

Walks Around Wisemans Ferry



Wisemans Ferry is a small historic riverside village, located at the northern end of Old Northern Road, at a sweeping bend in the **Hawkesbury River**. Surrounded by towering sandstone cliffs, it is close handy to a number of national parks where there are excellent bushwalking tracks suitable for short walks of a few kilometres or longer treks for a day or more.

- **The Mill Creek Camping Area in Dharug National Park** is a short drive along Wisemans Ferry Road, east of the car ferry crossing. There are two walking tracks which start and finish about 500 metres from the camping area: The Grass Tree Circuit Walking Track and the Circuit Track. The four camping areas provide basic facilities and bookings are essential during peak periods (fees apply).

Circuit Walking Track: 2km

Circuit Track: 11km (with steep climbs)

- **The Convict Heritage Trail** is a short distance along Settlers Road, west of the car ferry crossing at Wisemans Ferry. Carved from Hawkesbury sandstone by chain gang convicts between 1826 and 1834, the **Old Great North Road** is a magnificent engineering achievement. An easy return walk will take you to **Devine's Hill** along the most spectacular section of the road, where there are interpretive signs provided by the National Parks and Wildlife Service explaining the road's unique characteristics. Look out for other fascinating features along the way, like convict-carved graffiti, the remains of a well, building foundations and stocks as well as Hangman's Cave. This walk is a must do!

Return walk to Devine's Hill: 2 hours



- **Finch's Line** is the original ascent for the Old Great North Road and provides spectacular views over the Hawkesbury River. You can combine this steep walk with a loop walk up Devine's Hill, allowing you to compare the construction on both ascents.

*Complete loop walk: 9km
(includes 2km walk along
Wisemans Ferry Road)*

- **Walks in Yengo National Park.** There are a number of walking tracks in Yengo National Park which can be accessed from Putty Road, Settlers Road, Mogo Creek Road or Wisemans Ferry. For the more energetic, some of these tracks continue for many kilometres. But don't feel as if you have to walk the whole way to absorb the beauty of this picturesque area. There are excellent views from the Womerah Range Track, so bring your camera.

- **Marramorra National Park** is located south of Wisemans Ferry between Old Northern Road, Berowra Creek and the Hawkesbury River. It is a great place for bushwalking, picnicking, birdwatching and camping. The One Tree Hill Walking Trail can be accessed from Old Northern Road and the Canoelands Ridge Walking Trail ends at Gentlemen's Halt on the banks of the Hawkesbury River.

Canoelands Ridge Track from Canoelands Road to Gentlemen's Halt: 10km

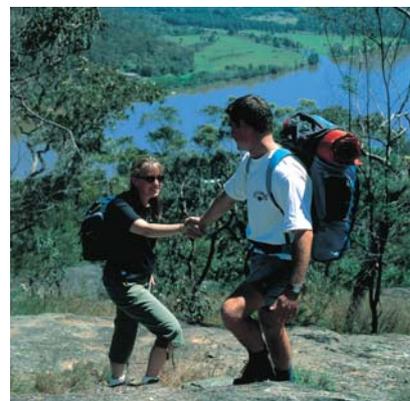
- **Overnight Walks.** A comfortable overnight walk is a spectacular section of the Old Great North Road from Wisemans Ferry to Mt Manning. Along the road you'll see Clare's Bridge, one of the oldest bridges on the mainland, Circuit Flat Bridge and you can walk into Frog Hollow, a volcanic diatreme. There are basic camping facilities at Ten Mile Hollow and Mogo Creek. Remember to take plenty of water as there is no permanent water supply along the road.

Wisemans Ferry to Mt Manning: 43km, 2 to 3 days

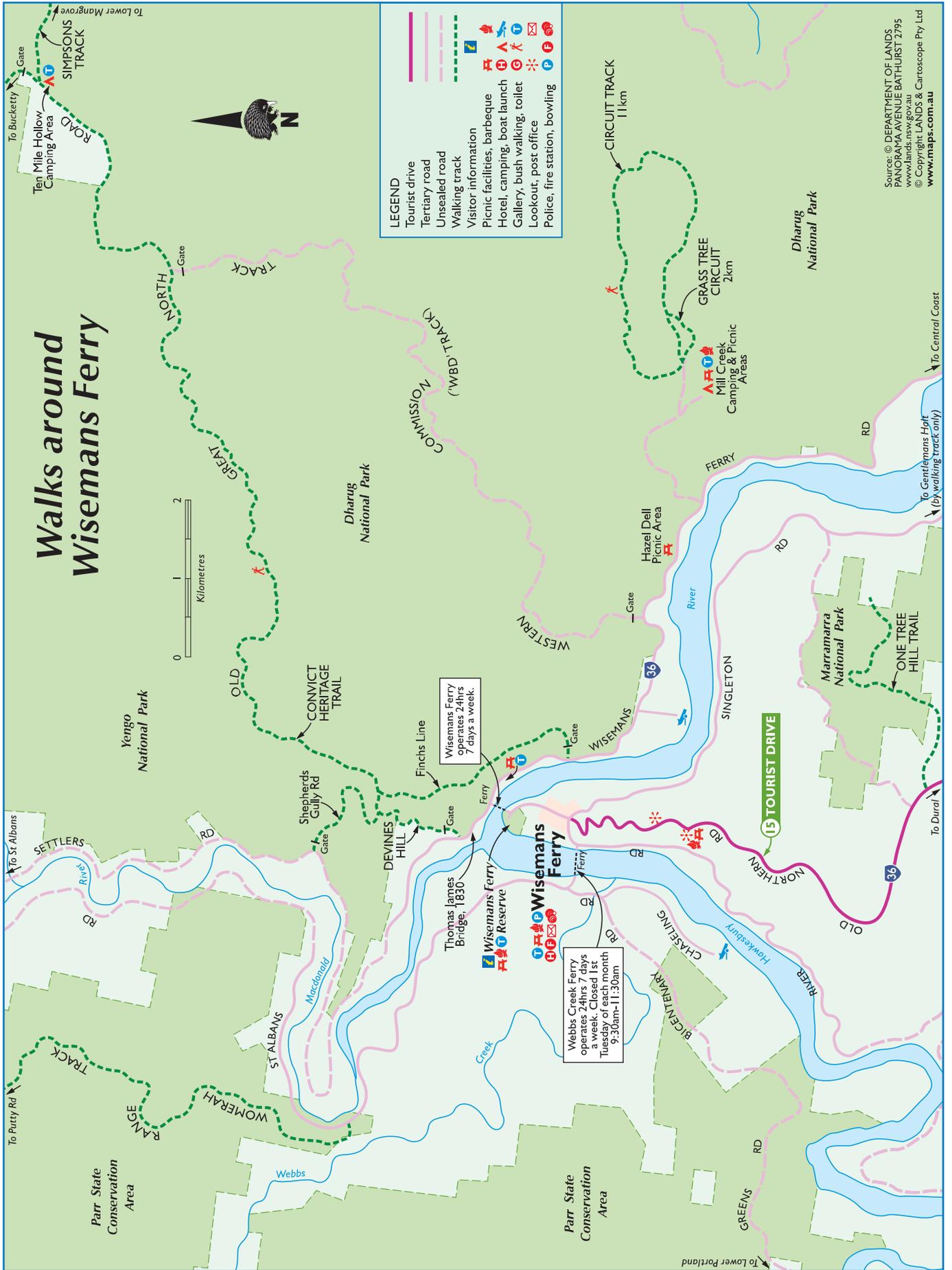
Need more information?

Make sure to contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service on 1300 361 967 or visit their website www.npws.nsw.gov.au if you intend to try one of the longer walks. You can also log on to www.maps.com.au for more information on areas outside the national parks.

Bushwalkers should carry the relevant 1:25,000 topographic maps and tell somebody responsible of your intended route and time of return. Remember all fauna, flora, Aboriginal sites and rock formations in national parks are protected, take your rubbish home and keep to designated tracks.



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- Tourist drive
- Tertiary road
- Unsealed road
- Walking track
- Visitor information
- Picnic facilities, barbeque
- Hotel, camping, boat launch
- Gallery, bush walking, toilet
- Lookout, post office
- Police, fire station, bowling



Wisemans Ferry operates 24hrs 7 days a week.

Webbs Creek Ferry operates 24hrs 7 days a week. Closed 1st Tuesday of each month 9:30am-11:30am.