



# Scotts Point circuit

1 hr 15 mins Moderate track
3.9 km Circuit 1 0m

This walk guides you around, then through the wetlands via Scott Point. You first walk along an old closed road on the banks of the Hunter River (north and south arms) then you meander along the lovely boardwalk through the heart of the wetlands then along the rainforest track to see a greater diversity of plants. You then return to the start by walking along a few roads giving you the sense of a stroll through rural farmlands. This lovely circuit walk gives you the sense of the variety of life in the precious ecosystem.

Hunter Wetlands National Park

6m

#### 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 Riverside Park car park (gps: -32.8339, 151.709). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit walk, 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 <a href="http://wild.tl/spc">http://wild.tl/spc</a>

#### 0 | Riverside Park car park

(20 m) From the Riverside Park car park at the end of The Lane, Kooragang, this walk heads over the grassy and gravel area through timber bollards for less than 10m to come to an intersection just before the river, marked by a 'Riverside Park' sign.

#### 0.02 | Optional sidetrip to City Farm jetty

(100 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the gravel track to cross the short fibreglass bridge, keeping the river to the left. After about 10m this walk comes to a 3-way intersection with a gravel footpath, marked by an arrow post sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Jetty' arrow along the gravel path keeping the river to the left. After about 40m the path leads past a sheltered picnic area and water tap (on the right) then continues for about 30m to come to a 'Hunter Wetlands National Park' information sign (on the right). Here the walk leads onto the floating jetty ramp with 1m metal fence that leads to the City Farm jetty (there is an 8cm step to access the actual jetty platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

#### 0.02 | Riverside Park

Riverside Park is found near the end of 'The Lane', Kooragang within Hunter Wetlands National Park. There is the City Farm jetty on the banks of the north arm of the Hunter River. You will also find two picnic shelters, each with a water tank. There is also an accessible toilet at the back of the grassy area. There are a few walks that leave from the area and it is also a popular fishing and bird watching area.

#### 0.02 | Riverside Park car park int

(530 m 8 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk leads over the grassy section between the car park and river, keeping the river to the right. At the far end of the car park the walk leads past the stone seats then follows the 'Scotts Point' arrow under the power lines, turning right at the intersection and following the asphalt trail for about 210m to pass a timber seat (on the left). The walk continues along the trail for another 90m to pass a single picnic

table. The walk continues along the trail beside the river for another 180m to find the mid way picnic area with 2 picnic tables (on the left), just before the timber bridge.

#### 0.55 | Mid way pincic area

This relaxed picnic area is found on the banks of the north arm of the Hunter River nestled among She Oaks and the wetlands. There are two picnic tables on concrete slabs beside the trail. The grassy area around the tables can become boggy after rain or very high tides. A pleasant naturally shaded area with some protection from light winds.

#### 0.55 | Mid way pincic area

(700 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the old road over the 2.7m wide timber bridge, keeping the river to the right. Over the next 200m the walk leads past a series of large orange triangle boat navigation markers with lovely views over the river. The walk continues along the old road for another 250m to pass a 'Scotts Point Way' sign where there are more views of the wetlands (to the left) The walk continues for another 220m to come to the open grassy area and Scotts Point picnic area, marked with 3 signs (close to the water on the right), a picnic table (on the left) and a sheltered sitting area with a water tap. There are beautiful views of the confluence of two water ways with a view across a shipping area and a bridge and distant views of the mountains.

#### 1.25 | Scotts Point

Scotts Point is home to a water tank, picnic table and seating shelter beside an open grassy area at the confluence of the north and south arms of the Hunter River. There are views down the river to Hexham bridge and past some shipping areas. There are a series of signs to explain more about the local area. This is a lovely spot to rest and enjoy the river and the wetlands.

#### 1.25 | Scotts Point

(600 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From Scotts Point picnic area, this walk follows the gravel old road, keeping the river to the right. This walk then gently meanders along the edge of the wetlands for about 170m to the 'Green and Golden Bell Frog' information sign then 100m later lead past a small timber seat. The walk continues along the old road for another 180m to pass another small seat the 150m later this walk comes to a 3-way intersection marked by a sheltered sign (on the right) and Scotts Point Way sign (just before a locked gate).

#### 1.85 | Int of Scotts Point and Rainforest tracks

(230 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads directly away from the river, following 'The Silos' arrow down across the dip and along the dirt track passing 3 seats to find the fibreglass boardwalk. This walk follows the boardwalk for 200m as it winds through the wetlands giving great views and bird watching opportunities to then come to the end of the raised boardwalk and start of a dirt track.

#### 2.08 | Rainforest boardwalk

The boardwalk leads through the beautiful Kooragang Wetlands giving great views of the water plants and birds. Specifically, this walk leads over the Water Ribbon Swale, an abandoned channel of the Hunter River. You might be lucky enough to see Chestnut Teal, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Australian White Ibis, Strawnecked Ibis, Common Greenshank, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, or if very lucky a Painted Snipe.

#### 2.08 | East end of Rainforest boardwalk

(700 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the east end of Rainforest boardwalk, this walk heads along the grass and dirt track, away from the boardwalk for 160m passing through a few potentially boggy sections to come to a picnic table by the 'Fallen Ash Grove' (on the right). This walk continues along the track for another 35m to pass a small timber seat then the track leads past a series of plant information signs for 230m to come to another small timber seat. From this seat this walk leads for another 150m through the forest past a few more plant information signs to then cross a short fibreglass bridge. About 35m past this small bridge the track leads past another seat (on the left) then 90m later leads between the timber bollards to find the concrete 'Silos' car park beside Millams Rd, Kooragang.

#### 2.78 | Silos car park

(1.1 km 16 mins) Turn right: From the Silos car park, this walk heads out of the car park and turns left to walk along side Millams Rd. This walk continues along the asphalt road (being careful of traffic) for 300m to head under the power lines then turn left on to the dirt road, following 'The Lane' sign. This walk then follows the dirt 'The Lane' beside the power lines for 700m to come to the asphalt Riverside Park car park at the end of the road.



# Accessibility Profile



This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.



**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.



**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.



**Seats:** There are 13 seats on this walk. They are on average 220m apart, with a maximum gap of 690m.

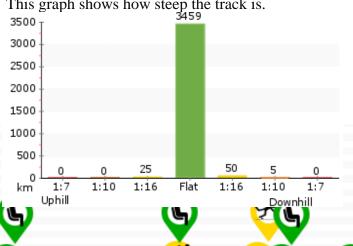
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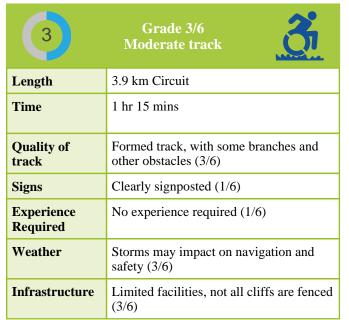
The first 2km of this walk follows an old asphalt road that is a hard travel trail for about half the length. The next 230m is on a hardened boardwalk. The following 700m follows a grassy and dirt track that becomes boggy after rain or very high tides, potentially requiring an all terrain wheelchair or assistance. The last 1km follows a hardened road.

# **Steepness**

This walk is flat with short hills less than 1:12 steep.

This graph shows how steep the track is.







Highest Point:6m Lowest:1m



# Accessibility Details





# Picnic Shelter (0m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat under roof. The table is 79cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 28cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest). The table is on a (6x6m) concrete slab. There is a second similar table opposite not in a shelter.



# 3 Pinch Point (10m)

Plastic bollard pinch points around the edge of the carpark. The largest gap between the bollard is 1.3m, 90cm high.



# 5 Potable Water (20m)

Water tank beside picnic sheter. Treat water before use. Tap 60cm high on concrete slab.



# 7 Seat (260m)

A timber bench seat, 53cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest.



## Picnic Table (530m)

Two timber slat picnic tables and bench seats. The tables are 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab 4m from trail.



# 11 Potable Water (1250m)

Tank water (treating water is recommended before use). Tap is 60cm high with gap of 1m between tap and shelter, there is a 9cm step to access the concrete slab.



## 13 Seat (1510m)

A timber bench seat, 49cm high, 19cm deep and 2.3m wide with no arm or backrest. About 10m over grass to seat from the trail.



# Potable Water (0m)

Water tank beside picnic sheter. Treat water before use. Tap 60cm high on concrete slab.



### Picnic Shelter (20m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat under roof. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest). The table is on a (6x6m) concrete slab.



# **Seat** (60m)

Three sandstone bench seats, 57cm high, 40cm deep and 2.05m wide with no arm or backrest.



# Picnic Table (350m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab 4m from trail.



## 0 Picnic Table (1220m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab beside trail.



# 12 Seat (1250m)

Three timber slat bench seats in a roofed shelter (4x4m), seats are 44cm high, 29cm deep and 2m wide with 40cm high fence as backrest. Entrance is 1.7m wide with a 7cm step.



# 14 Seat (1690m)

A timber bench seat, 49cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest. Seat is about 5m from the trail over grass.



Wheelchair Steep (1850m)

There is a 4m long moderately steep section across the dirt/grass between the trail and the boardwalk.



Trip Hazard (2150m)

A 25m long boggy section of track. The track floods after heavy rain or very high tides.



#### 19 Picnic Table (2240m)

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With plenty of shade from a tree, on a concrete slab about 4m from track.



#### **21** (2500m)Seat

A timber bench seat, 49cm high, 22cm deep and 1.5m wide with no arm or backrest.



#### **Pinch Point** (2770m)

Timber bollard pinchpoints around edge of carpark. The gap between the bollard are 1.4m, they are 94cm high.



# Seat

Three timber bench seat, 55cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest.

(1860m)



#### Trip Hazard (2190m)

A 10m long boggy section of narrow track. The track floods after heavy rain or very high tides.



# 20

Seat (2280m)A timber bench seat, 60cm high, 20cm deep and 1.5m wide with no arm or backrest.



#### 22 Seat (2680m)

A timber bench seat, 50cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest.



## Toilet Accessible (3830m)

Shared male/female accessible toilet. Entrance is 85cm wide, no hand basin, toilet seat 47cm high with a 87cm high handrail, in a 3x2m room.