

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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Mt Sugarloaf Carpark (gps: -32.8906, 151.5394). 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 inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/msgt

0 | Mount Sugarloaf Car Park

Mount Sugarloaf car park is located in West Wallsend (25km west of Newcastle) and offers fabulous views of the surrounding countryside. This car park is the starting point for many walks around Mount Sugarloaf. There is a pond, information sign and great views to the east. More info.

0 | Mt Sugarloaf Carpark

(150 m 3 mins) From the car park, this walk follows the road gently downhill out of the car park, while keeping the pond on your left. The road is followed for about 35m, until coming to a four-way intersection, with a yellow stone monument (on your right).

Continue straight: From the yellow stone monument, this walk follows the road gently downhill and directly away from the car park. The walk continues along the road (passing a toilet block on the right) and after about 100m, comes to a three-way intersection with a road (on the left).

0.15 | Int of Sugarloaf & Northern Rd

(60 m 1 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the road gently downhill, keeping the valley on your right. After about 70m, the walk comes to a three-way intersection, with a locked gate and green-headed metal track markers (on the left).

0.21 | Int of Northern Rd & Green Track

(520 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk passes between green metal posts and follows the track gently uphill (passing a 'Sugarloaf Conservation Area' sign after 20m). After about 100m, the track descends gently into a dry creek. The track continues gently uphill (although it is initially moderately steep) through regrowth forest (ignoring side tracks) for about 400m, until coming to a flat three-way intersection and views directly ahead.

0.73 | Optional sidetrip to Western Viewpoint

(80 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, with the valley on your left. After about 60m, the walk comes to the partially-fenced western lookout (with metal posts but missing railings). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

0.73 | Western viewpoint

The western viewpoint at Mt Sugarloaf offers good views out to the surrounding inland plains and in the distance, to the Watagans on the Great Dividing range. This viewpoint is unfenced, although it has metal posts which are missing cable. This would be a great place to watch a sunset.

0.73 | Int of Green & Blue Tracks

(880 m 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track south, keeping the views and cliffline to your right. This wide track then leads through the regrowth forest, undulating gently) for about 700m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track east and gently uphill (passing a 'Lake Macquarie City Council' sign on the right after about 70m). This track is followed for about 180m, to find a large rock with a hole in it (on the right). After a further 10m, the track comes to a three-way intersection, with a track (on the left).

1.61 | Int of Green & Hole Rock Tracks

(70 m 3 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track north and moderately steeply uphill, while keeping the valley on your right. The walk follows the track (with occasional timber steps) for about 80m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a red track marker sign (on the left).

1.67 | Int of Red & Green Track

(100 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently uphill, keeping the valley on your right. This trail continues through forest for about 50m, to find a large open grassed picnic area. The walk continues up this grassed area (crossing over a concrete pad) and after about 60m, comes to the Mt Sugarloaf car park.

