

# Wallaroo Track



**3 hrs 45 mins**

**Hard track**

**9.3 km Return**

**▲ 352m**



This is a nice walk in the Ku-ring-gai Chase NP, passing through a mix of thick heath vegetation and more open forest. There are some great views over Cowan Waters from the end of the track.

119m

181m

Ku-ring-gai Chase 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 Salvation Picnic Area (gps: -33.6266, 151.258). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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/wt>

### 0 | Salvation Picnic Area

The Salvation Picnic Area is beside West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, about 3.6km north of the intersection of West Head Rd and General San Martin Dr. The picnic area has three picnic benches and a car park. There are no other facilities. This is a convenient point to start/finish the nearby Salvation Loop, Wallaroo and Yeomans walks.

### 0 | Salvation Picnic Area

*(300 m 6 mins)* From the 'Salvation Picnic Area' (on West Head Rd, about 3.6km north from the intersection with General San Martin Dr), the walk follows the road, crossing the bridge over Salvation Creek, leaving the picnic area on the right, and soon arrives at the northern trackhead of the 'Salvation Loop Track'.

### 0.3 | Salvation Loop north trackhead

*(1.4 km 27 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Salvation Loop Track', passing around a gate and along the management trail. The trail gently arcs to the left for some time, offering occasional views over the low, dense heath vegetation. The walk then arrives at the signposted intersection with the 'Walleroo Track'.

### 1.75 | Salvation Loop hanging swamp

The Salvation Loop hanging swamp is enclosed within the Salvation Loop Track, off West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, about 3.6km north of the intersection of West Head Rd and General San Martin Dr. This area of hanging swamp (swamp formed in a depression on high ground, usually near a cliff) and wet heathland is difficult to see from the surrounding Salvation Loop track due to the drier, tall, dense heath vegetation surrounding it. It may, however, reward the patient, or lucky, observer with the plant and animal life associated with this habitat type, such as reeds and frogs.

### 1.75 | Alternate Route Int of Salvation Loop and Wallaroo

*(2.2 km 38 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, with the 'Walleroo Track' on the right, the walk follows the management trail to the west and soon swings to the right. The walk passes through an area of dense heath vegetation so there are only limited views away from the track. The track then passes around a gate and arrives at West Head Rd.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk follows the road gently down the hill leaving the 'Salvation Loop Track' to the left and soon arrives at the 'Salvation Picnic Area'.

### 1.75 | Int of Salvation Loop and Wallaroo track

*(2.9 km 1 hr 2 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Walleroo Track' arrow going up the hill. This section of the walk has some short, but steep, climbs and descents and soon offers some nice glimpses of Cowan Creek before reaching the intersection with 'Yeomans Track'.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Walleroo Track' arrow down the hill, along the management trail. The trail is increasingly overgrown and passes several small but nice rocky outcrops. The main track comes to an end on a rocky outcrop with your first views over Cowan Creek.

### 4.63 | Optional sidetrip to Wallaroo View

*(190 m 4 mins)* Continue straight: From the rocky outcrop, the walk follows the faint bush track gently down the hill, keeping Cowan Creek on the left. The walk continues for a short distance over some sloping rocky outcrops before reaching a rocky outcrop at the top of a small unfenced cliff with beautiful views over Cowan Creek. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn sharp left.

### 4.63 | Wallaroo view

The Wallaroo view is at the end of the Wallaroo Track, off the Salvation Loop track and West Head Rd in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. This viewpoint is an informal, unfenced lookout at the top of a small cliff. You get beautiful views along parts of Cowan Waters, including Castle Bay and Yeomans Bay.

