

Deer Pools (Dharawal Country)

1 h 30 min to 3 h



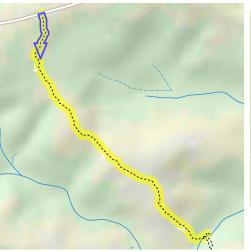






The walk down to Deer Pools takes you through the heath, which is common in Royal National Park. This bush opens out onto Deer Pool, a beautiful little cascade and pool of water. A lovely walk to one of the well known landmarks in the park. Let us begin by acknowledging the Dharawal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.





| Class 4 of 6 Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely | |
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| Quality of track | Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6) |
| Gradient | Short steep hills (3/6) |
| Signage | Minimal directional signs (4/6) |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6) |
| Experience Required | No experience required (1/6) |
| Weather | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6) |

Getting to the start: From Princes Highway, A1

- Turn on to Farnell Avenue then drive for 13.1 km
- Turn left onto Bundeena Drive and drive for another 5.6 km

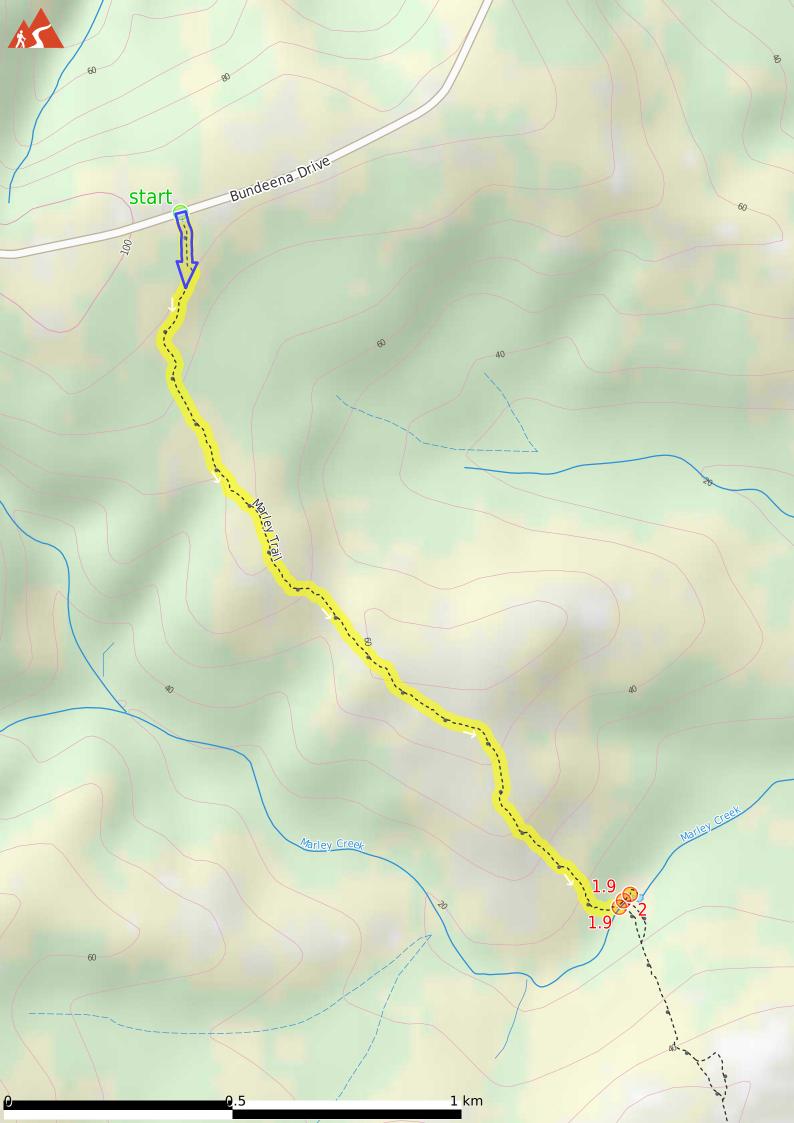


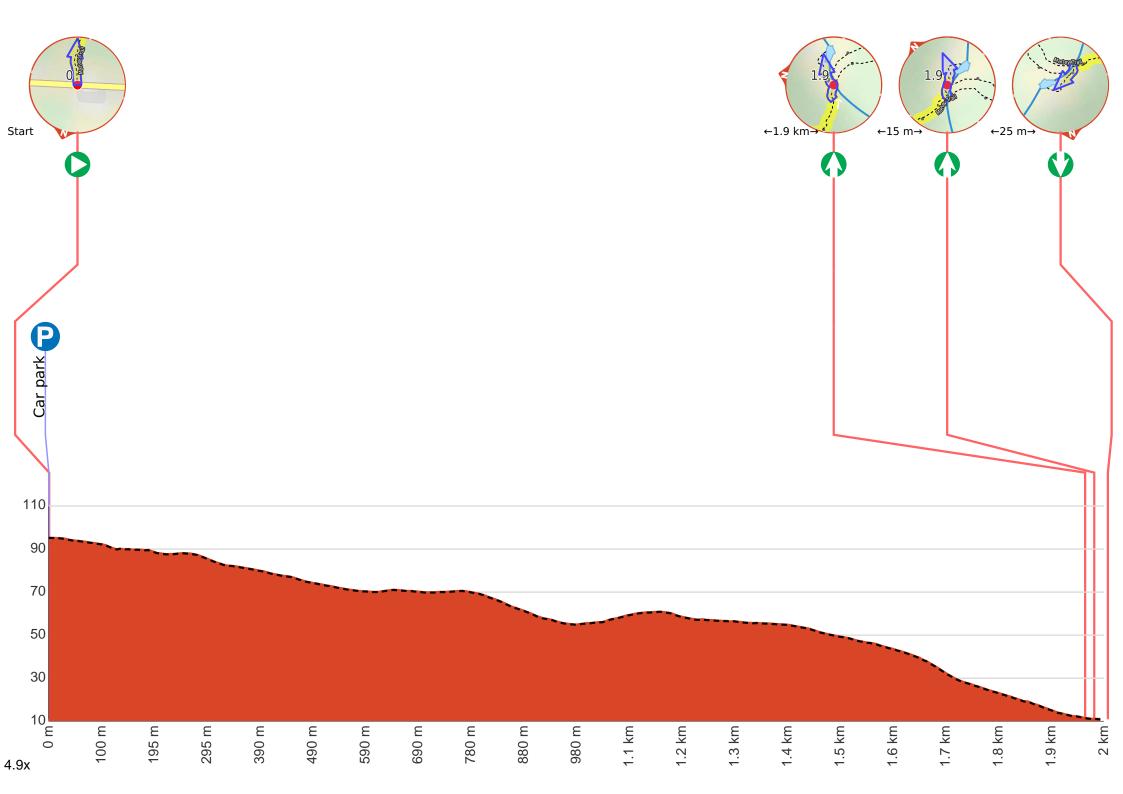
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- · Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.







Getting started: From the car park on the northern side of Bundeena Drive (1.7km east of Mainbar Rd), this walk crosses the road and heads into the bush between the two posts, following the arrow. Soon the track pass the 'Marley Track' sign and starts to head downhill. The track continues past the old concrete pipe (with white spray-painted arrows). The track passes a couple of rock platforms, but generally the track is narrow as it winds down the hill. Near Deer Pools, there is a clearing on the left as the track tends right, towards the waterfall. The track passes over the top of the waterfall to head up to a clearing on the other side.

At the intersection of Marley Trail & Bundeena Drive **Start** heading along *Marley Trail* (a walking track).

There is a car park (about 7 m back from the start).







Deer Pool, Royal National Park, is a small and picturesque set of falls that run into a pool with a sandy bank. The waterfall is fed by Marley Creek which continues its journey into Marley Lagoon, behind Big Marley Beach. Royal National Park was once home to many deer, who used to frequent these pools. This is a relaxing spot on a warm day, with the opportunity for a dip or a gentle massage in the cascade. Although a sign suggests camping is permitted by permit, permits are not issued for camping here.

Turn around here and retrace the main route for 2 km to get back to the start.