

Finchs Line viewpoint



2 hrs 15 mins

Moderate track

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4.4 km Return

↑ 373m

This pleasant walk follows part of the historic Finchs Line road, the original route for the Great North Road up the hills just north of Wisemans Ferry. The walk starts in moist, fern covered scenery and climbs to drier forest and some stunning views over the Hawkesbury river and Wisemans Ferry area from the unfenced Finchs Line viewpoint. There are other great views along the way too.

169m

4m

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 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 Int of Finchs Line and Wisemans Ferry Rd (gps: -33.3924, 150.9975) 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 return, 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/flv>

0 | Old Great North Road

The historic Great North Road was built using convict labour between 1826 and 1836 (this section south of Wollombi was completed in 1832). The road formed a link between Sydney and the Hunter Valley, including Newcastle. There are visible remnants of the original work in bridges, retaining walls and other structures along the way. The 'Convict Trail Project' has member groups involved in the conservation of historical remnants along the road. The Convict Trail Project and the NPWS have erected information signs at various points to illustrate the history. The Convict Trail Project has an excellent website for further reading. [More info.](#)

0 | Wisemans Ferry

Wisemans Ferry village is on the banks of the Hawkesbury river, NSW. The town, and nearby car ferry, is named after Solomon Wiseman, a former convict who received a land grant in the area and established the ferry service. The town is a popular day trip and weekend destination from Sydney. There are several good spots to eat in town, including bistros at the Wisemans Ferry Inn and the Wisemans Ferry Bowling club, and takeaway food from Bush Bites cafe. The

Riverbend Restaurant can be found in the 'Retreat at Wisemans' for finer dining. The area has some great walking and interesting history surrounding the convict built Old Great North Road. [More info.](#)

0 | Int of Finchs Line and Wisemans Ferry Rd

(1.2 km 32 mins) From the signposted track head, marked as 'Finchs Line Walking Track', beside Wisemans Ferry Rd (about 1.8 km east of the car ferry), the walk follows the bush track, going up the hill. There is an information sign after a short distance and the track starts to climb, increasingly steeply, as it zigzags up a steep hill, along the path of Finchs Line Road. There are some beautiful views away from the track and a lot of ferns, grasstrees and vines surrounding the track. After winding up the hill for quite a while the walk arrives at an intersection with a management trail, marked with a sign indicating bikes must be walked (when going back down the hill).

1.23 | Walk Bikes Signpost

(970 m 25 mins) Turn right: From the signpost, the walk follows the management trail steeply up the hill. After a while, the trail levels out and offers some fantastic views across the valleys on the northern side of the ridge. The trail then switches back to the Hawkesbury side of the ridge arrives at a beautiful rock outcrop with stunning views down across the Hawkesbury and Wisemans Ferry township.

2.2 | Finchs Line viewpoint

This informal, unfenced (and unnamed) lookout is on the trail along the historic Finchs Line Rd near Wisemans Ferry, NSW. The viewpoint sits on a beautiful outcrop of boulders and provides stunning views down across the Hawkesbury river and Wisemans Ferry township.

