

Booloumba Creek Day Use Area to Wongai Walkers Camp



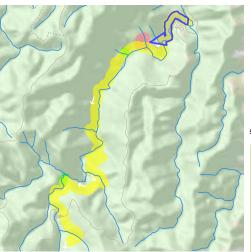






Starting from Booloumba Creek Day Use Area, Kenilworth, this walk takes you to the Wongai Walkers Campground via the first section of the 56 km long Conondale Range Great Walk track. This journey along Booloumba Creek is full of highlights such as the Strangler Cairn and the abandoned barred-up gold mine from the 1920s. You'll also pass by two gorgeous waterfalls named Artists Cascades and Booloumba Falls. This adventurous hike can be made into a return walk as well, if you're not doing the great walk. Keep in mind that the track can be quite slippery when wet, along with the higher number of leeches. Depending on the weather and track conditions, you may need to park your vehicle 2-3 kilometres up north and cross Booloumba Creek twice on foot unless you have a 4WD vehicle with good clearance. Let us begin by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

This is part of longer journey and can not be completed on it is own. Full journey: <u>Conondale Range Great Walk</u>





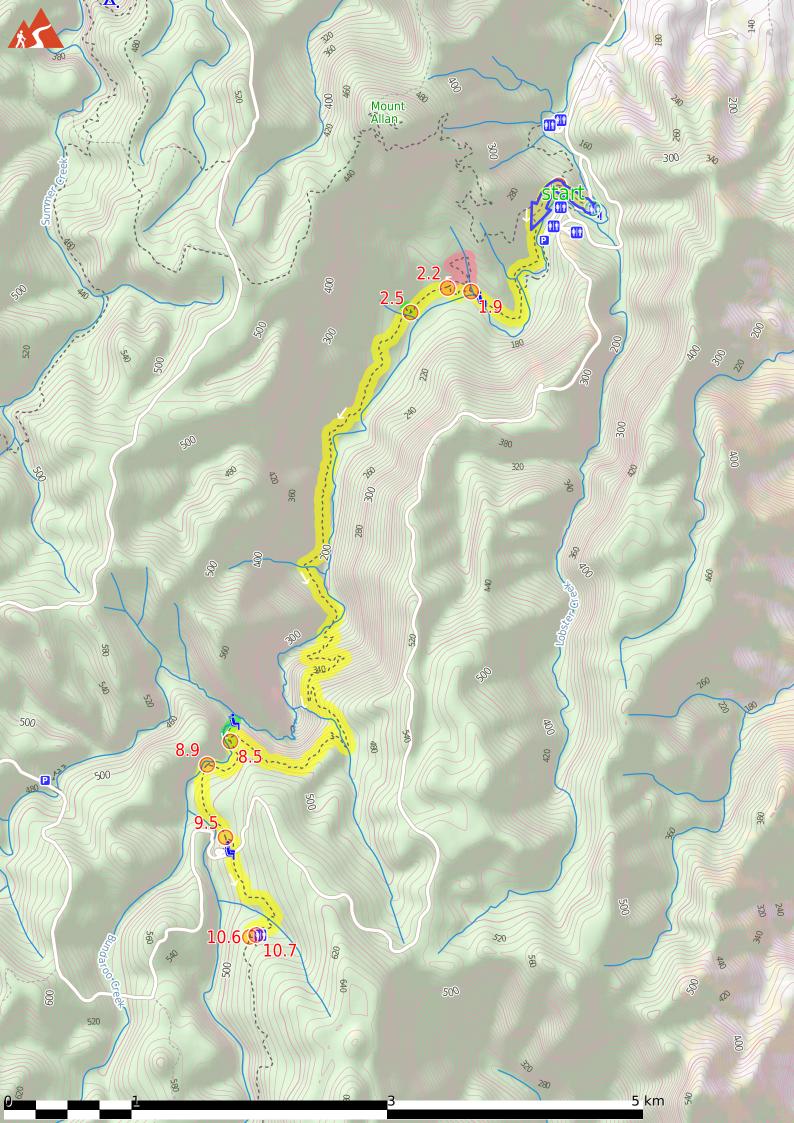
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Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely	
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Gradient	Very steep (4/6)
Signage	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (2/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Foretasted & unexpected storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)

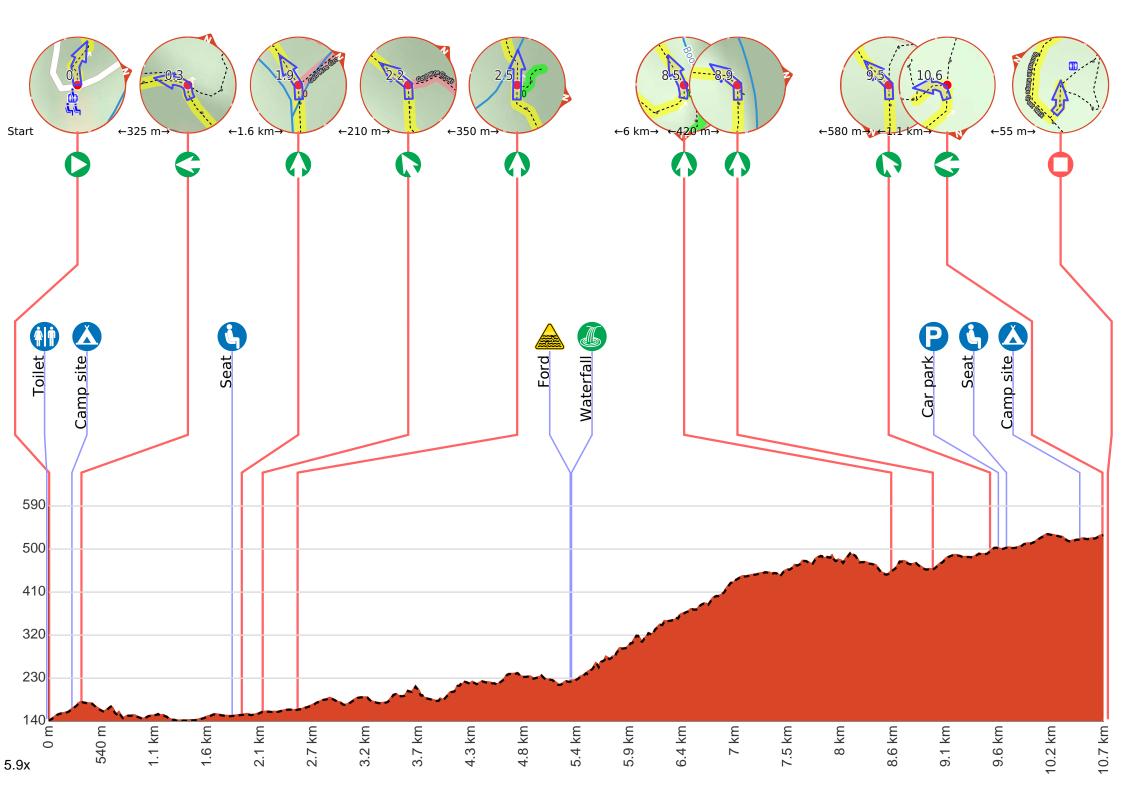


Getting to the start: From Bruce Highway, M1

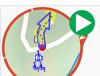
- Turn on to then drive for 330 m
- At roundabout, take exit 2 onto Bli Bli Road, 23 and drive for another 1 km
- Turn left onto Coronation Avenue and drive for another 1.3 km
- Turn right onto Price Street and drive for another 880 m
- Keep left and drive for another 60 m
- Continue onto Nambour Mapleton Road, 23 and drive for another 10.4 km
- Turn right onto Obi Obi Road and drive for another 20 km
- Turn left onto Eumundi Kenilworth Road, 22 and drive for another 1 km
- Turn slight left onto Elizabeth Street, 22 and drive for another 7.5 km
- Turn right onto Booloumba Creek Road and drive for another 5.3 km
- Turn right and drive for another 390 m







Getting started: From Booloumba Creek Day Use Area(off Booloumba Creek Road), follow the signage and head along the singular walking track(Conondale Range Great Walk) as you move directly away from the dirt/gravel road. After about 325 metres, turn sharp left at the 4-way intersection to continue along the Booloumba Creek Day Use Area to Wongai Walkers Camp Track.



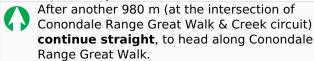
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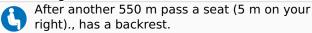




After 255 m come to the "Booloumba Creek No 3 Campground" (110 m on your left).
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After another 95 m (at the intersection of Boloomba Ck No1 campground to Great Walk & Conondale Range Great Walk) **turn left**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk. Keep left.





Start of an alternate route: An alternate route visiting the abandoned gold mine entrance that is barred up. Features a steep incline and a gradual decline if you're coming from the Booloumba Creek Day Use Area direction.

To take the alternate route veer right here. at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk **Start** heading along *Gold Mine Circuit* (a walking track).

After 280 m find the "Gold Mine" (35 m on your right).

An abondoned barred-up gold mine from the 1920s.

Turn left, to head along Gold Mine Circuit.

After another 560 m come to the end.

At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.

The alternate route finishes here. Veer right to rejoin the main route at the 2.2 km waypoint.

After another 100 m (at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk) continue straight, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.

The alternate route finishes here. Veer right to rejoin the main route at the 2.2 km waypoint.

After another 210 m (at the intersection of Gold Mine Circuit & Conondale Range Great Walk) **veer left**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.

Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the Strangler Cairn, a unique work of art made by the renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy.



After another 60 m come to "Strangler Cairn". A granite cairn made by renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy that has a strangler fig sapling planted on top of it, standing 4 metres tall above ground. It is expected that the roots of the strangler fig will wrap around the man-made cairn in about a hundred years, making it an exceptional work of art for future generations.



The end.



Turn around and retrace your steps back the 60 m to the main route.

Back at the main route ERROR >360 and follow on from the 2.5 km waypoint.



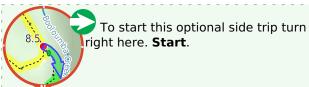


After another 2.8 km cross the ford.



After another 15 m pass the "Artists Cascades" (15 m on your right).

Start of an optional side trip: This optional but recommended side trip takes you to the Booloumba Falls Lookout. You can turn left and head down the steps to access the base of the waterfall and rock pools. Enjoy the cool mountain water as it rejuvenates your legs. Remember to check the water beforehand.



After 155 m pass the "Booloumba Falls" (25 m on your left).

After another 20 m pass a seat (on your right).

A viewpoint.

About 85 m past the end is "The Breadknife".
A rock formation located at the confluence of Peters and Booloumba creeks.

About 55 m past the end is a cave.

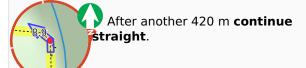
About 50 m past the end is a cave.

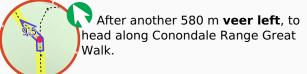


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 170 m to the main route.

Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 8.5 km waypoint.

After another 3.2 km **continue** straight, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.





After another 85 m pass the "Booloumba Falls Car Park" (85 m on your right).

After another 80 m pass a seat (20 m on your right).

At the intersection of Booloumba Creek Road & Conondale Range Great Walk **continue straight**, to head along Conondale Range Great Walk.

After another 760 m come to the "Wongai Walkers Camp" (135 m on your left).

After another 230 m (at the intersection of Conondale Range Great Walk & Canondale Range Great! Walk) turn left, to head along Canondale Range Great! Walk.

After another 55 m come to a toilet.

About 55 m past the end is a water tap.



The end.