

A Day in the Bush

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Updates

AMENDMENTS TO 2000 EDITION

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- page vi *Last para, first sentence, amend to read*
- All information provided is based on first-hand experiences of the walks.
- page vii *The former Lands Information Centre is now called the Lands and Property Information Centre. The Bathurst address of the Centre is unchanged but the web address is www.lands.nsw.gov.au.*
- The Sydney Map Shop is now located at*
- Department of Lands ([Queens Square](#))
Ground Floor
1 Prince Albert Road
Sydney (entry is behind the Hyde Park Barracks)
- Tel. (02) 9236 7720. Fax (02) 9221 5890
- mapssydney@lands.nsw.gov.au
- page x *In the entry for walk #2, change figure in Length column to 16 and the figure in the Kids column to 11+*
- page xi *The text in the box has now been changed to read:*
- The book has its own web site: www.sdr.com.au/bushwalking/
This site provides regular updates on track conditions and other changes, and also welcomes your feedback on the book and the walks.
- The web site of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au, should also be consulted for up-to-date information about track closures.
- page 27 *Foot of second column, change the details of the Branagan and Packham book to read,*
- Branagan, D.F. and G.H. Packham, 2000, *Field Geology of New South Wales*, 3rd ed., Sydney Science Press.
- page 31 *Second column, amend the Leonard reference*

Leonard, G., 1993, *Eucalypts: A Bushwalker's Guide*, 2nd ed., Sydney, NSW University Press

change the Sainty et al reference to

Sainty, G., Hosking, J, Abell, P, Jacobs S and Dalby-Ball, M, 2000, *Burnum Burnum's WILDthings: Revised Edition*, Potts Point, Sainty and Associates.

page 32 *First column, change the Swan reference to*

Swan, G., Shea, G. and R. Sadlier, 2004, *A Field Guide to Reptiles of New South Wales*, rev.ed., Sydney, New Holland.

page 41 On the map, place the (s) symbol near (1)

page 42 *It is strongly recommended that, because of the work on the desalination plant, this walk not be attempted.*

page 43 *Second column, second and third paras, replace with:*

Once at the car park, take the track south along the cliff, across short stretches of heath to Tabbigai Gap (5) and Blue Hole Gorge (6), both of which are eroded dykes. *Take care near the unfenced cliffs.* The heath features Flannel Flower, drumsticks and dense mounds of Swamp She-oak near the cliff edge. From (6) take the inland track across the dunes and by a swale (swamp). Continue on to Cape Baily Lighthouse (7) [lunch icon]

The return trip can be varied by taking the Cape Baily Track from Tabbigai Gap or the Yena Track. Ignore the fire trails (not shown on map) going to the west (left) from Tabbigai and Yena gaps. Exit the walk via Polo St or the Yena Track.

page 44 *Change the length to 16km from Otford Railway Station; 14 km from Otford Gap and the age for children to 11+*

page 47 *First column, first para, replace with*

Follow Kallaroo Ave up and round to its junction with Lower Coast Rd. Climb the cleared grassy area just south of the junction to Lawrence Hargrave Drive. At the Drive, there are two options, neither ideal. One is to turn south (left) and walk (*mindful of the traffic*) 250 m to the tunnel (3) under the railway. The other is to cross the Drive directly and take a track, which is overgrown in places – ignore a side-track up to the railway line.

Second column, second and third paras, replace with

Take the track to the south (left) for a steep but rewarding climb through a medium eucalypt forest featuring Two-veined Hickory and through a patch of heath dominated by Heath Banksia to the viewpoint (7) [lunch icon]. From here and 300 m further on enjoy views of Australia's tallest railway viaduct at (8), Stanwell Park and the Illawarra coast.

Return to the Wodi-Wodi Track and turn west (left). Follow the track across the creeks at (9) and (10). Look for markers and at (10) veer slightly left across the creek to find the (obscure) exit track. From here the track climbs steeply. After levelling out, it passes the Stanwell Tops Track before descending to the railway station.

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Since the following amendments to Walk #5 were prepared, the NPWS has closed the cliff-top track from Shelley Beach to the cliff above the Cobblers. You must now follow the track across the dunes to Beachcomber Avenue and then take the Cobblers Track back to the track that follows the cliff line. This will add approximately 1 km to the length of the walk to Marley Head and the walk through the dunes can be quite tiring.

The track that leaves the Marley Head Trail at 10 to link up with Beachcomber Avenue is now overgrown and difficult to follow. It is strongly recommended that you re-trace your steps to get back to Beachcomber Avenue.

The first three paras of the Track Notes need to be replaced with

From the wharf, take the stone steps and the path east through the reserve to The Avenue and along the Lambeth Walk to the end of Neil St and the track to Jibbon Beach. Walk along the beach to its northern end. This part of the walk features littoral rain forest and coastal dune scrub, including Tuckeroo, She-oaks, Honey-reed and banksia species.

Locate the start of the Jibbon Loop track near the far end of the beach. The fleshy groundcover growing on this part of the beach is Pigface, reportedly a source of wild food. You can take the Jibbon Loop directly to (3), Shelley Beach [food icon], or a highly recommended side-trip to view wave-cut platforms (1) and Aboriginal (Dharawal people) rock engravings (2).

The signposted track to (2) starts at the end of the beach and proceeds east through two grassed areas and then north. Retrace your steps from (2) to the start of the Jibbon Loop. Do not attempt to go directly from (2) to (3) by the route shown on the map, as this part of the original track is now overgrown.

Delete the para "At the Y-junction....overlooking a small beach".

Amend the start of the fourth para as follows

From Shelley Beach, take the track to the south. Proceed a short distance to a small grassy clearing and junction at (4) and take the lesser track south-east (left) back to the cliff line. Stay on this...of the edge.

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First column, first full para, replace with

From Timber Beach, take the track north (right) up the spur to where it may appear to peter out (9). If a track to the north (right) is visible, follow it to the Moonee Beach Trail. Otherwise, just make your own way the 30–40 m across to the trail. Follow the trail east (right) for 200 m to where a narrow and slightly obscure track goes off to the right. Take the track (eroded in places) first east and then north down to Moonee Beach. Once at the beach, turn south and walk to the southern end of Little Beach. Observe the Permian sedimentary strata (conglomerate/coal seam/conglomerate) in the cliff here; note the spit (tombala) out to Flat Island and explore the easily negotiated cave at (10).

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Second column, second full para, replace with the following paras:

Proceed along the track up the steep hill into the national park. At the junction with the track that goes west (right) across to Bambara Rd., there is the option of a side-trip of about 1 km return. Take the track west about 600 m until you see a ruined cottage on your left. Nearby, a track leads off to the right to a cliff line. Follow the track to the cliffs and then investigate the gaps in the rocks until you find a gallery of what look like Egyptian hieroglyphics carved into the rock face. This gallery was first discovered in 1911, but its origin remains unknown. There are also other carvings in the vicinity. Retrace your steps to the main track, turn south (right) and proceed to the Bambara Rd junction (4).

About 100 m from this junction, a track branches off to the left (5) past several boulders. Inexperienced walkers should ignore this track and stay on the main trail following it to (9) directly or with a side-trip to (8). Not far from the start of this secondary track there is a rock platform (6) with pleasant views across the bay and a less-than-obvious Aboriginal carving of a fish.

Second column, third full para, sentence "The track is slightly overgrown... metal markers on trees" should be changed to read

The track is heavily overgrown and metal markers on trees placed to indicate its general direction may be difficult to see.

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The track from 5 to 6 zig-zags more than indicated by the map. Much of the track from 5 to the end of the walk is steep and gravelly and needs to be walked with care.

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NPWS have now placed a toilet at Kingfisher Pool.

Add to the first para of the track notes, For a short stretch, the track follows a fire trail. A sign "H/cote" painted on a rock indicates the resumption of the track to (2).

At (5), the Bullawarring Track actually goes straight on to Battery Causeway. (The route described and shown on the map follows the Goanna Track.) There are pleasant lunch and swimming spots at the causeway or you can walk the 0.4 kilometres back to Lake Eckersley.

- page 85 *Development at the Scouts camp has eliminated the alternative exit route. Instead go straight on up past the terraced seating and around the buildings to the gate into Freeman Rd. Turn right to join Boundary Rd and then left for the short walk to Oliver St..*
- page 88 *About 100m beyond the bridge (1), ignore the track that goes off sharply to the right to Glenbrook Creek goes.*
- A more open and attractive overhang is reached about 150m before (2). The track south-east from (2) to the main track no longer exists.*
- The sidetrack to the creek at (3) has a short but steep climb down a rock face. Rather than tackle this scramble, some people may prefer to stop at the top of the rock face. As there is a pleasant pool at the foot of the sidetrack, there is no need to walk to the bigger pool 100m upstream for a lunch spot.*
- page 90 *The first para should read, Return to the main track, turning south (right). Follow the track to the junction with Pippas Track at (4).*
- About 200 metres from the end of Pippas Track, there is a tricky junction. It is located just beyond the point where the track turns east and moves away from the creek. Look for an obscure track off to the left (i.e. in the direction of buildings on the ridge). A rough arrow has been etched into the bark of a large angophora at the junction. (If you continue on the main track towards the east, you will finish up well away from Blaxland Railway Station).*
- page 97 *Change the first line, in the first para second column to read:*
- Follow the road (now open to vehicles) for 500 m to a sign-posted ...*
- page 105 *Change the "Track" entry to read*
- Clear signposting; 3 km unconstructed; obvious; rough; steep and slippery in places; no facilities; low-moderate use*
- Second column, second full para, change to read:*
- From Cataract Falls, take the fire trail south-east (right to) to a Y-junction. Take the right-hand option to join the fire trail from Bath Rd. (7). After about 1 km, a junction is reached. Ignore the track that goes straight on (south), but take the track north-east and down the hill to a ford. Just beyond the ford, locate a narrower track to the south (right) (8). Follow this track into the valley through gully forest to Victor Falls (9) and Terrace Falls (10), looking out for plant species markers.*
- page 110 *The track into Breakfast Point lookout has been closed for safety reasons*
- page 118 *This walk can be very muddy.*
- page 122 *The entry in the "Ups 'n' downs" section should be amended to read:*

One steep ascent (70 in 300m); one moderate ascent (40 in 300m);
one steep descent (70 in 100); one moderate descent (70 in 500m)

page 124 *Look for the wasp nests on the roof of the overhang at 3
This walk is currently closed for maintenance. Check with NPWS Blue
Mountains office for re-opening date.*

page 127 *Photo caption should be changed to read*

Native wasps' nest under overhang, Six Foot Track

*In second last line of first para column two change "bees" to
wasps*

page 142 *First full para column one replace with:*

From (3), the track goes about 40m to a rock platform where a critical
turn-off to the south (right), *away from the cliff line*, is reached. Ignore
the track going north-east, parallel to the cliff line. About 1km or 15
mins walking from (3) the track curves south-west and it is easy here
to take a dead-end track to the east (left) by mistake. On this section,
try to stay on the established track rather than the parallel side-tracks
to protect the vegetation and restrict erosion damage.

*Second last line column one change the figures in the parenthesis
from 30 to 40 to*

40 to 50

page 150 *Column one, in the "Start" para change "...100 m...past" to*

200 m

Last para second column, change "yellow" to

blue