

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 End of Sandringham Cl (gps: -33.4447, 151.4068) by car or bus. 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/sc

0 | End of Sandringham Cl

(140 m 4 mins) From the end of Sandringham Cl, this walk heads up the concrete steps and path between houses number 7 and 9. At the back of the houses, the walk continues up the hill along the track and timber steps and, before long, the track passes between two timber barriers, coming to a wide management trail and a five-way intersection (just to the left).

0.14 | Sandringham intersection

(690 m 18 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the No Dogs sign and up the timbers steps, following the track up the spur away from the houses. The track heads steeply at first and then, at the top of the stairs, the track bends right and flattens out. After about 150m, the track starts to head uphill again and, just past a large dead tree, the walk turns left at a 'T' intersection to head up along the ridge. After another 120m, the walk ignores a side track (on the right) and continues up the ridge for just over 100m to a small clearing and intersection with a management trail.

0.82 | Sandringham Track clearing

(170 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow track up the ridge (initially keeping the management trail below and to the right). The track heads towards the rocky outcrop and bends left, keeping the rocks on the right. The track leads between the gums and grass trees, with filtered views to the left. The track makes its way around the rock to a flat area at the top. From here, the track continues gently up the hill along to top of the ridge for about 60m, to a four-way intersection near the large tower.

1 | Tower intersection

(110 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads south-east away from the tower and gently down hill. The track soon ignores another track (on the left) and gently bends to the right, coming to the fenced and signposted 'Colin Watters Lookout'.

1.11 | Colin Watters Lookout

A plaque explains that this lookout was named in 1992 in honour of the Colin D Watters, who was Senior Parks Supervisor with Gosford Council. The fenced lookout provides great view south-east, down Picketts Valley to Avoca Lake and Beach. The lookout is also home to an information board, bench seat, picnic table and garbage bin. This lookout offers one of the best views in the park and makes a great spot to stop and rest.

1.11 | Colin Watters Lookout

(90 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the lookout, this walk heads away from the view, following the wider trail past the 'Colin Watters Lookout' and past the sheltered information board. Ignoring the shortcut track (on the left), the trail comes to 'T' intersection near the tower (about 40m past the information board).

1.2 | Watters intersection

(60 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail, keeping the tower on the right. The trail bends right and comes to a clearing and a 'Colin Watters Lookout' sign point back along the trail.

1.26 | Tower Clearing

This clearing is found between Nyari and Colin Watters Lookouts. The clearing is next to a large communication repeater tower. There is some natural shade and a solitary picnic table on the northern side.

1.26 | Tower clearing

(130 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk crosses the clearing (keeping the tower behind and to the right), then follows the 'Nyari Lookout' sign back into the bush. The track gently winds through the ferns and soon comes to a 'T' intersection with a management trail, and 'Nyari Lookout' on the otherside side of the trail.

1.39 | Nyari Lookout

The signposted and unfenced Nyari Lookout is found beside the Sandringham Trail and is also know as Nyari Point. The views from this point are filtered through the trees and extend north-west over Erina and a small section of the Brisbane Water to Rumbalara Reserve. Not the greatest views around.

1.39 | Nyari Lookout

(220 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the lookout, this walk follows the wide management trail downhill. The trail passes a track (on the right) and bends right, then heads more gently down around the side of the steep gully. The trail bends left and just after passing a rocky outcrop (up to the right), the trail comes to a small clearing at the top of the ridge. This is an unsignposted four-way intersection with the Sandringham track.

1.61 | Sandringham Track clearing

(370 m 8 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide management trail as it heads downhill fairly steeply, keeping the valley to the left. The trail soon becomes much less steep and passes a couple of informal tracks (on the right) before coming to a distinct three-way intersection with another wide management trail (on the right).

1.98 | Blue Hill intersection

(810 m 20 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail north and downhill and immediately turns right, keeping the other trail uphill to the right. The walk continues down the hill, keeping the valley on the left. Soon after passing a rocky outcrop (close to the trail), the walk comes to views of houses in the valley. The trail continues gently downhill, passing a wide informal track (on the left) - this walk continues along the wider trail, keeping the houses to the left for a while. In time, the trail comes to a five-way intersection, notable for a timber barrier guarding the track on the left, and steps heading up to the right.

2.79 | Sandringham intersection

(140 m 4 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrower track downhill between the timber barriers, towards the houses. The track leads down a series of timber steps and then down a concrete path (and steps) between two houses, coming to the end of Sandringham Cl.