## Bluff Mountain



Starting from the car park at the end of Pincham Road, Warrumbungle, this walk takes you to the summit of Bluff Mountain and back. Expect a demanding yet adventurous journey that will reward you with remarkably panoramic views of Warrumbungle NP. Mount Exmouth, Naman and Tonduron Spire look fantastic from the top, along with an exclusive view of the Bluff Pyramid. You can push it and do it in a single day, or take your time and enjoy every viewpoint to the fullest. The historic Balor Hut is a great place to stay with its toilets and wood heater (need to bring your own wood). Alternatively, you can stay at Dows camp and immerse yourself in nature. Keep in mind that there are no facilities there, and a booking is required (for both sites). Take at least 2 litres of water with you and remember to protect yourself from the sun. This walk requires a high level of fitness. Let us begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri, Kamilaroi \& Wailwan people, Traditional Custodians of the Iand on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.


| Class 4 of 6 <br> Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely |  |
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| Quality of track | Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely <br> $(4 / 6)$ |
| Gradient | Very steep (4/6) |
| Signage | Directional signs along the way (3/6) |
| Infrastructure | Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not <br> bridged) (4/6) |
| Experience Required | Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6) |
| Weather | Foretasted \& unexpected storms and severe weather may impact <br> on navigation and safety (4/6) |

Getting to the start: From Newell Highway, A39, Coonabarabran.

- Turn on to Cassilis Street then drive for 225 m
- Turn right onto Robertson Street and drive for another 235 m
- Turn left onto Dalgarno Street, 1 and drive for another 230 m
- Turn right onto Namoi Street, 1 and drive for another 360 m
- Turn left onto Eden Street, 1 and drive for another 32.1 km
- Turn sharp left and drive for another 830 m
- Turn sharp right and drive for another 80 m
- Turn left and drive for another 80 m




Getting started: From the car park at the end of Pincham Road, pass through the bollard and head for the informational signpost with a little green metal roof on it along the dirt path. Keep moving in the same direction as you pass by the said signpost (to your right) and a memorial (to your left). Follow the signage for "Bluff Mtn." to continue along the Bluff Mountain Track.


Temporary toilet (about 55 m back from the start).
Pincham Car Park (about 40 m back from the start).

Find the bollard at the start.


After another 15 m veer left, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 30 m pass the sign (on your right).

At the intersection of Grand High Tops Track \& Fans Horizon trail continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.
After another 180 m cross the ford.

After another 20 m pass the "Camp Pincham" ( 35 m on your left).


Continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 45 m pass the shelter ( 35 m on your left).

After another 7 m come to the "Camp Pincham" ( 40 m on your left).


After another 20 m continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 195 m cross the ford.


After another 60 m cross the Bridge 1 (about 15 m long)

After another 215 m cross the Bridge 2 (about 15 m long)


After another 110 m veer right, to head along Grand High Tops Track.


After another 150 m (at the
intersection of West Spirey Creek Track \& Grand High Tops Track) continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.
After another 315 m cross the Bridge 3 (about 10 m long)

Start of an alternate route: This alternate route takes you along the Gould's Circuit, visiting the Febar Tor and Macha Tor along the way. This detour may set you back around 35 minutes.


After another 45 m pass the "Macha Tor" ( 35 m on your right).


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


The ālternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 2.5 km waypoint.

After another 320 m cross the Bridge 4 (about 20 m long)


After another 330 m continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.The alternate route finishes here. Turn left to rejoin the main route at the 2.5 km waypoint.


After another 165 m (at the
intersection of Grand High Tops Track \& Gould's Circuit) continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 30 m cross the Bridge 5 (about 20 $m$ long)


After another 305 m cross the Bridge 6 (about 25 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: An optional little side trip taking you to the Spirey View lookout. This viewpoint offers great views of the volcanic mountains around, as well as the well-known Breadknife and Belougery Spire. Eagle Waterfall can be seen as well depending on the weather and water flow. This side trip will take less then 5 minutes out \& back.



After another 9 m come to "Spirey View Lookout".


Continue another 0 m to find Spirey 0.1 View Lookout at the end.

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 135 m to the main route.


Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 3 km waypoint.


After another 190 m continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 8 m cross the Bridge 7 (about 10 m long)


After another 85 m cross the Bridge 8 (about 6 m long)

Start of an optional side trip: This optional side trip takes you to Hurleys camp, a remote and basic campsite along Spirey Creek. You may catch a glimpse of the Eagle Waterfall on your way


To start this optional side trip veer left here. at the intersection of Grand High Tops Track \& path to Hurleys Camp Start heading along path to Hurleys Camp (a walking track).
After 230 m pass the "Eagle Waterfall" ( 60 m on your left).

After another 345 m come to "Hurleys 4/ Camp".

The end


Turn around and retrace your steps back the 570 m to the main route.
Back at the main route turn sharp left and follow on from the 3.6 km waypoint.

After another 470 m (at the intersection of Grand High Tops Track \& Hurleys Track) continue straight, to head along Grand High Tops Track.
After another 235 m pass a "Wilsons Rest" (35 m on your left)., has no backrest.

Veer right, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another 380 m pass the "Sreng Boss" (60 $m$ on your left).

After another 105 m head up the surface|wood steps (about 110 m long)
Then pass a seat (on your right)., has a backrest.

Start of an alternate route: This alternate route lets you get a closer look at the incredible Breadknife and other rock formations in the Grand High Tops area. Will take around 10 more minutes than the Dagda Shortcut, excluding the time you may spend taking in the views.

To take the alternate route veer left here. at the intersection of Grand High Tops Track \& Dagda Short Cut Start heading along Grand High Tops Track (a walking track).
Āfter $\overline{400}$ m pass the "The Breadknife" ( $\overline{3} \overline{0} \mathrm{~m}$ on your right).
After another 40 m come to the "Breadknife Gap" (40 m on your right).


Turn left, to head along Grand High Tops Track.

After another $1 \overline{1} 0 \mathrm{~m}$ pass the "Lugh's Wall" ( $\overline{2} \overline{0}$ $m$ on your right).
After another $\overline{2} \overline{0} 5 \mathrm{~m}$ come to the "Lugh's Throne".
After another 400 m pass the "Finnola Pinnacle" ( 80 m on your left).


At the end of this alternate route, rejoin the main route.
The alternate route finishes here. Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 5.6 km waypoint.


After another 50 m (at the intersection of Dagda Short Cut \& Grand High Tops Track) turn right, to head along Dagda Short Cut.
Then head down the surface|wood steps

After another 100 m pass the "Ruarden Tor" (95
m on your right).

Then come to the "Balor Hut" (7 m on your right).
Then pass the water tap ( 9 m on your right)

After another 450 m pass the "The Breadknife" ( 35 m on your left).
Then come to the "Breadknife Gap" ( 75 m on your left).
After another 65 m pass the "The Butter Knife" ( 80 m on your left).
After another 55 m pass the "The Fish Knife"
( 135 m on your left).


After another 40 m come to the viewpoint.


The alternate route finishes here Continue straight to rejoin the main route at the 5.6 km waypoint.


Then come to the "Dows Camp" ( 30 m on your right).

After another 15 m cross the ford.

After another 1.3 km come to "Bluff Mountain".

