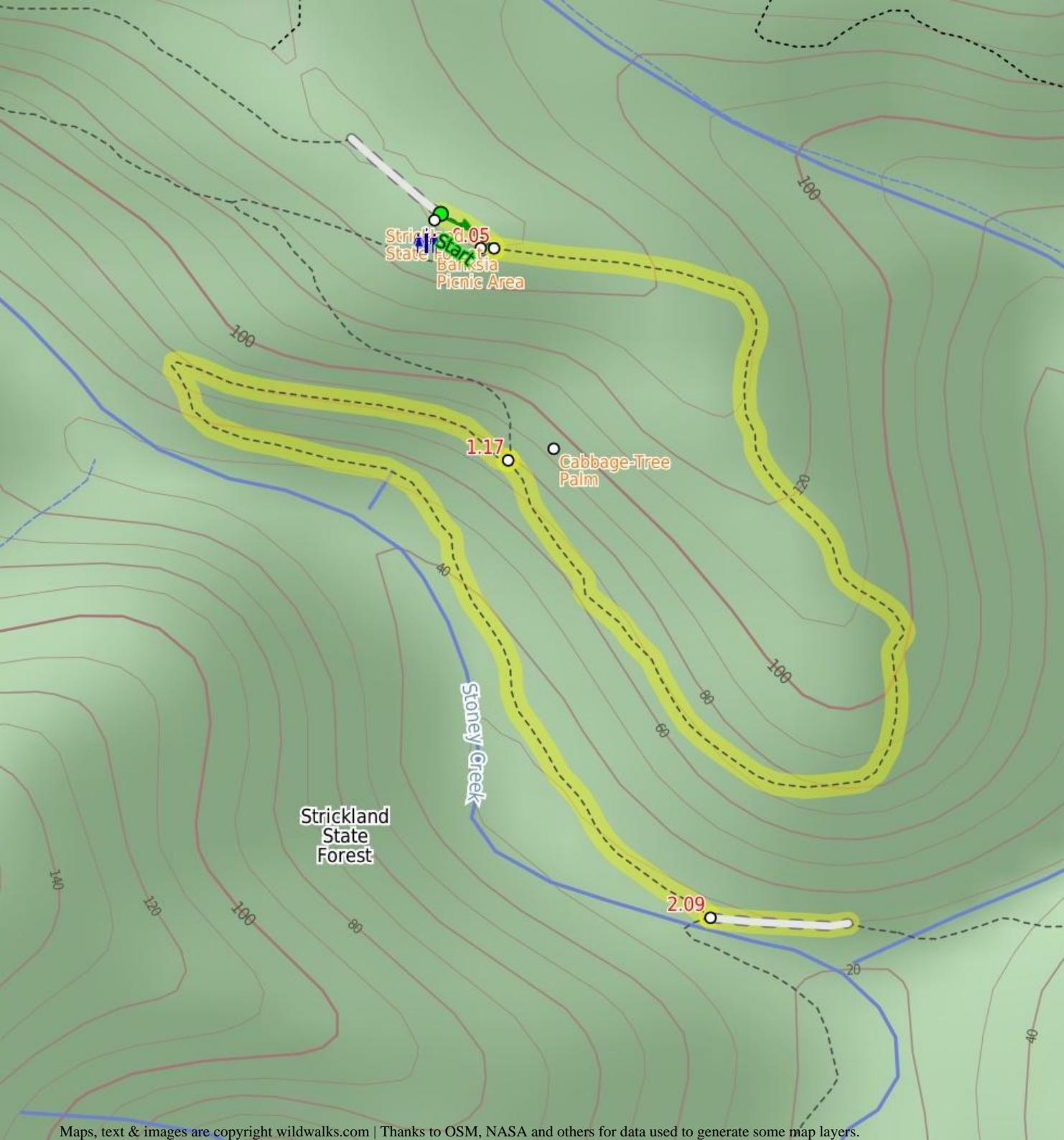


Stoney Creek Trail



1 Hr

Moderate track

3

2.2 km One way

↑ 58m

An excellent walk, spending much of its time in the shaded, rainforest-filled valleys of the Strickland State Forest. From the dry eucalypt forest around the Banksia picnic area, the walk soon descends into moist forest, filled with ferns and cabbage tree palms. You could make this a return walk by retracing your steps, or make it a circuit walk by returning to the Banksia picnic area via the road.

153m

25m

Strickland State Forest

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 Banksia car park (gps: -33.3733, 151.3225). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Strickland Lower car park (gps: -33.3799, 151.3251). 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/sct>

0 | Strickland State Forest

The Strickland State Forest, managed by State Forests of NSW, is located on the NSW Central Coast, close to the F3. The Strickland State Forest has a wide range of vegetation, including patches of rainforest along the sheltered creeks. The walking tracks take in some beautiful scenery, including a mixture of native forest and the remnants of an old arboretum. 'Strickland is no longer actively harvested and is managed for education and recreation purposes'. The 'Friends of Strickland' undertake projects including the construction of walking tracks. Note: Access into Strickland is during the daytime only with the entrance gate being unlocked between 7am and 5pm (Apr - Oct) and between 7am and 7pm (Nov - Mar) [More info.](#)

0 | Banksia car park

(50 m 1 mins) From the car park (near the end of Strickland Rd in the Strickland State Forest), this walk passes around the gate and goes across the picnic area to the track intersection at the opposite end. There is a track signpost ('Strickland Falls Loop Trail') a little to the left.

0.05 | Banksia Picnic Area

This picnic area is in the Strickland State Forest, on the NSW Central Coast. The facilities include picnic tables, pit toilets, BBQ fire places, garbage bins and tank water. A few bush walking tracks start from the picnic area.

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(1.1 km 25 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Cabbage Tree Walk Trail' arrow along the bush track, leaving the 'Gosford Lookout' sign behind, to the right. The walk initially passes through relatively dry forest, with signs naming some of the trees, before descending through moist forest, filled with cabbage palms. After a while the track reaches the intersection signposted 'Stoney Creek Trail'.

1.17 | Cabbage-Tree Palm

The Cabbage-Tree Palm (*Livistona australis*) is a tall, slender palm growing up to about 25 m in height and 0.35 m diameter. It is found in moist open forest, often in swampy sites and on margins of rainforests or near the sea. It is widely spread along the New South Wales coast and extends north into Queensland and southwards to eastern Victoria, growing further south than any other native Australian palm. [More info.](#)

1.17 | Int of Cabbage Tree and Stoney Creek trails

(920 m 20 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Stoney Creek Trail' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill. The track descends gently through forest filled with ferns and cabbage palms, before passing a 'Rainforests and Preservation' information sign, and arriving at an intersection with a management trail, beside Stoney Creek.

2.09 | Int of Stoney Creek and Bellbird trails

(80 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the hill, away from the creek crossing. The walk passes an information board, with a map of the walking trails, and soon reaches the car park.

