

## Elvina Track Walk



2 hrs

Moderate track

4.8 km Return

218m

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On this walk, you will explore the isolated community of Elvina Bay, accessible only by boat or on foot. Starting at the Elvina Track car park, you follow a mostly level management trail, before descending steeply through she oaks and large eucalyptus to the coast and houses. At Elvina Bay Park, you will find picnic areas and a fabulous rope swing. There are optional side trips to aboriginal rock engravings and an historic grave site. Please remember you are visiting a small community please respect the privacy of the local people.

161m

2m

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

### 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 Elvina Track carpark (gps: -33.6433, 151.2621). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

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

### 0 | Elvina Track carpark

*(160 m 3 mins)* From Elvina Track car park (on West Head Rd, 1.3km north of General San Martin Dr), this walk follows the management trail around the 'Elvina Track' locked gate, then past the 'Elvina Track' map sign (on the left). This walk continues along the management trail tending right through the scrubby bush. About 70m after leaving the locked gate, the walk comes to an intersection with a narrow track (on your right).

### 0.16 | Optional sidetrip to Rock Platform

*(90 m 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk leaves the management trail and heads slightly uphill along the narrow track through low heath. After about 50m, the track leads right at a faint Y-intersection and soon comes to the northern edge of a large rock platform. Upon reaching the rock platform, there is a small eucalyptus on your right and further left there is an engraving of an emu. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 0.16 | Aboriginal Engraving Rock Platform

On the northern end of the rock platform are rock carvings of an emu, large fish and a giant whale. Further to the south, the rock platform contains rock carvings of shields, wallabies, fish, eels, and other shapes that are not easily classified. The entire rock platform appears to have a rare erosional feature called tessellation. This occurs over many thousands of years, resulting in a rock surface that is eroding at different rates, creating divot holes and depressions. [More info.](#)

### 0.16 | Int of Elvina and Engravings Tracks

*(1.8 km 36 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east following the management trail gently downhill, while keeping the lower heath on your right. After about 45m, the trail leads over a water bar (hump) then comes to an intersection with a faint track on the left. This faint track looks like a water course and is marked with a cairn.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail east, soon tending left, then leading gently downhill over a number of water bars. The trail levels out after about 200m, giving distant views of the ocean (on your right). This walk continues for a further 400m to find more distant views of the ocean (on the left). Here the walk turns sharply to the right, narrows and steepens for 500m with a noticeable change in vegetation. The vegetation changes from small scrubby eucalyptus to she oak and larger eucalyptus. The trail then comes to a yellow painted steel post (on the left) with distant water views (to the left). Here the trail is concreted for about 110m, as the trail steepens, winding down through two switch backs. From here the dirt trail continues moderately steeply down

over several dirt humps to come to a T-intersection with power lines overhead and directly ahead a house and ocean views.

### 1.96 | Int of Elvina Track and Wirringulla Avenue

*(410 m 9 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail that heads gently downhill, keeping the power lines and water to your right. The trail continues amongst houses and bush for about 400m to come to an intersection with a footpath (on your right). From here you can see an open grassy area and rope swing down to the right.

### 2.38 | Elvina Bay Park

Elvina Bay Park is located on the western shores of the Pittwater, with views out to Elvina Bay and Scotland Island. A good place to stop and rest, Elvina Bay park has two park benches, grassy areas and a great rope swing. There is also a public jetty and ferry wharf. Elvina Bay has a bush fire brigade building and notably this area encountered the 1994 bush fires. (No drinking water or public toilets are available here). [More info.](#)

### 2.38 | Optional sidetrip to Fredericks Grave

*(370 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail downhill, passing a wide trail (on the right) and crossing a culverted creek after about 25m. This walk continues to follow the trail past houses to the left and right for about 170m, before crossing another culverted creek. This walk then tends right, moderately uphill for about 120m (with ocean views to the right) before leveling out and passing a green electricity box (on the right). This walk continues for about 15m to the intersection with a faint track on the left (opposite the German-looking white house and concrete electricity pole).

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows a track uphill for about 10m, (away from the concrete pole and houses) before coming to Fredericks Grave. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left .

### 2.38 | Fredericks Grave

Frederick's Grave is the grave site of Frederick Oliver. This grave site consists of a sandstone head stone and foot stone. The Olivers made their home in the area, cutting valuable timber and establishing an orchard. This grave of one of their children, Frederick, who was accidentally killed in 1867. [More info.](#)

