

# **Richley Reserve Circuit**



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## Very easy

731 m Circuit  $\bigtriangleup 21m$ This easy walk, which is wheelchair accessible, travels through open grasslands that are surrounded by healthy eucalyptus forest. The grasslands have two large ponds, with two black swans on the lower pond. Do beware of the swans defending their territory. Richley Reserve is well maintained and makes this walk particularly attractive. This walk is recommended.

52m

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Richley Reserve

Start

Newcastle LGA

#### 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 walks 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 You can get to Richley Reserve (car park) (gps: -32.9324, 151.7) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

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

#### 0 | Blackbutt Reserve

Blackbutt Reserve, near Newcastle, occupies over 182 hectares of land and provides visitors with the chance to enjoy nature trails, wildlife exhibits, children's playgrounds and recreational facilities. The reserve is the perfect place for a relaxing family picnic or to explore on a bushwalk. Native wildlife, such as the Powerful Owl and the Grey-headed flying fox can be seen within the park. There is an information cottage at Carnley Avenue, which is open 7am to 5pm, or 7am to 7pm during daylight savings. The reserve has car parking at Carnley Avenue, Richley Reserve, Lookout Road and Mahonoy Drive. For more information, phone 02 4904 3344.

#### 0 | Richley Reserve

The Richley Reserve, within Blackbutt Reserve, has a park office, large pond areas with swans (beware the swans as they defend their territory), sheltered picnic tables, water taps, toilets, open grassed areas, a children's playground, electric barbecues and a car park. The Richley Reserve car park has disability friendly parking and is open from 7am to 5pm or 7am to 7pm during daylight savings. For further information phone 02 4904 3344.

#### 0 | Richley Reserve (car park)

(180 m 3 mins) From the Richley Reserve car park (next to the 'Tall Tree Ridge Walk' sign), this walk follows the footpath, while keeping the sign and pond on your right. This walk continues with the pond on your right for about 180m, until the footpath becomes gently uphill and comes to a fourway intersection, with a timber footbridge on the right and a children's playground on the left.

#### 0.18 | Richley Reserve (Four Way Intersection)

(260 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the trail gently uphill, while initially keeping the children's playground on your left and the timber footbridge directly behind you. This walk continues for about 160m, passing a toilet block (on your left) and timber steps (on your right), to find a gently downhill section of trail (with a sheltered picnic area on the left). Then this walk continues straight ahead and gently uphill for about 120m, until coming to a section of trail that allows easy access to the large elevated grassed picnic area to the right.

### 0.44 | Richley Reserve (Short Cut Intersection)

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the trail below the large elevated grassed picnic area, this walk follows the trail gently downhill, while keeping the valley on your left. This walk continues through grassed parkland for about 120m, until coming to a three-way intersection with a sealed trail and a 'Tall Tree Walk (loop)' sign (on the right).

#### 0.53 | Int of Richley Reserve & Tall Tree Walk (loop)

(200 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed trail gently downhill, keeping the 'Tall Tree Walk (loop)' sign directly behind you while walking towards the road and car park. This walk continues for about 45m, passing through a metal gate to find a three-way intersection, with a road on the right and the car park on the left. Then this walk turns left and follows the car park gently uphill for about 150m, until coming to a 'Tall Tree Ridge Walk' sign and sheltered picnic tables ahead.

