

## Guringai Walk



45 mins

Moderate track

3

1.2 km Circuit

▲ 80m

This is a surprisingly spectacular walk, following the base of the cliff below St Johns Lookout. From the car park, you will follow a gentle track through the bush before heading down some stairs to the cliff face. Handrails and timber walkways have been installed to make this walk more accessible. You will pass some large Angophora, Blackbutts and plenty of fern trees. A highlight of the walk comes when you follow the ledge next right next to the cliff.

201m

163m

Katandra Reserve

### 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 St Johns Lookout car park (gps: -33.4065, 151.3901). 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/gw>

### 0 | St Johns Lookout car park

(80 m 1 mins) From the car park, this walk heads across the clearing away from the main picnic area (keeping the road up the hill to the right). The walk soon comes to an intersection and a 'Guringai walk' sign.

### 0.08 | Southern end of Guringai walk

(420 m 10 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Guringai Walk' sign down the gentle hill. The walk passes some grass trees and angophoras as it zigzags down the hill. Soon after the track crosses a small timber bridge, the walk follows the base of the cliff until coming to the number '8' post marking a large Blackbutt tree.

### 0.51 | Blackbutt

This Blackbutt tree is found at the base of the cliff next to post 8 on Guringai walk. The *Eucalyptus pilularis* is the scientific name for this tree that can grow as high as 70m. The tree has a brown fibrous bark on the lower half then a smooth grey bark at the top. The trees name 'pilularis' is Latin for small pill, referring to the tree's fruit

### 0.51 | Post 8

(360 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From post '8', this walk heads down along the track, keeping the valley to the right. The track follows the base of the cliff and, soon after climbing over a rise and coming very close to the cliff, the walk passes a section with broken glass (this is directly below St Johns Lookout). The walk continues along the base of the cliff then up a series of stairs. Just after flattening out, the track comes to a signposted intersection, with a sign pointing back along 'Guringai Walk'.

### 0.87 | Int of Toomey and Guringai Walks

(70 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lookout' sign up the stairs and turns left. The track soon bends sharply right and then leads past some timber posts, coming to an

intersection with the Katandra Horse track.

### 0.94 | Upper Int of Toomey walk and Katandra Horse track

(170 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill and through the gap in the fence to a 'Toomey walk' sign, pointing back down the hill. At this sign, the walk turns left and heads through the picnic area, passed another sign (again pointing back to 'Toomey walk') and comes to a footpath in front of a toilet block.

### 1.1 | Optional sidetrip to St Johns Lookout

(40 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the toilet block, this walk follows the footpath past the information sign to the fenced and signposted 'St Johns Lookout' At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left .

### 1.1 | St Johns Lookout

This fenced lookout is found at the top of Katandra Reserve, near the toilets. The lookout was upgraded by Gosford Council in September 2009 and now provides a safer platform and easier access. From the lookout, there are extensive views south-east over Matcham, Erina Heights and Terrigal, out to the ocean. The Guringai Walk passes below the lookout - please take extra care to not drop anything from the platform.

### 1.1 | Toilet block

(130 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the toilet block, this walk heads across the picnic area, passing the BBQ and keeping the lookout to the left. The walk soon comes to a information sign and car park (signposted as Katandra on Toomeys Rd).

