
Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is determined by the highest classification along the whole track.



**Grade 4/6
Hard track**

Length	24.3 km Circuit
Time	2 Days
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walk's overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Dubbo Gully Rd car park (gps: -33.293, 151.1512). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/dgathccb>

0 | Dubbo Gully Rd car park

(3.6 km 1 hr 24 mins) From the car park (a small clearing about 450m along the unsignposted Dubbo Gully Rd. Dubbo Gully Rd is found a by turning left off Waratah Rd when it becomes unsealed, about 4km from Mangrove Mountain shops), the walk follows the management trail down the hill and soon passes around a gate. There are some beautiful rock overhangs and scenery along this section of the walk. The walk continues to wind down the hill for a long while and eventually reaches the signposted intersection with the 'Upper Mangrove Creek Rd' (just before a bridge).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail (now Ten Mile Hollow Rd) and immediately crosses the longer bridge (leaving the shorter bridge with a gate to the right). The walk meanders along the trail for some time, passing an old '134' sign to the right and a few old orange trees to the left. Soon after passing under some high voltage power lines, the walk arrives at a historic cemetery.

3.6 | Upper Mangrove Cemetery

The Upper Mangrove Cemetery is on the western bank of Mangrove Creek, near the junction with Newmans Creek. The cemetery was part of St Thomas' Church of England, however the church building was destroyed in the 2002 bushfires. Exploring the cemetery gives a glimpse into the history of the valley. You will find the stone remembering Alfred and Amanda Andrews who built 'Fairview' in 1922 and read of the loss of Leslie Starkey's parents in 1913. On the other side of the road, up the hill, is the remains of the old St Thomas' Church building. [More info.](#)

3.6 | Upper Mangrove cemetery

(740 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the cemetery, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, leaving the cemetery to the left. The trail meanders along the valley for some time, passing a swampy area to the right and a large grassy clearing to the left. A short distance later, the walk reaches the signposted intersection with 'Donny's Track'.

4.35 | Int of Ten Mile Hollow Rd and Donnys track

(810 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill. The walk soon passes around a gate and continues a little further, passing around a swampy area to the left and immediately arriving at an intersection near a gate. The trail behind the gate leads to an old abandoned house and shed, which could provide some shelter.

5.15 | Optional sidetrip to Fairview Homestead

(120 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk passes around the gate and follows the management trail steeply up the hill. The trail soon arrives at an old, abandoned house. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

5.15 | Fairview

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5.15 | Int below Fairview Homestead

(2.5 km 47 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, leaving the gate to the right and keeping the swampy area to the left. After passing a grassy clearing and old trail to the left, the walk soon passes a 'Heritage Road Wall AND Culvert Protection' signpost. Allow some time to look at the old road retaining wall sections along here. The walk continues to meander close to the creek, passing amongst some nice trees and some large clearings. The walk then passes a smaller clearing, to the left, with a padlocked steel 'Monitoring Well'. Soon after this, the walk passes through another long clearing with the remains of an old wooden fenced cattle yard. The walk then crosses a small creek and passes through to another clearing, passing a couple of boulders on the left with 'Convict Trail' information signs and a visitors book, to arrive at the intersection with the Simpson track, marked with a National Parks walkers signpost.

7.7 | Convict Trail plaque and log book

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7.7 | Int of Ten Mile Hollow Rd and Simpsons track

(2.4 km 49 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post west along the flat trail (Simpsons Track), further up the Ten Mile Hollow gully. The trail leaves the large clearing and soon passes a series of smaller clearings. After crossing a few creeks, the trail enters the thicker bush. About 1.7km from the large clearing, the trail enters the signposted 'Dharug National Park'. From here, the walk continues up the trail and, after about 750m and a distinct change in vegetation, the trail comes to the base of a large cliff and a couple of caves, up the hill on the left.

10.07 | Simpsons Cave

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10.07 | Simpsons Cave

(2.5 km 47 mins) Continue straight: From the caves, this walk follows the management trail (Simpsons Track) up the hill keeping the valley to the right. After winding up the hill for quiet some time, the trail leads under some high-tension power lines in a large clearing. About 200m past this clearing, the main trail comes to a signposted intersection with the Old Great North Road at Ten Mile Hollow and a 'Simpsons Track' sign pointing back along the trail.

12.57 | Ten Mile Hollow

This large, open campsite is found next to the Old Great North Road, at the top of the Simpson Track. The campsite is great for people walking or

cycling in the area. There is fairly new hybrid toilet, a few fire circles and plenty of places to pitch some tents. There is a water tank next to the toilet - if this is empty, there is sometimes water in Ten Mile Hollow creek a short distance north along the OGNR (otherwise the Wat Buddha Dhamma, about 600m south along the OGNR, provide a water tank for visitors). Treat water before drinking. The area was formally a stockade (a camp) for the convicts who built the road in c.1830. Later the area was named 'Snodgrass Valley' and plans to build a town were developed, neither the name nor the town proved popular (even at 2 pounds an acre). Solomon Wiseman (of Wisemans Ferry fame) was given 100 acres to build an inn, however it is not clear if the inn was ever built. [More info.](#)

12.57 | End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

12.57 | Ten Mile Hollow

(1.2 km 22 mins) Turn right: From Ten Mile Hollow, this walk follows the 'Clare's Bridge' sign along the OGNR, as it soon bends to the left. The trail narrows and comes to an old bridge (with a timber base). The walk crosses the bridge (and Ten Mile Hollow Creek) and heads around the gate. The walk follows the overgrown management trail through the bush for a while, coming to a white wooden barricade. Heading around the barricade, the walk comes to a clearing and signpost just before Clare's Bridge.

13.78 | Clare's Bridge

Clare's Bridge, on the Old Great North Road, is about 1km north of Ten Mile Hollow camping area. This, and a number of other bridges, were built during the construction of the old road. Clare's Bridge is the most visually spectacular of the bridges. The second oldest bridge on mainland Australia (The oldest being Thomas James Bridge), it is built of sandstone blocks and has a wonderful, sweeping retaining wall. The sweeping design gives full view of the craftsmanship to those passing by. Much work has been done by NPWS and Gosford Council to restore the bridge. There is no deck on the bridge, however it is still an impressive structure and a fascinating piece of history. [More info.](#)

13.78 | Clare's Bridge

(790 m 21 mins) Continue straight: From the 'Clare's Bridge' information sign, this walk follows the track down to cross the gully, keeping Clare's Bridge to the right. On the other side of the gully, the track rises to meet the management trail again. The walk continues along the OGNR up the hill, away from the old bridge. The track winds around the hill and comes to an intersection with the Wat track (on the left, signposted with '125,126 142-168').

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the OGNR up the gentle hill, keeping the valley to the right. Soon, the trail leads to a large clearing and four-way intersection, with a sign pointing back to 'Clare's Bridge'.

14.58 | Int of the OGNR and Donny's track

(3.9 km 1 hr 27 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Donny's Track' sign along the only trail that heads steeply downhill. The trail soon bends right and starts to flatten out, then after a left-bend, the trail straightens out for about 700m. Soon after passing an overgrown trail (on the right), the main trail bends left and crosses a wide gully and often-dry creek. The trail then bends right and starts to wind up the hill, passing a few cuttings. About 300m after passing under the power lines, the trail comes to an intersection with the signposted '138 137' track (on the left) and a view to the power lines. Here, the main trail bends right and continues uphill more gently. Soon, the trail crosses a saddle and starts to head down the other side of the ridge. The trail then heads down through a sharp left then right bends, then comes to another right-hand bend and an unfenced rock platform with views into the valley, Donny's view.

18.46 | Donny's View

Donny's View is an informally named vantage point partway up Donny's Track. The unfenced rock slabs provide a view over Chaselings Run valley and swamp, down to the old Ten Mile Hollow Road. Found on the bendy section of the management trail, this view provides a good excuse to stop and take a break. To the north is a view of the high tension power lines that span this section of the park

18.46 | Donny's View

(5.9 km 2 hrs 22 mins) Continue straight: From Donny's view, this walk follows the old road down the hill, keeping the filtered views of 'Chaselings

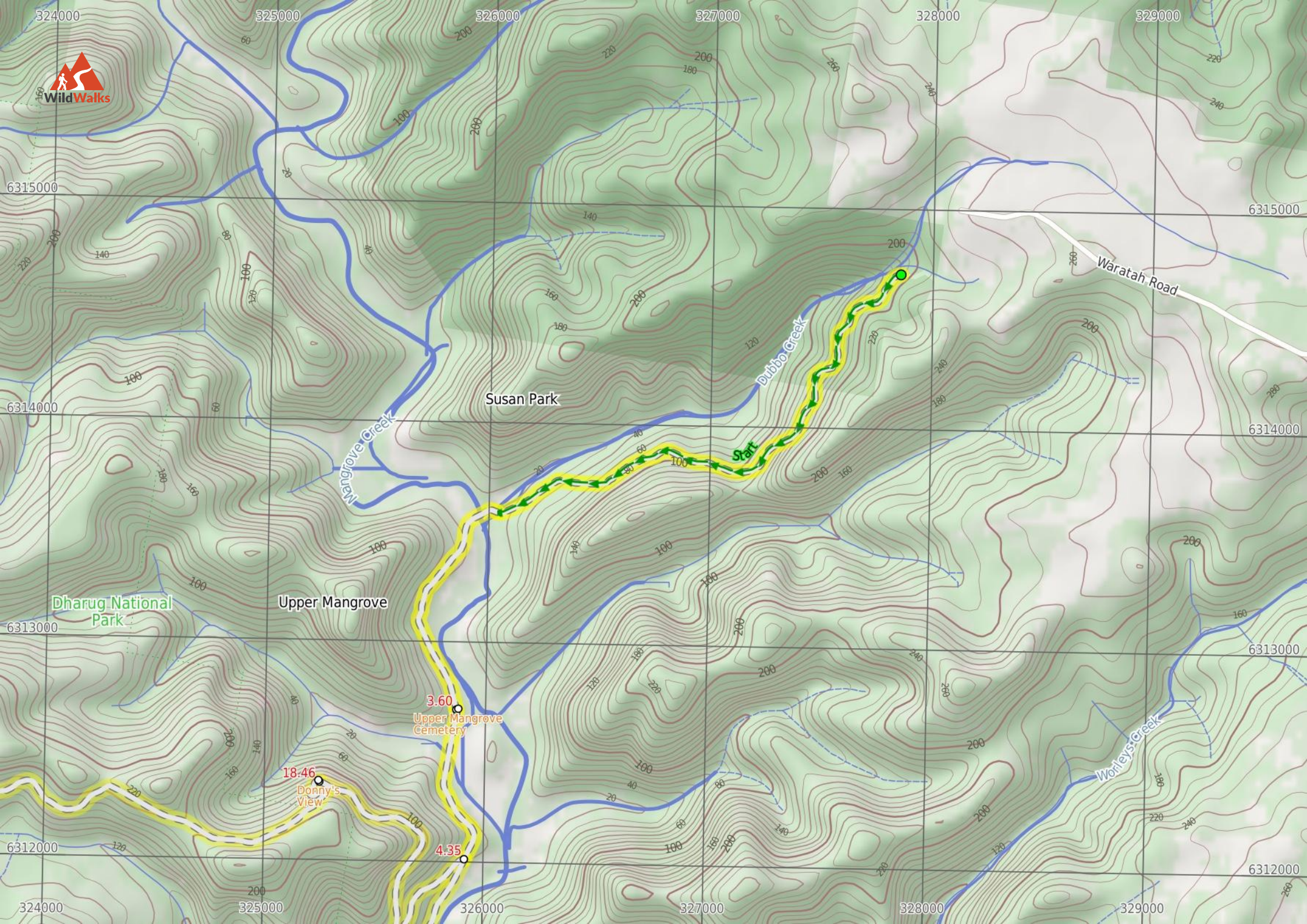
Run' to the left. The trail passes the base of some high-cut cliffs (on the right) and some rusty guard rails and soon comes to a locked gate. The walk passes around the locked gate and the 'Dharug National Park' sign, then follows a rusty guard rail to a right-hand bend. The trail then winds down the hill and, soon after passing between two old fence posts, the trail bends sharply left and passes to two more old gate posts. The trail then gently winds down the hill and comes to an intersection with the old Ten Mile Hollow Road and a sign pointing back up 'Donny's Track'.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the hill. After a short distance, the walk passes a large grassy clearing to the right and a swampy area to the left. The trail meanders along the valley for some time before arriving at a historic cemetery, on the right.

Continue straight: From the cemetery, the walk follows the management trail (Ten Mile Hollow Rd) up the hill, leaving the cemetery on the right, and soon passes under some high voltage power lines. The walk then meanders along the road for some time, passing some old orange trees on the right and an old '134' sign on the left. Some distance later, the walk crosses an old timber bridge and arrives at the signposted intersection with the 'Upper Mangrove Creek Rd' (with a shorter bridge to the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the hill (now Dubbo Gully Rd). The trail winds up the hill for a long while through some beautiful scenery, including some great rock formations and overhangs. The walk then passes around a gate and continues a little further up the hill to reach a small car park on the left (on Dubbo Gully Rd, a short distance off Waratah Rd, about 4km west of Mangrove Mountain).





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Dharug National Park

Upper Mangrove

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Upper Mangrove Cemetery

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Donny's View

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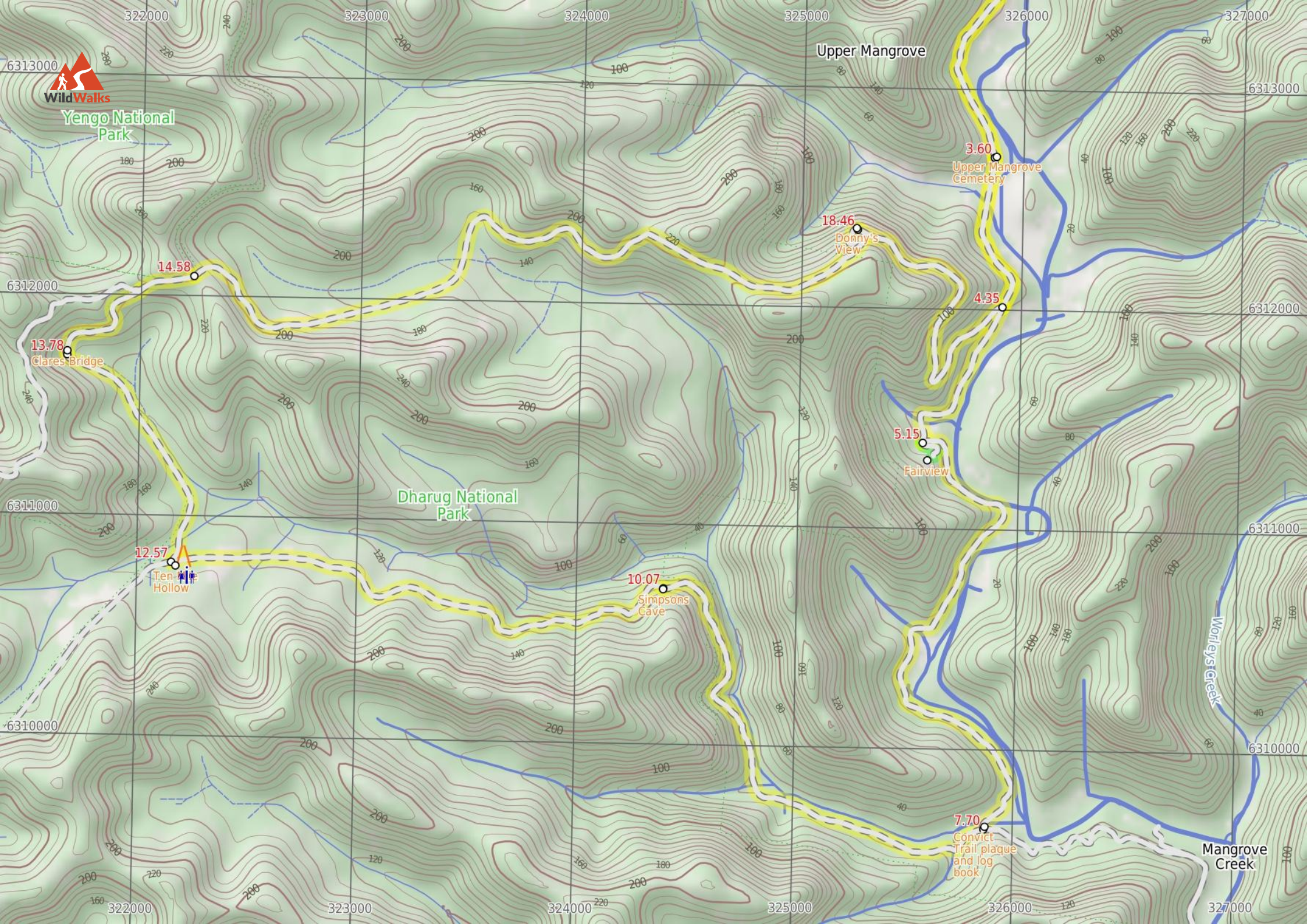
Spot

Waratah Road

Worleys Creek

Dubbo Creek

Mangrove Creek



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Summary navigation sheet for the Dubbo Gully and Ten Mile Hollow Circuit (via Clares Bridge)



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Dubbo Gully Rd car park -33.293,151.1512 (GR Mangrove, 279147)	140 -310	3.6 km 1 hr 24 mins	From the car park (a small clearing about 450m along the unignposted Dubbo Gully Rd.
3.60	Upper Mangrove cemetery -33.3108,151.1295 (GR Mangrove, 259127)	27 -21	740 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the cemetery, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, leaving the cemetery to the left.
4.35	Int of Ten Mile Hollow Rd and Donnys track -33.317,151.1299 (GR Mangrove, 259120)	19 -22	810 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill.
5.15	Int below Fairview Homestead -33.3225,151.126 (GR Mangrove, 256114)	10 -2	120 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Fairview Homestead. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk passes around the gate and follows the management trail steeply up the hill.
5.15	Int below Fairview Homestead -33.3225,151.126 (GR Mangrove, 256114)	60 -66	2.5 km 47 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, leaving the gate to the right and keeping the swampy area to the left.
7.70	Int of Ten Mile Hollow Rd and Simpsons track -33.3384,151.1289 (GR Mangrove, 259096)	135 -70	2.4 km 49 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post west along the flat trail (Simpsons Track), further up the Ten Mile Hollow gully.
10.07	Simpsons Cave -33.3285,151.1133 (GR Mangrove, 244107)	108 -39	2.5 km 47 mins	Continue straight: From the caves, this walk follows the management trail (Simpsons Track) up the hill keeping the valley to the right.
12.57	End of day 1 -33.3274,151.0893 (GR Mangrove, 222108)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
12.57	Ten Mile Hollow -33.3274,151.0893 (GR Mangrove, 222108)	33 -6	1.2 km 22 mins	Turn right: From Ten Mile Hollow, this walk follows the 'Clares Bridge' sign along the OGNR, as it soon bends to the left.
13.78	Clares Bridge -33.3189,151.0842 (GR Mangrove, 217117)	75 -27	790 m 21 mins	Continue straight: From the 'Clare's Bridge' information sign, this walk follows the track down to cross the gully, keeping Clare's Bridge to the right.
14.58	Int of the OGNR and Donny's track -33.3157,151.0904 (GR Mangrove, 222121)	136 -217	3.9 km 1 hr 27 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Donny's Track' sign along the only trail that heads steeply downhill.
18.46	Donny's View -33.3138,151.1228 (GR Mangrove, 253124)	384 -337	5.9 km 2 hrs 22 mins	Continue straight: From Donny's view, this walk follows the old road down the hill, keeping the filtered views of 'Chaselings Run' to the left.