Mt Kembla Memorial Pathway

The Coastal Strip.

been constructed at this site for viewing transport to Port Kembla. A platform has been erected at this site for viewing the oil platform which provides extensive views to the east. A great view of the ocean to Port Kembla and beyond in the south of the Illawarra Escarpment Traverse.

Stage 1:
A delightful walk along the escarpment edge Point on Second Road. 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 quite steep. Some sections of path 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.

Stage 2:
Follows a natural and landscaped 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.

Stage 3:
Follows a natural and landscaped 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.

Mt Keanie to Roberts Park Lookout

Just west of Mt Keanie Lookout and continuing with the Mt Keanie 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 Keanie itself. This walk can either be done as a side trip when on the Mt Keanie Ring Track or as an stand-alone walk by parking at the corner of Mt Keanie Rd and Queen Elizabeth Drive and then continuing to the start of the walk just off the road toward the southwest. (also see walk 13)

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 longer walk, but is not yet fully constructed, multi-day walk of the escarpment from the lookout to the north of Sublime Point to Mt Mitchell overlooking Stanwell Road. It descends to a fire track 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 walk can also be accessed from the top of Cordeaux Rd. Follow through the locked gate and climb up the steep road past historic mining cottages and pit pony stables.

Mt Keanie Ring Track

This can be started at the same location as walk 6 but is an easier option. It has a section of sandstone rockfall as the track descends to a fire track 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 Cordeaux Rd. Follow through the locked gate and climb up the steep road past historic mining cottages and pit pony stables.

Special Nature of the Illawarra Escarpment

The natural bushland comprises a direct link to the west of Wollongong not only providing a valuable linkage to the city but also have special significance as a biodiversity hot spot. The section from Mt Keanie to Robertsons Lookout forms part of the longer walk, but is not yet fully constructed, multi-day walk of the escarpment from the lookout to the north of Sublime Point to Mt Mitchell overlooking Stanwell Road. It descends to a fire track 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 walk can also be accessed from the top of Cordeaux Rd. Follow through the locked gate and climb up the steep road past historic mining cottages and pit pony stables.

Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area

This is an iconic Wollongong and Illawarra Escarpment walk which 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 and across the beach to the north where there is a section which can be viewed on the way to Stones Road. A spectacular coastal view can be viewed on the way to the beach. The sand point on a service road north of Sublime Point to Mt Mitchell overlooking Stanwell Road. It descends to a fire track 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 Cordeaux Rd. Follow through the locked gate and climb up the steep road past historic mining cottages and pit pony stables.

Mt Kembla Village has a rich but also disastrous mining history and this pathway is dedicated to those that have worked there. Stage 2 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 3 Follows a natural and landscaped section consisting of a variety of native plants and trees. It is an excellent introduction to escarpment flora. It’s also spectacular coastal views from various vantage points, though care must be taken as they are not fenced and the cliffs are quite steep. Some sections of path 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.
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 small viewing platform at the highest point. There are magnificent views north, east and south. For the south view walk, a few hundred metres ahead you will find a clearing which offers a view point. The cliff edges are not fenced making the walk unsuitable for toddlers. This is an excellent walk, highly recommended.

**Sublime Point Nature Trail - Woodward Track**

West of Stanwell Park village there is a larger car park. A Proposal to establish a lookout above the valley has been made and you may ascend there in dryer weather. Once at the top you can walk north via Stonewall Road and carefully cross Lawrence Hargrave Drive to Kelly’s Falls. Do just explore the bushland on top of the cliff. The area is a network of paths leading through diverse habitats such as woodlands, arid zone and rainforest. Check website for more details.

**Mt Kembla Summit Track**

Mt Kembla summit is one of the highest and most recognisable mountain peaks of the Illawarra escarpment. It is located between two single line tunnels and offers wonderful views across the Illawarra. This iconic Illawarra walking track can be accessed from Austinmer railway station (on foot or by car) by finding crossing the old rail bridge to the west. Ignore Mt 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 to the lookout (some 1000 steps) to the summit at Sublime Point (alternative lead point). There are fine views north, south and west. There is a set 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 best cleaning footwear is located at the lookout. Toilets and café are located at the lookout.

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**Heathcote historic Railway - Glencairn tunnel**

Hastingsburg’s first railway station was opened on 1 January 1869. It was located between two single line tunnels at the junction of Tunnel Road and Vera Street. The short Heathcote Tunnel was cut at the northern end of the station and was 80 metres long. The much longer Metropoitan Tunnel at the southern end.

**South Sublime Point Lookout - Stanwell Park**

Visitors to Sublime Point lookout wanting to experience some of the finest bushland surrounding the Illawarra escarpment Conservation Area has to offer will find the Woodward Loop Nature Trail the ideal choice. It has varied and interesting flora with the surroundings.

**Mt Kembla Lookout - Stanwell Park**

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

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