



St John's
Cartophiles

Marramarra Creek Campground and Return Saturday 15th February, 2014

Our first bushwalk for 2014 is in the Marramarra National Park, to a location the Cartophiles were supposed to go to last April, but we were temporarily geographically embarrassed. This time, we'll get it right!

Marramarra National Park is one of the Hawkesbury's best-kept secrets and has to be among the most exciting national parks in the country. Hidden away in the northern outskirts of Sydney at the junction of Hawkesbury River and Berowra Creek, it's a peaceful pocket of Aussie bush on Sydney's doorstep, just waiting to be explored.



Set among the trees and by tranquil waters Marramarra Creek campground can only be accessed by water or by foot, making it a peaceful retreat away from the crowds. We will follow the easy 3.5km walk along Marramarra Ridge management trail to the campsite, have lunch there and then return to the cars.

We'll meet at St John's Uniting Church on the corner of Coonanbarra Road and Stuart Street, Wahroonga, at 9.30 am on Saturday 15th February. It will take about 45 minutes to drive to the start of the walk. There will be spare seats for those who don't want to drive themselves through the Galston Gorge.

The walk will take about 4 hours. The remoteness of the campground means certain restrictions. Water is not available at the campground, so you'll need to bring at least a litre of drinking water as well as your lunch. There are no rubbish bins: we will take our rubbish with us when we leave.

The walk is along gravel roads and earth paths, so wear walking shoes, cross trainers or similar – thongs or crocs really aren't suitable. Make sure you wear a hat and carry wet weather gear, just in case. Kit will carry a first aid kit.

After the walk we'll retire to the Blue Gum Hotel in Waitara to discuss the day's activities.

**To register for the walk, or to get more information, contact Kit Craig
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