



### Mt Kembla Memorial Pathway

Mt Kembla Village has a rich but also disastrous mining history and this pathway is dedicated to those that have worked there. **Stage 1:** Follows the original railway easement from Mt Kembla Mine to Port Kembla. Historical photos and information can be viewed on the way to Stones Road. **Stage 2:** Follows a natural and landscaped section consisting of a variety of native plants and trees to Benjamin Road. **Stage 3:** Climbs steadily on a winding track through mixed eucalypt and privet forest to a point on the escarpment where the Bradford Breaker was situated (used in the processing of extracted coal before rail transport to Port Kembla). A platform has been constructed at this site for viewing the coastal strip.

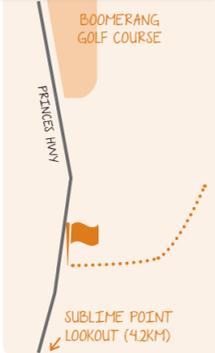


Up to 2hrs  
 Up to 4km return  
 Easy - Medium  
 Cordeaux Rd, Mt Kembla Village



### Forest Track - Maddens Plains

The Forest Track is an undulating walk along the escarpment edge from an access point on a service road north of Sublime Point to Mt Mitchell overlooking Stanwell Park. It passes through many different vegetation communities and is an excellent introduction to escarpment flora. There are also spectacular coastal views from various vantage points, though care must be taken as they are not fenced and the cliffs are very steep. The track is well maintained with some recent improvements, but may be a little overgrown in places. Walk along the service road in an easterly direction and look for the track head on the left just before the edge of the escarpment. Also see walk 12.



5-6hrs  
 12km  
 Medium undulating  
 White Gated service road 4.2km nth of Sublime Point Lookout, turnoff Old Princes Hwy



### Bellambi Lagoon & Sandhill Circuit

Starting at Towradgi Park this walk includes beach, bush, lagoon and shared pathway. It has extensive coastal and escarpment views. From the car park at the eastern end of Towradgi Road walk north along the beach for about 1.3km then turn up into the dune at the steps and walk over the dune heading further north. Now walk down through the bush, coming out at the sports field. Walk east back to the beach, around the headland to the north and Bellambi Lagoon. Then look for the shared pathway heading south. It goes along the edge of the lagoon, rich in bird life, and past the caravan park back to Towradgi. A shorter version of the walk is to start and finish at the car park at the beach end of Murray Rd East Corrimal.

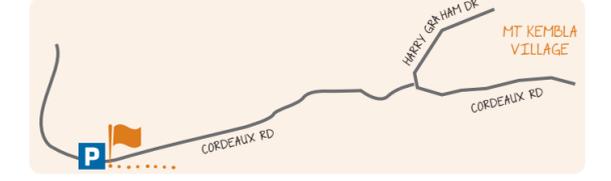


Up to 2hrs  
 5km return  
 Easy, some sand walking  
 Towradgi Rd beach carpark



### Mt Kembla Ring Track

This walk can be started at the same location as walk 8 but is an easier option. It has a section of excellent rainforest as the track descends to a fire trail which then should be taken to the north and circumnavigates the mountain eventually meeting Cordeaux Rd. The bitumen road must then be walked back up to the car park. This track can also be accessed from the top of Farmborough Rd. Pass through the locked gate and climb up the steep road past historic mining cottages and pit pony stables.



1.5-2hrs  
 5km return  
 Easy, some steps  
 Mt Kembla lookout carpark, Upper Cordeaux Rd



### Mt Keira to Robertsons Lookout

Just west of Mt Keira Lookout and connecting with the Mt Keira Ring Track a delightful walk climbs to a high point on the escarpment where there is a viewing platform which provides extensive views of the coastal plains and of Mt Keira itself. This walk can either be done as a side trip when on the Mt Keira Ring Track or as stand-alone walk by parking at the corner of Mt Keira Rd and Queen Elizabeth Drive. The track starts just off the roadway to the southwest. (also see walk 14)



Up to 2hrs  
 Up to 4km return  
 Medium  
 Cnr Mt Keira Rd and Queen Elizabeth Drive



### Illawarra Escarpment Traverse

A complete traverse (up to 16.5km) of the northern Illawarra escarpment from Stanwell Park to Austinmer with many great view points and varied vegetation along the way. Highly recommended. This walk forms part of the long awaited, but not yet fully constructed, multi-day walk of the escarpment from the Royal National Park in the north to Mt Kembla and beyond in the south. There is a section which can now be walked in one day. Public transport friendly. See separate brochure for more detail.



Variable  
 Up to 16.5km  
 Variable some steep sections  
 Stanwell Park Station Austinmer Station



### Mt Keira Ring Track

This is an iconic Wollongong and Illawarra Escarpment walk which circumnavigates Mt Keira but unfortunately is partly closed due to a rock fall on the north side of the mountain. Do not let this put you off as the sections that are open are a great rainforest experience. Best starting points are either Byarong Park, a pleasant picnic spot in rainforest, which is part way up Mt Keira Rd from West Wollongong or the same start point for walk 10.



Up to 2hrs  
 Up to 4km  
 Easy - Medium  
 Cnr Mt Keira Rd and Queen Elizabeth Drive

### Special Nature of the Illawarra Bushland

The natural bushland areas to the west of Wollongong not only provide a wonderful backdrop to the city but also have special significance as a biodiversity hot spot. This section of the Great Dividing Range with its rainforest gullies and eucalypt forests is home to a diverse range of native flora and fauna. The Illawarra escarpment also forms a vital green corridor connecting the southern end of the Royal National Park south to Macquarie Pass National Park and beyond.

**We would like to acknowledge the original custodians of this land we walk, the Dharawal people**

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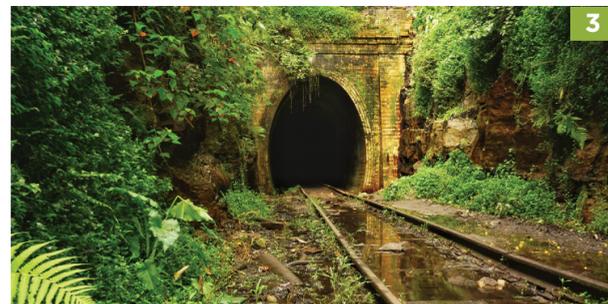


### Mt Mitchell Lookout - Stanwell Park

With a one hour steady climb from Lawrence Hargrave Drive, just south of Stanwell Park village this walk passes through tall gums with plenty of bird sounds. It joins the Forest Track and ascends about 250 metres before finding a sizeable rock platform at the highest point. There are majestic views north, east and south. For the south view walk a few hundred metres further south on the trail to another view point. The cliff edges are not fenced making the walk unsuitable for toddlers. This is an excellent walk, highly recommended.



- 1-2 hrs
- 4km: return
- Medium - Hard some steep ascent
- Wodi Wodi track head, Lawrence Hargrave Drive



### Helensburgh historic Railway - Glow Worm tunnel

Helensburgh's first railway station was opened on 1 January 1889. It was located between two single line tunnels at the junction of Tunnel Road and Vera Street. The short Helensburgh Tunnel was at the northern end of the station and was 80 metres long. The much longer Metropolitan Tunnel at the southern end.

From Helensburgh Station exit the main car park and cross Tunnel Road. Follow the open passageway along an abandoned railway line passing an old Helensburgh Railway Station sign. Proceed through the tunnel which is about 623m long. Take a torch and maybe gumboots would be good.

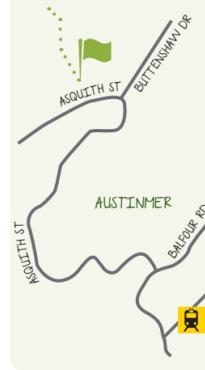


- 1hr
- 1.25km: return
- Easy family friendly
- Helensburgh Railway Station



### Austinmer to Sublime Point Lookout

This iconic Illawarra walking track can be accessed from Austinmer railway station (on foot or by car) by firstly crossing the rail bridge to the west. Ignore Hill Street and continue up Balfour Road and on to the top of Asquith Street. At the T intersection turn left and a track head is found. A well formed track leads up the escarpment (some 1000 steps) to the summit at Sublime Point (alternative start point). There are five resting stations and nine sets of ladders before arriving to witness great views from the top. For safety, always face the ladders climbing up or down. In wet and muddy conditions boot cleaning facilities are located at the ladders. Toilets and café are located at the lookout.



- 2-3 hrs
- 2km 4km: return (from station)
- Hard steep ascent
- Austinmer Railway Station or Asquith St Austinmer



### Tom Thumb Lagoon (Wollongong Greenhouse Park)

Just south of the Wollongong CBD, opposite the corner of Springhill Road and Bridge Street is Wollongong Greenhouse Park, a former rubbish dump site but now a bushland restoration project. There is a perimeter circuit walk plus a trail to the top of the small hill. A bit of an oasis in the industrial landscape.

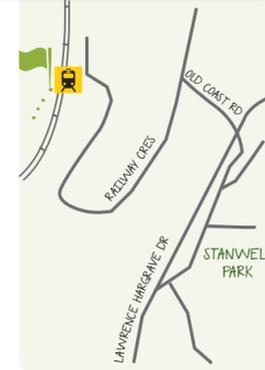


- 1-2hrs
- 2.5km return
- Easy family friendly
- Park at Tate or Keira Streets or walk 1.4km from CBD



### The Goat Track (Stanwell Park Station to Stanwell Tops)

West of Stanwell Park village there is a varied walk that climbs the escarpment to the plateau above. The first part of the walk is in rainforest and as you ascend there is dryer eucalypt forest. Once at the top you can walk north via Stonehaven Road and carefully cross Lawrence Hargrave Drive to Kelly's Falls. Or just explore the bushland on top of the plateau where there are a number of intersecting tracks and informal lookouts with views back to the coast and to Mt Mitchell to the south. Note the cliff edges are not fenced making the walk unsuitable for toddlers.

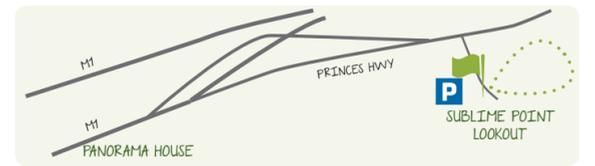


- 1-2 hrs
- 3km: return
- Medium - Hard some steep ascent
- Stanwell Park Railway Station (western platform)



### Sublime Point Nature Trail - Woodward Track

Visitors to Sublime Point lookout wanting to experience some of the wonderful bushland the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area has to offer will find the Woodward Loop Nature Trail the ideal choice. It has varied and interesting flora with many wildflowers in spring. Starting from a track head immediately behind the picnic area amenities block will take walkers in the easier anti-clockwise direction. A picnic table will be found part way around the loop that provides the opportunity to sit and enjoy the surroundings.



- 30mins
- 400m loop
- Easy family friendly
- Princes Highway, Sublime Point Lookout



### Wollongong Botanic Garden

The Wollongong Botanic Garden is about 3km north west of Wollongong CBD and is situated at the base of Mt Keira. It has an area of just over 27 hectares. Set on gently undulating land, a network of paths leads through diverse habitats such as woodlands, arid zone and rainforest. Check website for more details.

**Wollongong Botanic Garden lunchtime bird walk:** a free guided walk led by Illawarra Birders Club discovering the Garden's rich bird life. First Thursday of the month 12.30 to 1.30pm, bookings not required. Meet at the Discovery Centre.



- Variable
- Up to 2km
- Easy family friendly
- Enter at Murphy's Avenue, Northfields Avenue or Madoline Street.



### Mt Kembla Summit Track

Mt Kembla summit is one of the highest and most recognisable points on the Illawarra escarpment. It affords wonderful views of southern Wollongong. The summit track head can be found a short distance to the east of the Mt Kembla lookout carpark and climbs steadily through forest to the summit. From here extensive coastal plain and ocean views can be seen as well as across to the southern highlands as you ascend. A highly recommended walk. Also see walk 15.



- 2-3hrs
- 3km return
- Medium-hard. Steep ascent & 1 short ladder
- Mt Kembla lookout carpark, upper Cordeaux Rd

