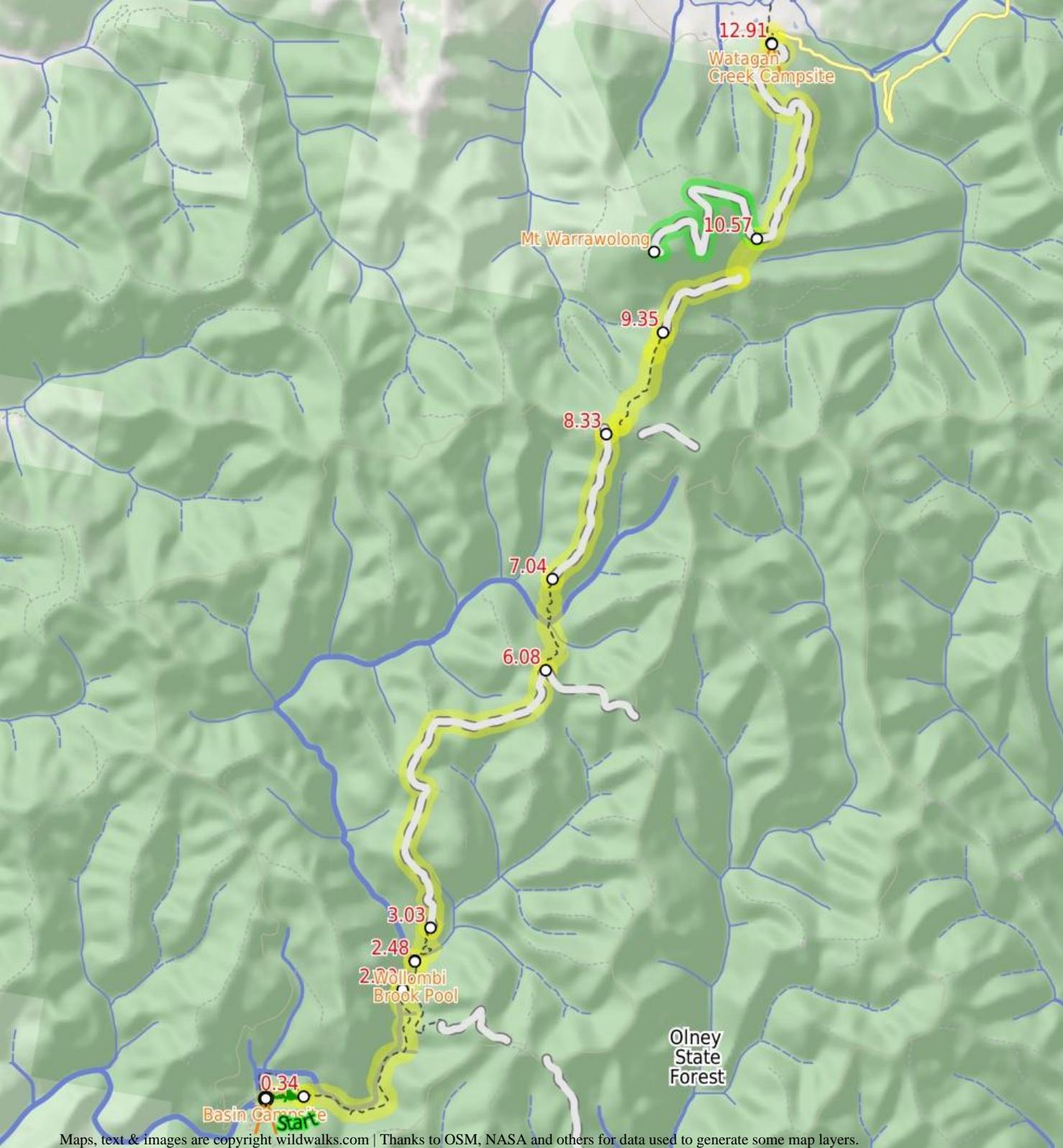


## Basin Campsite to Watagan Creek Road



6 hrs

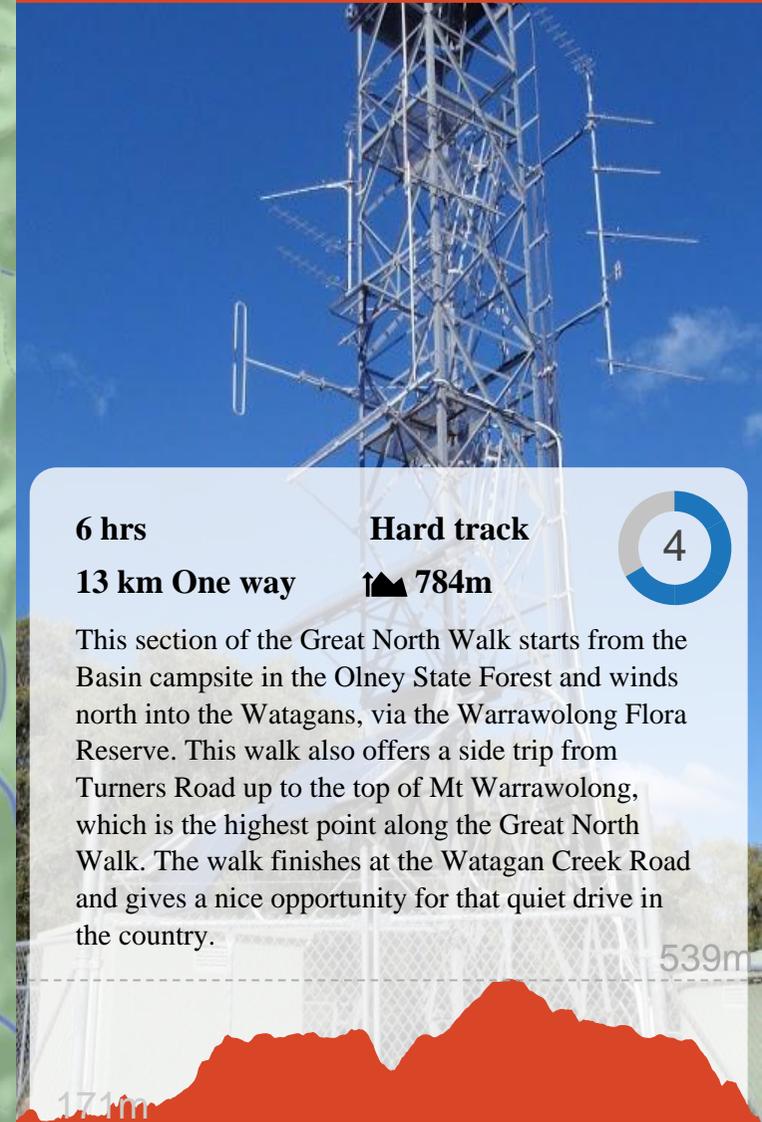
13 km One way

Hard track

784m



This section of the Great North Walk starts from the Basin campsite in the Olney State Forest and winds north into the Watagans, via the Warrawolong Flora Reserve. This walk also offers a side trip from Turners Road up to the top of Mt Warrawolong, which is the highest point along the Great North Walk. The walk finishes at the Watagan Creek Road and gives a nice opportunity for that quiet drive in the country.



171m

539m

Olney State Forest

### 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 walk 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Basin Campsite (gps: -33.104, 151.2309). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Int of GNW track & Watagan Creek Road (southside) (gps: -33.0286, 151.2739). Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/bctwcr>

### 0 | Basin Campsite

This large campsite sits by Wollombi Brook on the Great North Walk and is accessible by car. The campsite provides a range of facilities such as a pit toilet, picnic tables and chairs, wood BBQs and fireplaces. Water is usually available from the water tank or the nearby creek - treat before use.

### 0 | Basin Campsite

*(340 m 7 mins)* From the Basin campsite, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign, gently uphill , initially keeping the campsite on your right. The walk continues through tall open forest for about 300m, until coming to a saddle, with a GNW arrow marker (pointing ahead) and a 'The Basin Camping Area' sign (Rock Lilly Trail, on the left).

### 0.34 | Int of Rock Lilly AND Lyrebird trails

*(1.9 km 47 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection at the edge of the saddle, this walk follows the GNW arrow east and gently downhill. The track leads downhill to come close to Wollombi Brook (on your left), where the track gently undulates as it leads into the dense vine and mossy forest for about 1.2km. Then over the next 700m or so, the track leads past a few sandstone caves and crosses a few small creeks to come to a signposted three-way intersection with 'The Great North Walk' and the 'Lyrebird Trail' track, where a sign points back to 'Basin Camping Area'.

### 2.2 | Int of GNW tracks & Lyrebird Trail

*(280 m 7 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lyrebird Trail' & 'The Great North Walk' sign , north along the track whilst keeping the valley to your left. The walk leads through the dense forest for about 250m, until crossing a mossy creek with many small boulders. This creek may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. On the other side of this side creek, the walk comes to the edge of the delightful Wollombi Brook Pool (on the left, at the junction of this side creek and Wollombi Brook).

### 2.48 | Wollombi Brook Pool

The Wollombi Brook pool is located where two creeks come together and is a deep pool surrounded by moist cool forest. On a hot day, this spot would make an ideal resting spot or place for a cooling swim.

### 2.48 | Wollombi Brook Pool

*(550 m 14 mins)* Turn right: From Wollombi Brook Pool, this walk follows GNW arrow post north-east steeply uphill, initially keeping the main pool behind and to the left. The walk zigzags up through dense forest, up a series of timber and rock steps and past some large rock walls for about 500m, until

coming to the the wide and flat area at the end of the dirt Wild Boar Road.

### 3.03 | End of Wild Boar Road

*(3 km 1 hr 9 mins)* Continue straight: From the end of Wild Boar Road (aka Piglet Point Road), this walk follows the dirt road fairly gently uphill to the north. The roads leads distinctly uphill for about 500m, and then gently undulates along the ridge through forest for about 2.5km. Here the walk comes to a clear and signposted four-way intersection with 'Walkers Ridge Road' route and 'The Great North Walk' track.

### 6.08 | Int of GNW track & Pig and Sow Ridge Rd

*(970 m 29 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign north along the track that heads moderately steeply downhill. The walk continues through forest (with occasional timber and rock steps) for about 500m, to cross the usually small Wollombi Brook. Then the walk climbs moderately steeply uphill for about 400m, until coming to the end of the dirt Kangaroo Point Road.

### 7.04 | End of Kangaroo Point Road

*(1.3 km 34 mins)* Continue straight: From the end of Kangaroo Point Road, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently uphill along Kangaroo Point Road. The walk continues through forest (with the road gradually widening) for about 1.3km, until coming to a signposted four-way intersection with Murrays Forest Road (and a wide trail directly ahead).

### 8.33 | Int of Kangaroo Point & Murrays Forest Road

*(1 km 21 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the dirt Murray Forest Road north-east, gently uphill and directly away from the face of the 'Kangaroo Pt' sign. After about 150m, this walk comes to a signposted three-way intersection with the 'Great North Walk' trail (on your left).

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north along the dirt road for about 20m to another intersection with a 'The Great North Walk' sign. Here the walk veers right (following the sign) up along the track until it flattens out and winds down to the top of a ridgeline. The track then follows this ridgeline through an open wooded forest for about 300m, to find an unsignposted area that has been used as a campsite, at the end of a mostly flat section.

Continue straight: From the rest area, this walk follows the track down along the ridge line. The track winds steeply down into a saddle, where the track flattens out to lead through thicker green forest to the intersection with the narrow Bar Trail.

### 9.35 | Int of GNW and Bar trail

*(1.2 km 25 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-east along the narrow, overgrown trail. The trail begins to widen and after about 800m, this walk turns left to follow a 'The Great North Walk' sign down for about 20m to an intersection with the wide dirt Warrawolong Road.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, gently down along the the dirt road for about 400m to find the intersection with the dirt Turners Road, just past the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign.

### 10.57 | Optional sidetrip to Mt Warrawolong Fire Tower

*(2 km 56 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads north-west down along the dirt road, initially keeping the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign on your left and keeping the valley on your right. The road leads gently downhill along the side of the hill for just over 300m to come to a Y-intersection with the Mt Warrawolong trail (on your left).

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along the upper trail past the 'Authorised Vehicles Only' sign. After about 200m, the walk heads around a locked gate then continues moderately steeply uphill, winding up

the hill for about 1.5km to come to a large flat clearing and the tall fire tower at the top of Mt Warrawolong. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

### 10.57 | Mt Warrawolong

At 642m above sea level, Mt Warrawolong is the highest point of the Great North Walk.

### 10.57 | Int of Turners and Warrawolong Roads

*(2.3 km 53 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign, (away from face of the 'Mt Warrawolong' sign) to head east along the dirt Turners Road. After about 150m, this walk turn left at another 'The Great North Walk' sign to follow the trail as it gently undulates along the top of the ridge for just over 1km. Here the trail begins to wind downhill, becoming steeper as it goes, for about 1.1km to head around a rock road block and find the signposted rest area, where a 'Sydney Cove' sign points back up the trail.

### 12.91 | Watagan Creek Campsite

This is a Great North Walk signposted campsite, with plenty of room for a few tents but providing minimal facilities ie. no water, toilets or tables. There is, however, a bench and room for a fire.

### 12.91 | Signposted Rest Area

*(100 m 3 mins)* Turn right: From the rest area, this walk follows 'Newcastle' sign gently downhill towards the valley, along the narrow track. The track leads downhill for almost 100m, coming to a T-intersection with the dirt Watagan Creek Road, marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign pointing back uphill.