



## Cedar Brush to Basin Campsite

**4 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**

**9.7 km One way**

**590m**

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This section of the Great North Walk makes a good walk to a comfortable campsite, with the section along the Lyrebird Trail by the Wollombi Brook being particularly recommended. From the Cedar Brush track head, the walk winds up into the Olney State Forest through bushland (crossing over two moist gullies). Once most of your height is gained, this walk follows unsealed road before dropping down into the Wollombi Brook gully. From here, the walk follows bush tracks along Lyrebird Trail and to the Basin Campsite.

51m

383m

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's 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 Cedar Brush Track Head (gps: -33.1427, 151.2562). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Basin Campsite (gps: -33.104, 151.2309). 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/cbtbc>

### 0 | Cedar Brush Track Head

*(2 km 58 mins)* From the signposted 'Cedar Brush Creek Trackhead' (on Brush Creek Road), this walk crosses the stile and follows the track gently downhill, while following the 'Newcastle' sign. The walk continues for about 220m then crosses a timber and metal bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the walk heads gently uphill, past the 'Please keep on track' sign, then about 100m later this walk comes to 'The Great North Walk Walkers Register' book on a post - a good place to note your intentions. Now in a denser forest, the track begins to wind moderately steeply uphill (crossing over two moist gullies) for about 1.5km until coming to a three-way intersection with Kingtree Ridge Road.

### 1.98 | Int of GNW track & Kingtree Ridge Fire Road

*(120 m 3 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road. The walk heads north along the dirt road for about 130m, coming to a flat GNW rest area with a couple of simple bench seats (on your left).

### 2.1 | Walkers Rest Area

This GNW walkers rest area (signposted) is located beside King Ridge Road, and consists of two benches, a campfire and enough room for four or five tents on a grassy level surface. There is no water available.

### 2.1 | GNW rest area

*(3.4 km 1 hr 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the GNW rest area, this walk follows the dirt Kingtree Ridge Road gently uphill, whilst initially keeping the rest area on your left. The walk follows the series of GNW arrow markers, ignoring a few side roads for about 3.4km, until coming to a T-intersection with the dirt Walkers Ridge Road, marked with a 'Walkers Rest Area 3.4 km' sign pointing back along the road.

### 5.47 | Int of Kingtree Ridge and Walkers Ridge Roads

*(740 m 15 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along Walkers Ridge Road, following the Great North Walk arrow west over the hill, past Bobs Point Rd (on the left) and coming down the other side to the signposted intersection on the Great North Walk.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows 'The Great North Walk' sign and GNW arrow marker north east along the dirt road. The walk continues through forest (ignoring side roads) as it leads over a gentle rise for about 400m, then comes to a three-way intersection with a trail (on the left) marked with 'The Great North Walk' sign.

### 6.22 | Int of GNW AND an unsealed road

*(1.3 km 34 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign south-west, gently downhill along the fairly wide trail. The walk continues down for about 400m, becoming moderately steep partway, to come to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow marker (pointing right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the narrow track, which soon bends left and crosses the trail (just below the last intersection). Here, this walk follows the GNW arrow post moderately steeply downhill along the track, and down some stone steps for about 50m. The walk continues for about 700m along the side of the hill. Here the track leads steeply downhill, down a series of timber and rock steps for another 150m, to find a T-intersection with the 'Lyrebird Trail', also marked with a 'Basin camping area' sign.

### 7.5 | Int of GNW tracks AND Lyrebird Trail

*(1.9 km 47 mins)* Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Basin Camping Area' sign along the track, while keeping Wollombi Brook on your right. The walk continues through dense vine and mossy forest as the track gently undulates along the side of the gully. Over the first 700m, the track leads past a few sandstone caves and crosses over several small creeks. The walk then continues for another 1.2km, where the track enters a more open forest on a saddle. At the edge of this saddle is an intersection with the Rock Lilly trail (signposted 'The Basin Camping Area' sign on the right) and a GNW arrow marker pointing directly ahead (also leading to the Basin campsite).

### 9.36 | Int of Rock Lilly and Lyrebird trails

*(340 m 7 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection on the saddle, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker gently downhill heading west (directly away from 'The Basin Camping Area' sign). The walk continues through tall open forest for about 300m, until coming to the large open clearing and Basin campsite.

### 9.7 | 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.

