

Mt Ettalong Lookout

(Darkinjung & Guringai Country)











This lovely short walk takes you from the large water tank, along an old trail and track to two fantastic fenced lookout platforms. There are a few unfenced views along this shaded walk. A picnic table among the Sydney Red Gums, just before the two main lookouts, makes a wonderful spot for a snack. The lookouts provide great views over Umina Beach, Brisbane Water, Bouddi National Park, Pearl Beach and out to the ocean. A great spot on a sunny day or for a sunset. Let us begin by acknowledging the Darkinjung & Guringai people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

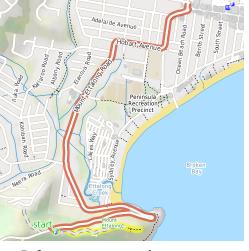




Class 2 of 6 Clear and well formed track or trail	
Quality of track	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
Gradient	Gentle hills with occasional steps (2/6)
Signage	Clearly signposted (1/6)
Infrastructure	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Ocean Beach Road

- Turn on to Sydney Avenue then drive for 1.8 km
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Mount Ettalong Road and drive for another 1.7 km
- Turn sharp left onto Mount Ettalong Lookout and drive for another 25 m



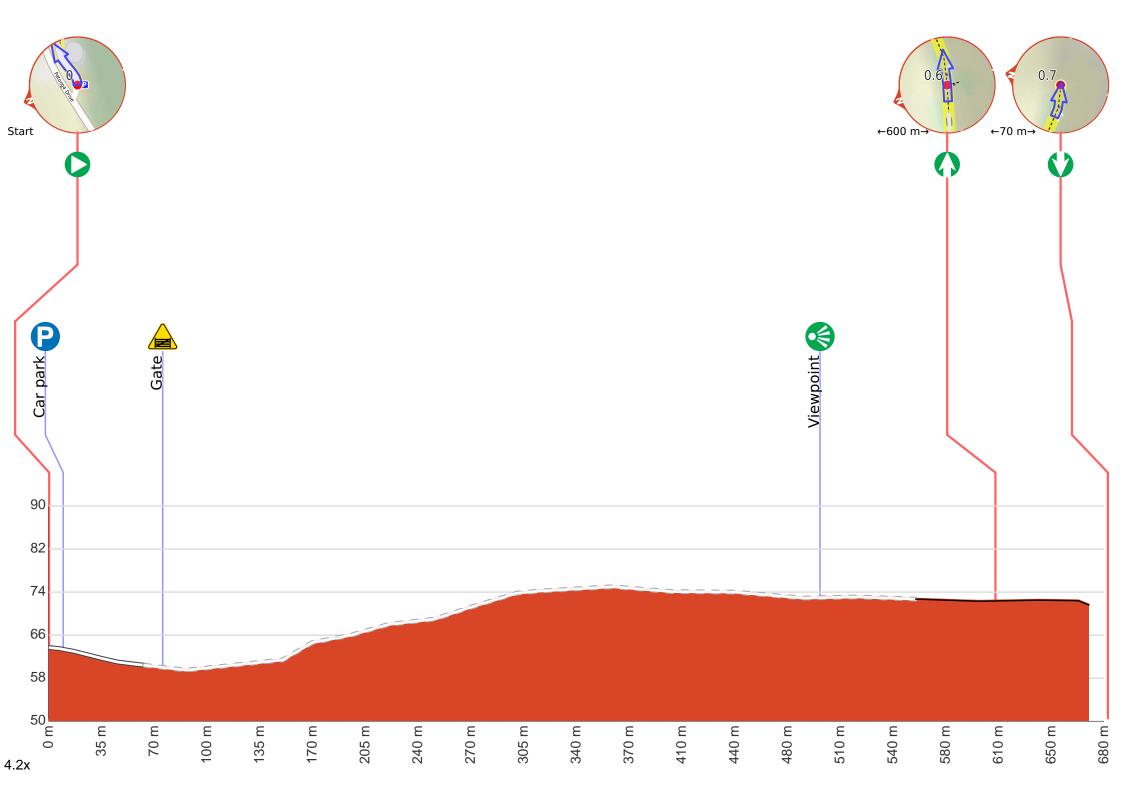
Before you start any journey ensure you;

- 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.

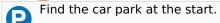






Getting started: From the car park (next to the large water tank beside Patonga Dr, 200m east of Pearl Beach Dr), this walk follows the management trail around the water tank and then around the locked gate. The trail then leads through the bush, passing a few painted 'Lookout' signs. The walk leads passed some lovely Sydney Red Gums and a few tracks off to the side (to informal unfenced viewpoints). The trail continues along the top of the ridge until coming to a turning circle and the end of the management trail, marked by a picnic table on the right.







After 65 m head through/around the gate.



After another 420 m come to the viewpoint (30 m on your right).





After another 70 m come to "Pearl Beach Lookout".



Pearl Beach Lookout is a fenced lookout on a sandstone platform, looking south from Mount Ettalong. The main view below the lookout is along Pearl Beach and the village. There is a great view to Lion Island siting in the middle of the water. There are also distant views out the heads to the ocean, to West Head, Barrenjoey and up the Pittwater. The views on a sunny day are amazing.



Turn around here and retrace the main route for 670 m to get back to the start.



About 20 m past the end is "Mt Ettalong Lookout".



Mt Ettalong Lookout is found at the eastern end of Mount Ettalong and is a fenced lookout on a large sandstone boulder. A metal compass plaque helps visitors identify the major landmarks. From the left to right, there are great views along Umina Beach, up the Brisbane Water, across Brisbane Water National Park, Box Head, out the heads to the South Pacific Ocean, Lion Island, Barrenjoey and up the Pittwater. An amazing spot on a sunny day, well worth the walk.