

Epping to Pennant Hills Station

2 hrs

5.3 km One way

Moderate track

↑ 155m

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This walk explores the bush between Epping and Pennant Hills stations. Sections of the walk pass through the Lane Cove National Park, although not down to the Lane Cove River. The walk explores a section of Devlins and Byles Creeks before passing near Pennant Hills park. The walk then takes the road for a short distance to finish at Pennant Hills Station.

48m

173m

Lane Cove 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 You can get to Epping Station (gps: -33.7725, 151.0824) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available. You can get back from Pennant Hills station (gps: -33.738, 151.0729) by car, train or bus. 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/etphs>

0 | Epping Station

(940 m 18 mins) The walk exits Epping Station on the Oxford St side. The walk then crosses Cambridge St and continues down Oxford St. The walk follows the footpath past the shops down Oxford St passing Chester St, Surrey St. Just after Surry St the walk turns left onto Derby St to the end. Nearing the end of Derby St the walk turns left around the yellow gate and onto the concrete driveway which veers left off the road. The walk continues towards the tunnel to come to an intersection just before the tunnel entrance.

0.94 | Int of Derby street service trail

(1.5 km 25 mins) Veer right: From the intersection this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow up the couple of steps then down along the footpath through the tunnel under the M2 (keeping the creek and wider management trail to your left). Out of the tunnel this walk follows the track as it winds up and around the fenced sewage vent and then continues through the dense bushland in the gully passing a sign marking the entrance to Lane Cove National Park. A little while later the track leads to a signposted intersection with the 'Belinda Crs' management trail.

Turn left: From the intersection the track follows the Whale Rock sign down the service trail which narrows into a bushtrack and follows Devlin creek through the gully all the way along until it widens out into a rocky service trail again and comes to the intersection of the Cheltenham service trail.

2.43 | Optional sidetrip to Whale Rock

(670 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the Lane Cove River arrow along the servicetrail for a while before it loops around the top of Big Ducky Waterhole. Continue straight: From the top of Big Ducky Waterhole the continues through the valley keeping Devlins Creek below on the left of the track all the way to Whale Rock. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

2.43 | Whale Rock

This is a large boulder that looks eerily like a whale, complete with eye socket. It is a good place to break and climb around the Rock.

2.43 | Big Ducky Waterhole

The servicetrail loops around the top of the Big Ducky waterhole and there is a nice rock overhang in which to break. Is also a popular bird watching area. Unfortunately, recently there has been large quantities of rubbish in the area. (If going down to the waterhole please consider carrying out some of the rubbish if every walker carries out a bit it will make a difference)

2.43 | Int of Epping Trk and Malton Rd Trail

(380 m 6 mins) Turn left : From the intersection the track follows the day road sign down across the creek and up the gentle hill, following the service trail to the intersection of the Pennant Hills bushtrack.

Veer left: From the intersection the track follows the service trail up the gentle hill for a short distance until it comes to the intersection of the Day road access track

2.81 | Int of North Epping service trail

(920 m 22 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection the track follows the Pennant Hills arrow down the steps and through the bush to the signposted intersection of the Pennant Hills park entry bushtrack

Turn left: From the intersection the track heads down and across the creek, continuing up the other side, winding up the steps all the way to the top and meandering up the gentle hill to the intersection of the bushtrack at the first telegraph pole.

Veer left: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading up the rocky hill to the top of the wooden steps and along the side of the valley, steadily winding all the way up past the signpost and up the hill to the intersection of the Kurrajong Street and Pennant Hills park tracks at the thin rock platform at the top of the hill.

Veer right: From the intersection the track follows the thin rock keeping the the down hill to the right and along a defined bushtrack, continuing through thick scrub all the way to the intersection of the unnamed bushtrack.

Turn left: From the intersection, the track heads up hill following the bushtrack past the large ash covered gum tree and along to the intersection of the Pennant Hills park nature trail.

3.73 | Mambara east int.

(1.6 km 27 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill (keeping the main valley to the left) along the concrete path as it bends to the right. This walk follows the path for about 35m as it comes to a turning and rest bay (on the right) marked with a 'You scratch my back' sign (on the left). Immediately after this point the path bends sharply right. Half way through the bend there is a 3-way intersection with a dirt track (on the left).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up a concrete path as it bends right and meanders gently uphill through the forest. This walk continues along the path for the next 35m which soon bends left, passing a potential trip hazard on the path. After 20m this path bends to the right to come to a 4-way intersection (with two dirt tracks on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads distinctly but gently uphill along the concrete path for about 45m to come to a 'Bush Recycling' sign (on the right). After another 45m this walk bends right to come to a 3-way intersection with a dirt track (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete path very gently downhill, keeping the road (a short distance) to your left. This walk continues for about 140m over a series of rough concrete sections to come to a 'The Ultimate Jigsaw' sign (on your right). After 5m this walk comes to a distinct T-intersection, marked with an arrow post.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow post along the concrete path gently uphill towards the road. The path soon bends right and continues gently uphill for about 60m to a log seat (on the left), and 'Mambara Access Track', 'Mambara Track' and 'Wildlife Protection Area' signs (on the right). After about 10m this walk comes to the Britannia St roundabout (near the car park).

Continue straight: From the roundabout the track follows Britannia street up past the two large ovals and continuing all the way along, winding around the left and right hand bends in the road which becomes the Cresant, and heads up the hill to the intersection of Pennant Hills road. From the intersection the track turns left at the main road and follows it along the footpath for a short distance to the bottom of the overpass, turning left up the ramp that winds all the way up and over the road coming back down to the intersection of Railway street. From the intersection the track follows Railway street down the hill and past the bus stops to the entrance to the train station.