



Follow the Coastal Emu



When you take the Yuraygir Coastal Walk and follow the path of the coastal emu, you are within the traditional homelands of the Gumbaynggirr (in the south) and Yaegl Nations (in the north). Caring for these lands shows respect for elders past and present and their strong spiritual and cultural connection to this Country.

This unique four day walk traverses Yuraygir National Park, the longest stretch of protected coastline in NSW, and adjoining Solitary Islands Marine Park. Along your journey you will encounter vast heathland plains, long sandy beaches, crystal clear creeks and lagoons, rocky headlands and abundant wildflowers and birdlife. Taking this walk will enrich you with experiences and memories to value forever.

The signposted 65km walking route extends from the coastal villages of Angourie to Red Rock.

The walk is a series of tracks, trails, beaches and rock platforms that are linked by following the 'coastal emu footprint' marker (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*). Some walkers will choose to complete the entire route in a single trip, but options for shorter 'half' and 'single' day walks are available and may suit your needs better.

The walk passes through the villages of Brooms Head, Minnie Water and Woolli. These tranquil communities allow you to restock on supplies and recuperate. You could even stay in the village overnight accommodation if you have decided not to camp in one of the seven national park campgrounds along the journey.



If you're taking snaps while you're exploring the trail, don't forget to share them with us!

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Looking to experience the Yuraygir Coastal Walk?

Before you go...

Check the weather and tides at www.bom.gov.au

Check latest updates at www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Advise someone of your departure and expected return time. Don't forget to check in with them when you return.

There are **river crossings** at Sandon, Woolli and Red Rock, so organise watercraft ahead of your trip. Contact NPWS 02 6641 1500 or My Clarence Valley Tourism 02 6643 0800 for details.

Best walked north to south with the sun at your back.

Walk times are based on the speed of an average walker in good weather conditions. Please adjust these times to suit your group's level of experience and fitness.

Carry sufficient water along with some extra food in case of emergency or delays.

Always wear a hat, sunscreen and strong sturdy footwear.

Rubbish and recycling stations are available at national park campgrounds.

Vehicles are permitted on some beaches. Be alert and listen for their approach.

Keep your phone turned off to save battery, reception is limited. Pay phones are located in all coastal villages, caravan parks and the Sandon River Camping Area.

In case of an emergency...

Police, ambulance, fire – call 000 (or 112 from your mobile phone). Give the name Yuraygir National Park and your current location.

Nearest NPWS office:

NPWS Grafton 49 Victoria St
Phone (02) 6641 1500 all hours

DAY 1 - Angourie to Brooms Head



Walking distance:		18kms	
Path Quality	Grade	Gradient	Time
Track and Beach	2	Flat to Undulating	6.5hrs

Starting in Angourie Surfing Reserve, make your way along Back Beach. Midway you'll see a walking track post just past Mara Creek. Follow this track by heading south towards Dirrangan Lookout; a significant place to the local Yaegl people.

2 km south of Dirrangan Lookout is the Shelley Headland Camping Area, where at low tide you can explore Shelley Caves. This primitive campground is a fuel stove only area with no fresh water, toilets or vehicular access available. From the campground the walking track leads south to Plumbago Headland, along this section you get magnificent views of Clarence Peak and the beautiful waters of Lake Arragan.

At Lake Arragan you have the option of staying the night in the national park campground. Fresh water is available at the campground vehicle entry station. Gas/ timber BBQs and toilets are provided. Make sure you check out the views from the Redcliff Lookout before you go.

If you prefer to stay overnight in town, continue to the township of Brooms Head Beach via the Greycliff stairs at the southern end of the campground.

DAY 2 - Brooms Head to Illaroo



Walking distance:		18kms	
Path Quality	Grade	Gradient	Time
Water, Track, Beach	3	Flat	7.5hrs

Start your day at the very stunning Brooms Head Lookout. The walking track leads along a stretch of sand that will bring you to the Sandon River Camping Area. Here you will find toilets, BBQs and drinking water available. If you have time, at low tide you can explore Plover Island, which has great cultural importance to the Yaegl People.

At Sandon you experience your first deep river crossing. The Sandon River is the northern most point of the Solitary Islands Marine Park. Prior contact with campground contractors is recommended when crossing the river, otherwise you might be lucky and find a friendly local with a tinny to take you across.

The track from Sandon splits just out of the village and you have the choice of taking the 'Sandon Back Track' or following the beach to the Illaroo Camping Area. This campground has toilets and gas/ wood BBQs. Fresh water is found at the intersection of the Minnie Water Road and the campground entrance which is approximately 2km south of the campground.



DAY 3 - Illaroo to Woolli



Walking distance:		14kms	
Path Quality	Grade	Gradient	Time
Track and Beach	2 - 4	Flat to Undulating	5hrs

Today, start with a short walk along the Rocky Point track onto Main Beach. This beach passes the small coastal village of Minnie Water where you can enjoy all the luxuries small towns have to offer, including an espresso coffee.

Heading south on Main Beach, wind your way up the boatramp road into Melaleuca Park and onto the walking track towards Back Beach timber steps. Walk until you round a rocky platform and come onto Diggers Beach onto Boorkoom Camping Area. Plan your trip carefully here as some high tides and big swells can make this section between Back Beach and Boorkoom impassable. Boorkoom Camping Area has a gas BBQ and toilet, but no water or wood BBQs. Boorkoom is where you join the Wilsons Headland Walk. Enjoy its panoramic ocean views contrast with secluded coves, isolated beaches and banks of wildflowers. The track winds down from Wilsons Headland to Woolli Beach. This long stretch of sand takes you into the township of Woolli. The town has various types of accommodation, general store, restaurants, bowling club, tavern and caravan park. You might want to spend the night.

DAY 4 - Woolli to Red Rock



Walking distance:		14.2kms	
Path Quality	Grade	Gradient	Time
Water, Track, Beach	3 - 4	Flat to Undulating	5hrs

This is the most strenuous and remote part of the walk. Once crossing the Woolli Woolli River you will traverse a 5km stretch of rock platform. Please check your tide chart, this section of the walk becomes impassable in very rough ocean conditions and high tides.

The rocky platform leads you to the spectacular Freshwater Beach, where you'll come across Yuraygir's most impressive pandanus palms. The Gumbaynggirr people used pandanus leaves to weave neckbands and armbands, dillybags, baskets, mats and shelters. Elders permission is required to pick its leaves.

The Freshwater Walking Track links the beach with the Pebbly Beach Camping Area. There is no drinking water here but wood BBQs and toilets are provided. From the campground you cross Station Creek and follow the beach to the Corindi River. Station Creek Beach is one of the few beaches used for breeding by the endangered little tern, keep an eye out. You will need to arrange help in crossing the Corindi River at Red Rock.

