## Wonga Walk



Starting from the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre on Dome Road, Dorrigo Mountain, this walk takes you on a circuit via the Lyrebird Link, Wonga Walk and Walk with the Birds tracks. Enjoy a walk amongst subtropical rainforest and 600-year-old trees along the Wonga Walk in Dorrigo National Park, home to the Tristania and Crystal Shower Falls. The walk starts from Dorrigo Rainforest Centre, heading along the Lyrebird Link track for 400 metres before joining the Wonga Walk. The path heads down gently through towering trees, leading to the first waterfall. Tristania Falls runs down into a clearing in the forest and flows to the valley below. The trail crosses a bridge immediately in front of the falls, providing unimpeded views. From Tristania Falls the trail rises moderately steeply, leading up from the wet subtropical rainforest and into dryer Eucalypt forest. Further along, Hardwood Lookout provides good views through the trees towards the coast. Next is Crystal Shower Falls, the main highlight of the Wonga Walk. A beautiful waterfall flowing over a sheer cliff, Crystal Shower Falls features a path running behind the waterfall itself. Near The Glade Picnic Area, the hike incorporates the Walk with the Birds Boardwalk, a 500 metre walkway that takes hikers into the forest canopy. Bird watchers will love this side trail, as it features two viewing platforms that provide excellent vantage points to observe the forest's avian species. The Wonga Walk is on a sealed track for its entire length, with benches at semi-regular intervals and clear signage throughout. The track descends to the bottom of the two waterfalls it passes before ascending to the start again. There are some steep sections along the walk, a few steps and some boulder crossings. 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.



Class 3 of 6
Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles

| Quality of track | Smooth and hardened path (1/6) |
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| 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 (2/6) |
| Weather | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6) |

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway, M1

- Turn on to Waterfall Way Exit then drive for 820 m
- At roundabout, take exit 1 onto Waterfall Way, B78 and drive for another 38.5 km
- Turn right onto Dome Road and drive for another 1.5 km
- Continue and drive for another 65 m



Getting started: From the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre on Dome Road, Dorrigo Mountain, follow the 'Lyrebird Link' signs located behind the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. Head down the boardwalk through the rainforest, and follow the sealed Lyrebird Link path ahead until it meets the Wonga Walk. At the junction marked with a map of Dorrigo National Park, take the track to the left to continue the Wonga Walk.


Start of an optional side trip: This little side trip takes you to the viewpoint at the end of the skywalk, giving you panoramic views of the park and nearby mountains.


To start this optional side trip continue straight here. at the intersection of Skywalk \& Lyrebird Link Start heading along Skywalk (a footpath).

Continue another 70 m to find Skywalk at the end
"Skywalk".

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 70 m to the main route.Back at the main route turn left and follow on


Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 6.1 km waypoint.

(2)After another 60 m (at the intersection of Lyrebird Link \& Skywalk) turn right, to head along Lyrebird Link (a walking track).
After another 85 m pass the "Dorrigo Rainforest Centre" ( 20 m on your right).

After another 25 m pass the "Canopy Cafe" (30 $m$ on your left).
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- After another 265 m (at the intersection of Wonga Walk \& Lyrebird Link) veer left, to head along Wonga Walk.
After another 2.2 km cross the bridge (about 10 m long)

After another 20 m pass the "Tristania Falls" (15 m on your right).


After another 510 m come to the "Hardwood Lookout".


After another 15 m cross the bridge (about 60 m long)
After another 40 m pass the "Crystal Shower Falls" ( 15 m on your left).

After another 990 m (at the intersection of Satinbird Stroll \& Wonga Walk) veer right, to head along Satinbird Stroll.
After another 100 m come to the viewpoint (25 $m$ on your left).

After another 70 m pass the "The Glade" (100 m on your left).

At the intersection of Walk With The Birds \& Satinbird Stroll continue straight, to head along Walk With The Birds (a footpath).


After another 145 m (at the intersection of Wonga Walk \& Walk With The Birds) turn right, to head along Wonga Walk (a walking track).
After another 580 m (at the intersection of Wonga Walk \& Lyrebird Link) continue straight, to head along Lyrebird Link.

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To start this optional side trip turn
right here. at the intersection of Skywalk \& Lyrebird Link Start heading along Skywalk (a footpath).

Continue another 70 m to find Skywalk at the end.
"Skywalk"

Turn around and retrace your steps back the 70 $m$ to the main route.
Back at the main route turn left and follow on from the 60 m waypoint.

Back at the main route continue straight and follow on from the 6.1 km waypoint.


