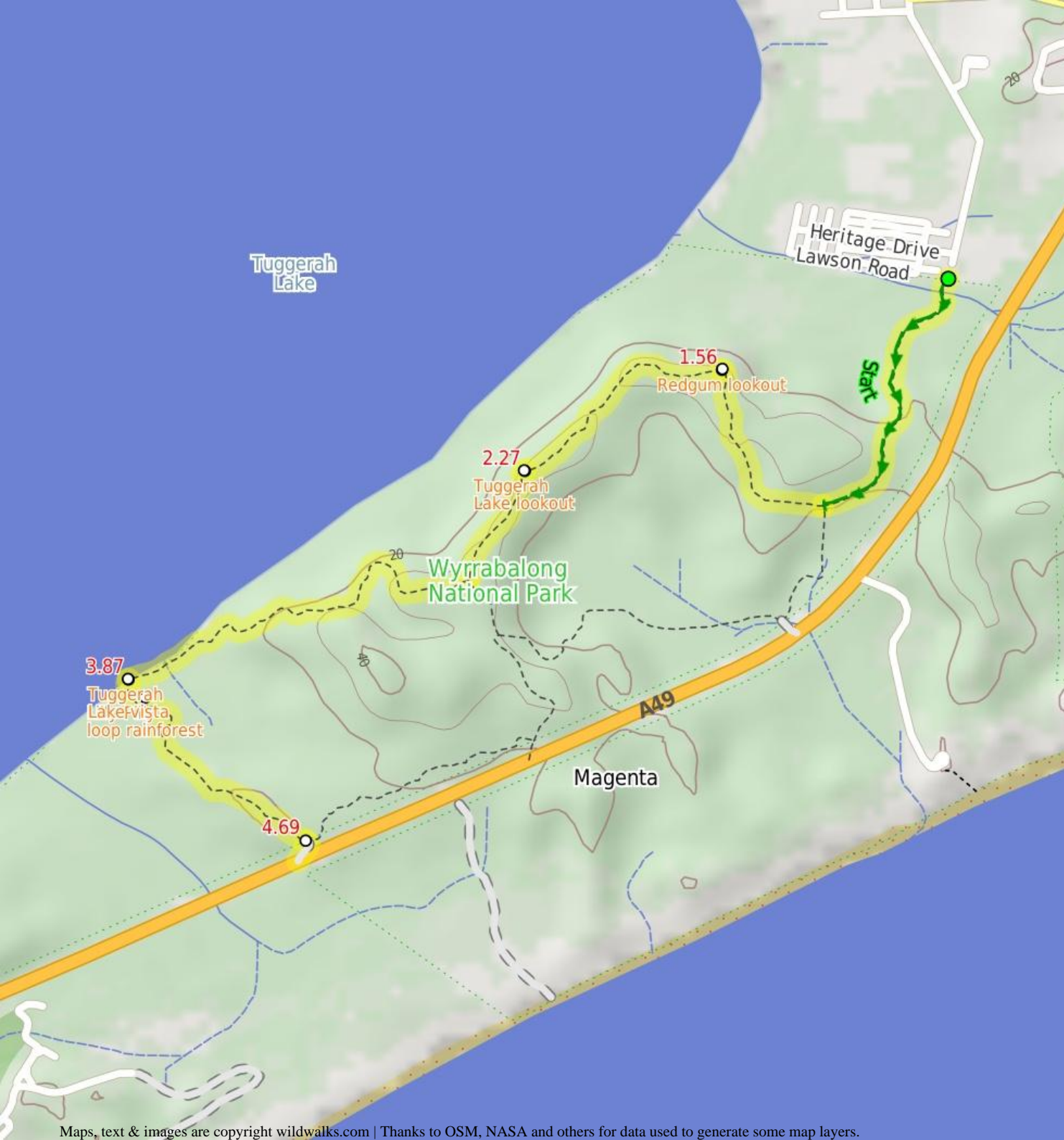


Wetland trail to Rainforest



1 hr 45 mins

Moderate track

4.8 km One way

▲ 79m

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A great one-way walk covering some of the highlights of this part of Wyrabalong National Park. The walk starts off through some beautiful wetland forest, before passing through areas of fantastic, twisted Sydney Redgums and Burrawang cycads. A couple a lookouts provide great views and spots to relax before the walk drops to the edge of Tuggerah lake. Towards the end, the walk passes through some beautiful rainforest with towering cabbage palms. Much of the walk is on sandy tracks.

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Wyrabalong 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 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 End of Evans Rd (gps: -33.2829, 151.5508) by car or bus. Bus: A bus service runs from Lake Haven to Evans Rd. The service only runs a few times a day. Please check timetable for more info or Phone Busway on (02) 4392 6666 (route 91) Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from South car park (gps: -33.3006, 151.5329). 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/wtrr>

0 | End of Evans Rd

(1.6 km 27 mins) From the end of Evans Rd, Toukley, the walk passes around a gate, passes an information board and 'Wyrabalong National Park' sign, and follows the bush track. The track winds through the swampy forest for a while, crossing a small wooden bridge, before passing a 'Wetlands' information board, on the right. The track then meanders through the forest for some time, passing a 'Wetlands Trail' sign, to the right. The forest becomes drier and the track becomes wider and sandy as it undulates through the forest to reach the intersection with the 'Red Gum Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the right arrow on the 'Red Gum Trail' sign, along the sandy bush track. The track immediately drops through a gully and meanders up the other side. This section of the walk climbs and drops a little as it passes through very nice forest, with twisted tree branches leaning over the trail. The track passes a 'Red Gum Forest' information board, to the left, and continues for while to reach a wooden lookout platform with atmospheric views to the north and north-east.

1.56 | Redgum lookout

This unnamed lookout is in the Wyrabalong National park, north of The Entrance and provides views to the north across part of Tuggerah Lake and Toukley. The lookout is on the Redgum Trail and consists of a fenced wooden platform with a seat. This is a nice, atmospheric spot to take a break on the walk.

1.56 | Redgum lookout

(710 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the lookout, the walk follows the sandy bush track to the west, leaving the lookout platform behind and to the right. The sandy track undulates through nice forest and bends to the left (south) and continues for some distance, offering glimpses of Tuggerah lake, to the right, and the ocean, to the left. The track then reaches another wooden lookout platform, a little to the right of the track, with great views to the west, over Tuggerah lake.

2.27 | Tuggerah Lake lookout

This unnamed lookout provides views across Tuggerah Lake, north of The Entrance. The lookout is on the Redgum Trail and consists of a fenced wooden platform with a seat. The beautiful views and atmosphere make this a great spot for a break during a walk in the area.

2.27 | Tuggerah lake lookout

(1.6 km 28 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, the walk follows the

sandy bush track to the south, leaving the lookout platform behind and to the right. This section of the walk also undulates through nice forest on a sandy track. The walk then reaches the intersection with 'The Lilly Pilly Loop Trail'. Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the right arrow on the 'Lilly Pilly Loop Trail' sign, along the sandy bush track, going up the hill. The track undulates through nice forest for some distance, with sections of erosion control board walkway, and timber retaining walls. From here, the track offers great views of the lake, and passes through increasingly moist forest, before dropping a little and running along the edge of Tuggerah lake. After running along the lake edge for a while, the walk reaches a lakeside vista where the track bends sharply to the left (heading away from the lake, into a thick, shaded section of forest).

3.87 | Tuggerah Lake vista

This informal, unnamed spot at the edge of Tuggerah Lake, north of The Entrance, has beautiful views across the lake. These views, combined with the nearby area of rainforest, provide beautiful scenery on walks in the area.

3.87 | Lilly Pilly loop rainforest

This area of littoral rainforest is on the Lilly Pilly loop walk, in Wyrabalong National Park, north of The Entrance. This small remnant of rainforest is dominated by cabbage palms, corkwoods and tuckeroos. There are nice views across Tuggerah lake from the edge of the forest as well.

3.87 | Tuggerah lake vista

(820 m 14 mins) Veer left: From the lakeside vista, the walk follows the bush track, going into the thick, shaded forest, away from Tuggerah lake. This beautiful section of the walk passes through an area of littoral rainforest. The walk passes a 'Rainforests' information board, to the right and continues through the forest. As the walk climbs a little, the forest becomes drier. The walk continues along a ridge line for a short distance to reach the intersection signposted 'Lilly Pilly Loop Link Trail'.

4.69 | Int of Lilly Pilly loop and Sth Lilly Pilly access

(80 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the level, sandy management trail towards the nearby road (opposite direction to the signpost arrow). After a short distance, the trail bends to the right and goes down hill a little. The walk passes an information board and 'Lilly Pilly Loop Trail' sign before going around a gate and arriving at the car park on the Central Coast Hwy, aka Wilfred Barret Dr (about 5.5 km north of The Entrance bridge, and about 4.6km south of the intersection with Main Rd, Noraville. Signposted 'Wyrabalong National Park').

