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Wyrrabalong Figure 8

Moderate track

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33m

A great walk covering much of the excellent scenery in this area. This walk includes great views over Tuggerah lake, some beautiful areas of littoral rainforest, very picturesque, twisted Sydney Redgums leaning over the track and plenty of Burrawangs (a cycad). The lookouts along the way provide good spots to relax for a while. Much of the walking is on sandy tracks, which will slow you down a little.

Wyrrabalong 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 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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Burrawang car park (gps: -33.2937, 151.5466). 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/wf8</u>

0 | Burrawang car park

(60 m 1 mins) From the car park on the Central Coast Hwy, aka Wilfred Barret Dr (about 7km north of The Entrance bridge, and about 3km south of the intersection with Main Rd, Noraville. Signposted 'Wyrrabalong National Park'), the walk passes through the timber fence, passing an information board, to the left, and a picnic table, to the right, and follows the sandy management trail. After a very short distance, the trail arrives at the intersection of the 'Red Gum Trail' and the 'Burrawang Walking Track'.

0.06 | Int of Burrawang track and Redgum trail

(1.1 km 19 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Red Gum Trail' arrow along the wide, level, sandy track. The track climbs a little through a series of bends, passing a couple of 'Red Gum Trail' signs. There are some very nice sections of forest along here, with twisted trees leaning over the track. The track continues for some time before arriving at the intersection with the 'Wetland Trail'.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the right arrow on the 'Red Gum Trail' sign, along the sandy bush track. The track immediately drops through a gully and meanders up the other side. This section of the walk climbs and drops a little as it passes through very nice forest, with twisted tree branches leaning over the trail. The track passes a 'Red Gum Forest' information board, to the left, and continues for while to reach a wooden lookout platform with atmospheric views to the north and north-east.

1.14 | Redgum lookout

This unnamed lookout is in the Wyrrabalong National park, north of The Entrance and provides views to the north across part of Tuggerah Lake and Toukley. The lookout is on the Redgum Trail and consists of a fenced wooden platform with a seat. This is a nice, atmospheric spot to take a break on the walk.

1.14 | Redgum lookout

(710 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the lookout, the walk follows the sandy bush track to the west, leaving the lookout platform behind and to the right. The sandy track undulates through nice forest and

bends to the left (south) and continues for some distance, offering glimpses of Tuggerah lake, to the right, and the ocean, to the left. The track then reaches another wooden lookout platform, a little to the right of the track, with great views to the west, over Tuggerah lake.

1.85 | Tuggerah Lake lookout

This unnamed lookout provides views across Tuggerah Lake, north of The Entrance. The lookout is on the Redgum Trail and consists of a fenced wooden platform with a seat. the beautiful views and atmosphere make this a great spot for a break during a walk in the area.

1.85 | Tuggerah lake lookout

 $(2.7 \ km \ 46 \ mins)$ Continue straight: From the lookout, the walk follows the sandy bush track to the south, leaving the lookout platform behind and to the right. This section of the walk also undulates through nice forest on a sandy track. The walk then reaches the intersection with 'The Lilly Pilly Loop Trail'.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the left arrow on the 'Lilly Pilly Loop Trail' sign, along the sandy bush track. The track immediately drops through a gully, then winds through some nice forest for a short distance before arriving at the intersection with the 'Burrawang Walking Track'.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sandy bush track up the hill, leaving the 'Lilly Pilly Loop Trail' sign on the right. After a while the track descends, with sections of erosion control board walkway, through nice forest, before reaching the intersection signposted with 'Lilly Pilly Loop Link Trail'.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Lilly Pilly Loop Link Trail' arrow, along the narrow bush track, going up the hill. This section of track meanders through an interesting mixture of patches of littoral rainforest and some drier forest. One very sandy section of the track is held in place by low, timber retaining walls. The walk continues, eventually climbing a little through thick, vine covered vegetation, to reach an intersection marked with a 'Lilly Pilly Loop Link Trail' sign.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the sandy bush track, going up the hill, away from the nearby road. The track runs along a ridge line, through relatively dry forest for a while, before dropping a little, into moist littoral rainforest. The walk meanders through this beautiful area of rainforest, passing a 'Rainforests' information board, to the left, and then emerges to a nice vista at the edge of Tuggerah lake.

4.51 | Lilly Pilly loop rainforest

This area of littoral rainforest is on the Lilly Pilly loop walk, in Wyrrabalong National Park, north of The Entrance. This small remnant of rainforest is dominated by cabbage palms, corkwoods and tuckeroos. There are nice views across Tuggerah lake from the edge of the forest as well.

4.51 | Tuggerah Lake vista

This informal, unnamed spot at the edge of Tuggerah Lake, north of The Entrance, has beautiful views across the lake. These views, combined with the nearby area of rainforest, provide beautiful scenery on walks in the area.

4.51 | Tuggerah lake vista

(2.3 km 41 mins) Veer right: From the lakeside vista, the walk follows the bush track north, keeping Tuggerah lake to the left. The track follows the lake edge for a short distance before climbing away to the right. This section of the track undulates through quite moist forest, with some great views back across the lake, then passes some timber retaining walls. From here, the walk undulates through drier forest for some distance, with sections of erosion control board walkway, to reach the intersection with the 'Red Gum Trail'.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the left arrow on the 'Lilly Pilly Loop Trail' sign, along the sandy bush track. The track immediately drops through a gully, then winds through some nice forest for a short distance before arriving at the intersection with the 'Burrawang Walking Track'.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Burrawang Walking Track' sign, steeply down the hill and along the sandy bush track. After descending for a short distance, the track levels out before meandering through some nice forest. The thick vegetation is very closed in at times. The track passes a 'Burrawang Walking Track' signpost, to the left, and continues to wind through the nice forest to reach the signposted intersection with the 'Red Gum Trail'.

6.82 | Int of Burrawang track and Redgum trail

(60 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the sandy management trail up the hill, towards the road. After a very short distance the walk climbs some wooden steps, passes a picnic table, to the left, an information board, to the right, and passes through a timber fence to reach the car park on the Central Coast Hwy, aka Wilfred Barret Dr (about 7km north of The Entrance bridge, and about 3km south of the intersection with Main Rd, Noraville. Signposted 'Wyrrabalong National Park').