

The Green Point Walk

1 hr 15 mins 3 km Return

Moderate track 102m

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This walk descends through open grasslands and eucalyptus forest to arrive at the grassed Green Point. This is a quiet and secluded spot and a fabulous place for a picnic. From Green Point, there are good views up and down Lake Macquarie. The side trip to the Sea Eagle Lookouts is also worthwhile. A good walk, with both scenic views and waterside relaxation. 49m

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Lake Macquarie LGA

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 Green Point Drive (Green Point) (gps: -33.0241, 151.6405) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available. This is a return, 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 <u>http://wild.tl/tgpw</u>

0 | Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie

The Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie is a great place for a bush walk, bicycle or picnic. The Green Point Foreshore reserve offers many historical and environmentally interpretative signs along its multi use pathways. There is an unformed foreshore pathway beside Lake Macquarie, or more physically demanding walks away from the lake foreshore and into rainforest. Historically, the Green Point area was involved in a coal rush from the 1860's. This coal rush was spearheaded by the Cardiff Coal Company. Coal was proposed to be transported by barge to Threlkeld's old wharf at Reid's Mistake (Swansea Heads) for shipping to Sydney. However, the coal was poor quality 'boiler coal' and used mostly for steamer boilers. This coal rush finished in 1870. Timber was also milled on site after the coal rush. The Lake Macquarie Council is undergoing extensive rehabilitation works to improve the area for recreation. For more information contact the Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre on (02) 4921 0740 <u>More info.</u>

0 | Green Point Reserve Entrance (Green Point Drive, B

At the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont) is an entrance to Green Point Foreshore Reserve. Both walking tracks and cycling paths start from this entrance, giving the advantage of traveling downhill to the foreshore and enjoying views as you go. No facilities are here at this stage, other than a turning circle for vehicles, but this entrance will be developed at a later time.

0 | end of Green Point Drive (Green Point)

(400 m 8 mins) From the end of Green Point Drive (in Belmont), this walk follows the concrete footpath gently uphill between metal fencing, while initially keeping the 'Green Point Foreshore Reserve' sign on the left. This walk continues for about 100m, to find a 'No Dogs' sign. Then this walk continues, undulating for 300m with views and grasslands (on the right), until coming to a three-way intersection with a footpath and 'Green Point' sign (on the right).

0.4 | Optional sidetrip to Upper Lookout (Sea Eagle Park

(290 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sea Eagle Lookout & Picnic Area' sign gently downhill across grasslands, while keeping the views on your right. This walk continues for about 60m and then enters forest. Then this walk continues for about 100m until coming to a three-way intersection with a 'Lookout' sign (on the right).

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lookout' sign and footpath gently uphill. This walk continues through forest for about 80m to pass a picnic table (on the right), until coming to a three-way intersection

with a track (on the left and just before metal fencing.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath gently downhill towards the viewpoint for 45m, until coming to the Upper Lookout (above Sea Eagle Park). At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

0.4 | Sea Eagle Park Lookouts (lower, middle & upper)

These three lookouts (lower, middle and upper lookouts) are above Sea Eagle Park in Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie and give great views across Lake Macquarie towards Swansea. The upper lookout has a picnic table in the shade behind the lookout, which gives relief on a hot day. The upper lookout also a picnic table at the lookout, offering fabulous views to the south. Each of these lookouts has a bench seat and interpretative signs. White Bellied Sea Eagles have been known to nest nearby and are often seen flying in the area.

0.4 | Int of Green Point Drive & Green Point Tracks

(840 m 16 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Green Point' sign and foot path gently downhill across grasslands and towards the distance views. This walk continues for about 230m, to find the footpath bends (to the right) with forest on the left. Then this walk continues, surrounded by forest (ignoring side tracks) for about 600m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a track and 'Walk Safe/Cycle Safe' sign (on the left).

1.25 | Int of Green Point AND Zig Zag Tracks

(250 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently downhill, while initially keeping the 'Walk Safe/Cycle Safe' sign on your left. This walk continues through forest for about 160m, until coming to a four-way intersection with a track and the grassed Green Point directly ahead.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track towards Green Point (and the water), while leaving the forest directly behind you. This walk continues for about 60m, passing across grasslands and towards a small clump of She Oak trees, until coming to the lake edge and Green Point.

1.5 | Green Point (on Lake Macquarie)

Green Point in the Green Point Foreshore Reserve on Lake Macquarie is a large grassed area which looks out over Lake Macquarie. From the vantage point of Green Point, a walker can see up and down Lake Macquarie. There are often boats passing by this low headland. This is a fabulous place to have a picnic and there is even a clump of She Oak trees by the water for shade. There are no facilities here, other than the open grassed area.

