

11km Circuit



4 hrs 15 mins

Hard track

8.2 km Circuit

▲ 634m

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This excellent circuit walk offers a lot of beautiful scenery and views. Although shorter than the name suggests, it is a reasonably tough walk, with some steep rocky sections. The sections in the gullies and valleys are mostly very moist with lots of ferns, while the higher sections are through drier forest, so there is quite a bit of variety. There are also some lovely cliffs and boulder scenery at various points around the walk.

9m

253m

Dharug 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 You can get to Mill Creek Picnic Area car park (gps: -33.4008, 151.0478) by car or bus. Bus: Wisemans Ferry Dialacar provides a taxi style mini-bus service based in Wisemans Ferry. The cost is typically about \$1 per km (ex Wisemans Ferry). They will pick-up and drop-off from Sydney or the Central Coast and will happily drop walkers off or pick them up from tracks in the area. The cost for a pick-up from Gosford and drop off near Wisemans Ferry would be approximately \$150 (please call for up-to-date pricing) and the minivan can carry up to 13 passengers. Phone: 0448 122 374 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 including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/22>

0 | Mill Creek picnic area

This beautifully situated picnic area is located a short distance along an unsealed road, off Wisemans Ferry Rd, about 5.5km east of Wisemans Ferry. There are picnic tables, fireplaces, an information board and pit toilets. There is some excellent bush walking in the area with two signposted circuit walks starting from the end of the picnic area. There is a 'large group' camping area adjacent.

0 | Mill Creek Picnic Area car park

(870 m 24 mins) From the Mill Creek picnic area (signposted on Wisemans Ferry Rd, about 6km east of Wisemans Ferry crossing), the walk crosses from the information signs to the the 'Start/Finish' walking track signpost at the far end of the picnic area.

Continue straight: From the 'Start/Finish' walking track signpost at the end of the picnic area, the walk follows the bush track and immediately takes the right hand branch at a fork in the track (the other track is the return leg of the Grass Tree circuit). The walk passes through a mix of closed in, dense vegetation and more open forest with some beautiful views and lots of grass trees. After crossing a creek using wooden steps and a concreted stone path, the track climbs more steeply before dropping to the signposted intersection of the '11km Walking Track' and '1.5km Grass Tree Circuit'.

0.87 | Grasstrees

The beautiful Grasstree is one of the icons of the Australian bush. It is a very slow growing plant, with the trunk typically only growing about one cm per year. These plants can grow and survive for several hundred years. The trunk is usually black, apparently a result of bushfires. As with some other native plants, fires can actually promote flowering and further growth. [More info.](#)

0.87 | Int of Grass Tree and 11km circuits

(2.6 km 1 hr 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the '11km Walking Track' arrow along the bush track. The track climbs for a while, with nice views down into the gully, before dropping to a picturesque creek crossing marked with a small 'walker arrow'. From here the track climbs steeply for a short distance, then passes another track marker at the start of a section with beautiful rock overhangs and boulders.

The track then drops to another creek crossing, marked with a small walker sign on a boulder in the middle of the creek, beneath a huge tree with impressive roots draping over the rocks.

Turn right: From the creek, the walk follows the walker arrow along the bush track, going downstream and keeping the creek to the right. This section of the walk has several steep climbs and plenty of great scenery. After meandering for some time the walk passes a regenerating bush track, to the right (marked with a walker post and old arrows on the trees), and continues, crossing a gully marked with walker arrows in both directions. After crossing another gully (unmarked), the walk climbs very steeply, passing a track marker and climbing further to reach an intersection at the top of the hill (very faint bush track to the right), marked with two arrow track markers on a post.

3.47 | Int of 11km circuit and Link track

(2.4 km 1 hr 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the lower track arrow (left) on the signpost, along the bush track. The track immediately bends to the right and goes steeply down the hill. This section of the walk has some beautiful scenery with great boulder formations and beautiful forest and valley views. It also has some very steep sections as it drops and climbs through two gullies (plus a third minor tributary) before reaching an intersection at the top of a ridge, on a small rock platform immediately after passing a track marker (the main track bends to the left here). There are minor tracks from here to a much larger rock platform nearby with some nice views.

5.91 | 11km circuit Nth Viewpoint

This informal, unfenced lookout is on a large rock platform on the northern part of the 11km Circuit, in Dharug National Park. The nice views and atmosphere make this a good spot for a break while doing the circuit walk.

5.91 | 11km Nth rock platform

(2.2 km 57 mins) Turn left: From the small rock platform, the walk goes west along the bush track, leaving the much larger rock platform to the right. The track soon passes a track marker on the left and gently climbs up the ridge line, over the small hill and down the ridge line on the other side. The track then bends to the right and descends steeply, zigzagging down the side of the hill. The walk passes numerous track markers along the way and eventually descends into the more shaded and moist lower part of the valley. There is beautiful scenery through this section, as the walk descends, steeply at times, then crosses a wooden bridge and climbs some steps to the edge of the Mill Creek Picnic area. From here it is a short walk across the picnic area to the visible walking track signpost.

Turn sharp right: From the 'Start/Finish' walking track signpost at the end of the Mill Creek picnic area, the walk crosses the picnic area to the car park (Mill Creek picnic area is signposted on Wisemans Ferry Rd, about 6km east of Wisemans Ferry crossing).

