



St John's Cartophiles Bushwalking Club

Newnes to Rocky Creek, Wollemi National Park Weekend 21st/22nd March, 2015

The first overnight walk of the year takes us to the Wolgan Valley, one of the most impressive gorges in NSW. The Wolgan River rises in the Newnes State Forest and is rimmed by massive cliffs for nearly 30km downstream to where it meets the Capertee River to form the Colo River.



This walk starts at the Newnes Campsite, roughly halfway between Lithgow and Mudgee, and heads about 12km down the river on the old fire trail to the junction with Rocky Creek. The second day is a return walk.

The walk is along fire trails past refinery ruins, fenced off mine shafts and old farm sites running to nature. It is mostly pleasant, undulating walking except for one steep uphill climb about 4km in where a section of the track along the river was washed away by a massive flood in 1978 at a place known as the Devils Pinch.

Getting There and Back

We have to drive to the start point, which is about 3 hours from Wahroonga. Depending on how many people are going on the walk we'll meet at St Johns Uniting Church, Wahroonga and car pool to the start point.

Camping

We will camp at the junction of the Wolgan River and Rocky Creek. There are several grassy campsites near the junction that get the sun early if the weather is cold, or sandy flats under shady trees right next to the river if the weather is hot. Water can be obtained from Rocky Creek. There are some waist deep pools to cool off in if it's hot.

Equipment

You will receive a full recommended equipment list when you register for the walk. You will need a tent, sleeping bag and a pack big enough to carry them plus your food, water, cooking gear, spare clothes, personal first aid kit and other miscellaneous items. If you don't have this gear please call Kit to discuss borrowing or hiring it.

You will need to wear suitable clothes for hiking, including boots or good walking shoes.

Times

We'll meet at 7.00am on Saturday so we can start walking at about 10.00am. We'll walk for about six hours, including rest breaks, and should be in camp by about 4.00pm on Saturday. On Sunday we'll start walking at about 9.00am and be back at Wahroonga by about 6.30pm.

Food and Water

Breakfast on Saturday and dinner on Sunday will be outside the walk. You will need to carry food for the remaining meals for the two days.

You will need to carry at least two litres of drinking water with the intention of refilling at the campsite. Kit will carry water purification tablets.

You must register for this walk by Monday 9th March. For more information contact Kit Craig on 0411 507 422 or email cartophiles@stjohnswahroonga.org