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# Engadine to Audley



# 2 hrs 30 mins Hard track 5.8 km One way

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**WildWalks** 

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From Engadine Railway Station, this walk ventures into the centre of the Royal National Park, through light scrub. Highlights include Tuckawa Rill Creek, where the cascading water and small rock pools contrast beautifully with the surrounding dry bushland. On from here, there are great views of the Hacking River from the Robertson's Roundabout. The walk then descends into the park lands surrounding the visitor centre at Audley.

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#### 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 walks 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** You can get to Engadine Railway Station (gps: -34.0679, 151.0147) by car or train. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Royal National Park Information Centre (gps: -34.0753, 151.0565). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/eta">http://wild.tl/eta</a>

#### 0 | Engadine Railway Station

(180 m 3 mins) From the train station, this walk exits via the gate at the bottom of the platform 2 steps, then follows the management trail north, keeping the train tracks to the left. Soon, the walk turns right at the 'Engadine Track' signpost, following the 'Audley 6km' arrow along the narrow management trail. Soon, the walk comes to an intersection with another management trail, at another 'Audley 6km' sign. (Note: Straight ahead is a bush track, closed for rehabilitation.)

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley 6km' arrow along the management trail. Very soon, the walk comes to an intersection with a bush track on the left, marked with a 'track closed for regeneration' sign.

#### 0.18 | Int of Engadine Bush and Servicetrail

(80 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection the track heads southeast along the bushtrack. Approximately 30m along the trail the trail crosses a small creek with steep banks and joins up with the track on the other side. Approximately 30m after this the track comes to an intersection with another bushtrack, coming up from the west.

#### 0.26 | Int of Audley and Engadine bushtracks

 $(330 \ m \ 6 \ mins)$  Continue straight: this track ignores that trail and continues south-east long the bushtrack. After approximately 50m the track changes to being a servicetrail. This continues along the flat for short time before coming to a large intersection with trails going in several directions.

#### 0.59 | Int of Engadine Track and The Ave Servicetrail

(240 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track. The walk occasionally passes bicycle track markers as it heads through the bush, coming to the signposted intersection of bush tracks.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east along the wide bush track for approximately 25m before coming to an signposted intersection with another bush track.

#### 0.83 | Int of Engadine and Gnarra Rill Bike Track (south)

(510 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track as it heads through the thick gum tree forest. The track crosses the dried up Gnarra Rill Creek bed then continues along until coming to an intersection with a service trail, at some 'no bicycles' signs.

#### 1.33 | Int of Engadine Track and Jacana Servicetrail

(890 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading east. The track heads through the thick gum tree forest for a while before it crosses the small Forest Brook and continues up the short rocky hill on the other side. Shortly, the walk passes a small bush track, signposted 'closed for rehabilitation' then soon comes to the signposted intersection of the Loop Trail.

## 2.22 | Int of Engadine and Loop Track (North-west)

(2 km 52 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track, winding through the thick gum tree forest for a while before passing a 'no bicycles' signpost and coming to the signposted intersection with the Loop Tail.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the Audley arrow along the bushtrack, passing another sign to Audley shortly after as it heads along to the top of a long hill. From here the track follows the bushtrack as it heads down the long rocky hill until it flattens out after a set of wooden steps. From here the track follows the bushtrack for a while before it starts to head down another long hill, winding all the way down the rocky bushtrack to the bottom of the valley where it passes a sign pointing back to heathcote and comes to Kangaroo Creek.

## 4.19 | Kangaroo Creek Pools

Kangaroo Creek Pools are found on the junction of Engadine Creek and Kangaroo Creek in the Royal National park. This is where Kangaroo creek begins to widen before it joins the Hacking River. The creek is lined with rock and provides a nice place for a splash and cool down. The is some limited shade from the trees in the valley. There are no facilities.

# 4.19 | Kangaroo Creek

(840 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the creek the track crosses at the rocks to the base of the large metal staircase which it climbs as it climbs up the side of the valley, all the way to the top of the staircase where it continues along the bushtrack. From here the track follows the bushtrack heading up and around the side of the hill, providing views of the valley down to the left as it heads along to the signposted intersection of the Robertson Roundabout.

#### 5.03 | Int of Engadine and Robertson Track (North-West)

(480 m 11 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Audley' arrow along the bush track, winding down and along the side of the hill. There are views of the river down to the left as the walk steadily descends towards the bottom of the valley, until it comes to an intersection and a sign pointing to 'Robertson Roundabout'.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track heading in the opposite direction to the Heathcote and Engadine arrows, winding down the hill via the rock steps that the track continues down to the banks of the Hacking River at Currawong Flats.

## 5.51 | Currawong Flats

(280 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the end of the bush track, this walk heads through Currawong Flats, keeping the river on the left, until reaching the bridge. The track turns left and crosses the Hacking River on the bridge, to come to Lady Carrington Drive.

Turn left: From the bridge, this walk heads along the road, keeping the river to the left. Passing the park lands and picnic area, the road the meets Sir Bertram Stevens Drive and a short distance further comes to the Royal National Park Information Centre.

#### 5.79 | Optional sidetrip to Ironbark Flat Picnic Area

(100 m 2 mins) Turn sharp left: From the visitor centre, this walk passes between the centre and the toilet block, heading down the stairs and onto the large, grassed clearing of Ironbark Flats. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.