

Bouddi National Park



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ABOUT BOUDDI

Bouddi National Park is a spectacular coastal reserve with cliff top walks, pristine beaches and great facilities.

The natural beauty, stunning views and cultural heritage of the park combine to create a unique experience for visitors. Enjoy camping, bushwalking, swimming, snorkelling, picnicking and mountain bike riding in this beautiful reserve.

The unique Marine Extension is a feature of the park. Extending from Bombi Point to Gerrin Point, the marine extension covers 287 ha and helps protect the marine life of the bay. Fishing is prohibited in this area.

The park is a shining example of the dedication of local environmentalists who lobbied for its declaration. This community support lives through the fantastic work carried out by the many volunteer bush regeneration groups working in the reserve.

IMAGES

MAIN: Bouddi Coastal Walk. Photo: Bob Peters / OEH.
 BELOW: Coastal Walking Track. Photo: Bob Peters / OEH.
 RIGHT TOP: Little Beach from the air. Photo: OEH.
 RIGHT BOTTOM: *Banksia aemula*. Photo: Vicki Elliott / OEH.

CAMPING

Bouddi National Park offers the choice of three different camping areas.

Putty Beach is the ideal spot for the family. There are 18 sites and the area is easily reached by car from Killcare. Facilities include drinking water, flush toilets, free gas barbecues, a cold shower and a picnic area for day visitors.

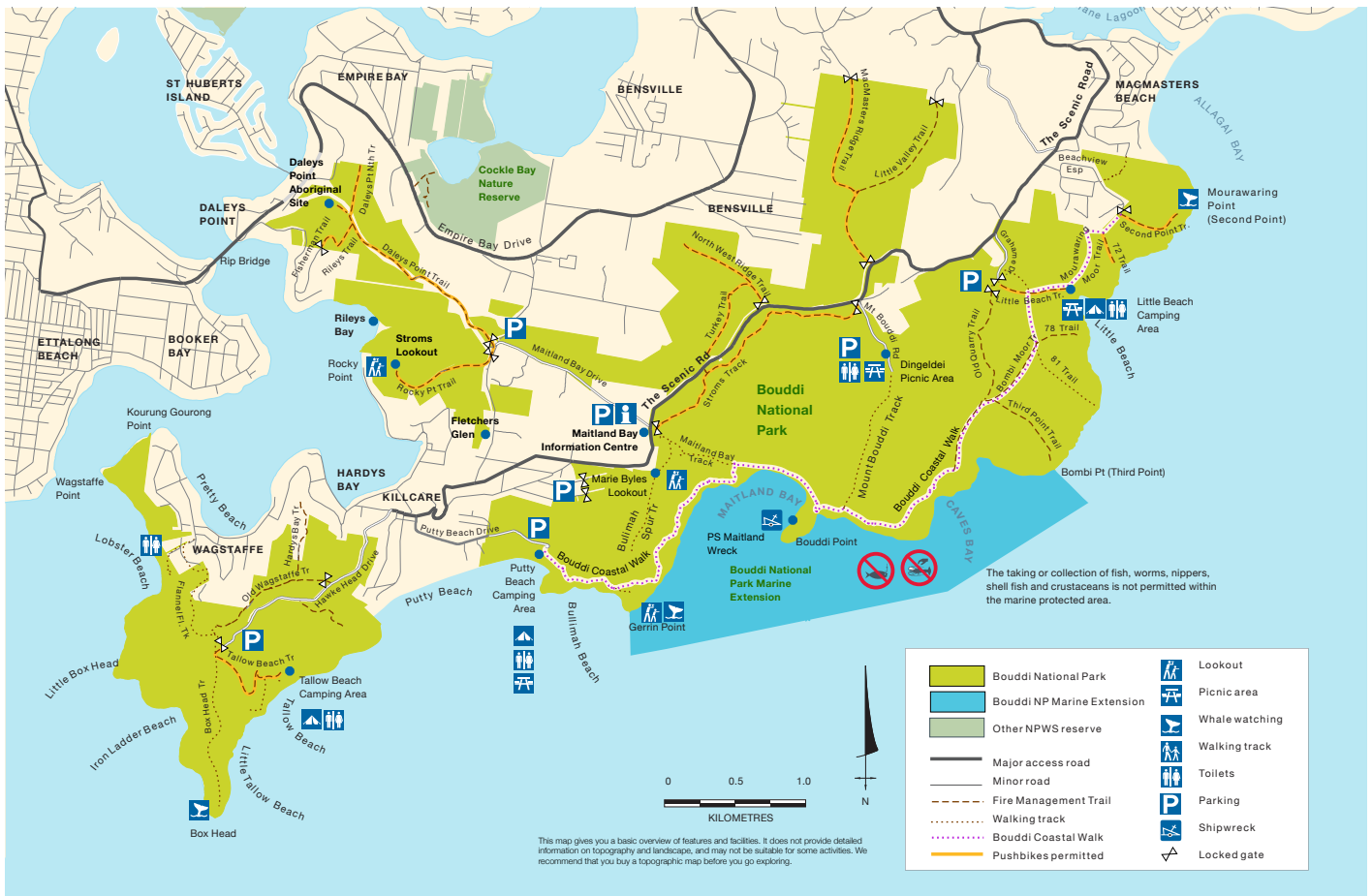
Nestled at the rear of Little Beach are six camp sites and a picnic area for day visitors. It's a 750 metre walk to the camping area from the end of Grahame Drive, MacMasters Beach. Facilities include free gas barbecue and toilets. There is no drinking water at Little Beach, so please remember to bring ample supplies with you.

Tallow Beach is a steep 1.2 km walk, but well worth the effort. The facilities are very basic – only a composting toilet is provided. Cooking must be done on a gas or solid fuel stove. There is no drinking water, so please remember to bring supplies with you.

For camp bookings and inquiries phone 4320 4203 between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday.



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BUSHWALKING

BOUDDI COASTAL WALK (8 km one-way – medium)

The Bouddi Coastal Walk is a relatively easy walk and is well worth a visit as it is one of the most picturesque walks on the Central Coast. Enjoy fantastic views along the coast, see amazing rock formations, enjoy the vast variety of plant communities and explore pristine beaches. The walk can be undertaken as a single walk or divided into three sections as described below:

PUTTY BEACH TO MAITLAND BAY (3 km – medium)

From the eastern end of Putty Beach climb the set of stairs up to a boardwalk leading to Bullimah Beach and Gerrin Point Lookout. The lookout provides outstanding views of Maitland Bay and the Marine Extension, where sea birds and whales can often be seen. Looking back to the south-west glimpse the hustle and bustle of the Sydney skyline. From here the coastal walk passes through woodland and heath communities before bringing you to the Maitland Bay Track and Maitland Bay Beach. Take time to look at the geological features of the area, including the tessellated pavement seen from the boardwalk.

MAITLAND BAY TO LITTLE BEACH (3.5 km – medium)

Walk along the beach, if it's low tide take a moment to look for the rusting remains of the *PS Maitland* on the rock platform at Bouddi Point. The coastal walk starts climbing again behind Bouddi Point, up onto the perched sand dunes of Bombi Moor. The Moor has a unique vegetation community forming a dense heathland dominated by *Banksia aemula*. The track continues across the Bombi Moors to Little Beach. Little Beach is the perfect spot for a rest and a picnic.

LITTLE BEACH TO MACMASTERS BEACH (1.7 km – medium)

From the northern side of the creekline at Little Beach the walking track scrambles up the spur to meet the Mourawaring Moors fire trail, exiting the park through the gate at Beachview Esplanade. About 300 m along the Esplanade, the trail continues through the park down to MacMasters Beach Surf Club.

MAITLAND BAY TRACK (1.8 km return – medium – steps)

The Maitland Bay Track is a short but steep walk that leaves the Maitland Bay Information Centre and winds its way down to Maitland Bay, a beautiful crescent-shaped beach backed by the pristine rainforest of the Bouddi Grand Deep. Allow 15–20 minutes to get down and 30 minutes to return up to the top.

At low tide you can still see some remains of the *PS Maitland* at the eastern end of Maitland Bay. Wrecked at Bouddi Point in the early hours of 6 May 1898, the *PS Maitland* was travelling from Sydney to Newcastle. Whilst 36 persons were rescued, it's thought that 15 passengers and 12 crew died.

BOX HEAD WALKING TRACK (3 km return – medium)

From the end of Hawke Head Drive, follow the track along the ridge top over sandstone boulders and through stunted red gums to the end of the track. The track opens up into a windswept landscape with panoramic views of Tallow Beach, Little Tallow Beach, Broken Bay, Lion Island and Sydney's northern beaches.

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BULLIMAH SPUR TRACK

(2 km return – easy)

Bullimah Spur Track can be accessed via the Maitland Bay Track. Walk through a beautiful angophora forest with an understorey of ancient ferns (cycads) to views overlooking Putty Beach, Tallow Beach and further south to Lion Island and Sydney.

DALEYS POINT WALKING TRACK

(3.4 km return – easy)

Take this easy walk from Wards Hill Road along a fire trail through beautiful woodlands. The track traverses the ridge tip and provides views over Cockle Bay and Empire Bay to Daleys Point. A carpet of flannel flowers blankets this area in spring.

From the gravel car park off Wards Hill Road (opposite Maitland Bay Drive intersection), follow the fire trail to the north-west through the large gate. There are three options for your destination. At the 1.6 km point turn left and walk down via Fishermans Parade to Daleys Point. Otherwise walk past this point to the next intersection.

The track to the right offers good views over Cockle Bay and Rileys Island Nature Reserves and the track that leads to the left takes you to Daleys Point Aboriginal engraving site.

ALLEN STROM LOOKOUT

(2 km – easy)

From the gravel car park off Wards Hill Road (opposite Maitland Bay Drive intersection), follow the fire trail marked Rocky Point Trail, about 50 m to the south through a smaller gate.

Follow the fire trail for approximately 1 km to reach Allen Strom Lookout on the ridge above Rocky Point. Take in stunning views of Brisbane Water, Hardys Bay and across to Brisbane Water National Park.



FLANNEL FLOWER WALKING TRACK

(1.2 km – medium)

A walk from Hawke Head Drive to Lobster Beach. At the end of the track take a detour to beautiful Lobster Beach, a popular site for boat owners to moor.

From the locked gate at the end of Hawke Head Drive, walk downhill and take the first track that leads to the right (north). Note that the wide trail to the left leads to Tallow Beach and Box Head.

The walk weaves its way under the angophora forest to a magnificent lookout, providing commanding views over Broken Bay, 'The Box', Umina and Pearl Beach.

The trail then continues downhill and traverses the 'Pretty Beach Right of Way'. This walking track provides public access across private property and has been granted by the owners in the interest of the community. Please respect the privacy of landowners by remaining on the track at all times.

At the end of the Right of Way (next to a timber fence), the track meets with the Lobster Beach Walking Track. From here you can turn left (uphill) past a series of timber stairs to Lobster Beach or right (downhill) to High View Road at Pretty Beach, and on to Wagstaffe. Lobster Beach is perfect for a swim or a picnic.

IMAGES

TOP RIGHT: Maitland Bay Information Centre. Photo: Susan Davis / OEH.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Putty Beach Camping Area. Photo: David Kelly / OEH.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Tawny frogmouth. Vicki Elliott / OEH.

LEFT: Tessellated pavement, Coastal Walking Track. Photo: David Kelly / OEH.



MOUNT BOUDDI WALKING TRACK

(1.2 km – medium)

The Mount Bouddi Walking Track starts at the southern end of Mount Bouddi Road from Dingeldei Picnic Area and winds its way through eucalypt woodlands before opening to panoramic views of Bouddi Point and Maitland Bay bombora.

The track continues for about 300 m before meeting up with the Bouddi Coastal Walk. From the intersection you can either go west to Maitland Bay behind Bouddi Point or head east to Little Beach via Bombi Moor.

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING

Bouddi National Park offers a number of mountain bike rides for beginner to intermediate riders on well defined multi-use fire trails.

Riding is permitted on roads and fire trails only. Riding is not permitted on walking tracks or Bombi Moors management trails. If you are using a walking track to link between fire trails, please dismount and walk your bike.

Try one of the following:

STROM LOOP

(3 km one-way Information Centre to Dingeldei, 5 km loop via Scenic Road/Turkey Trail – easy)

Strom Trail is a great ride for beginners and the family. Park at Maitland Bay Information Centre and ride the Strom Trail to Mount Bouddi Road. Turn right to visit Dingeldei picnic area (you can also park here). Return along the Strom Trail.

ROCKY POINT

(2 km return from trail head, 5 km return from Maitland Bay Information Centre – easy)

For a short beginner's trail, ride Rocky Point Trail to Allen Strom Lookout for great views over Brisbane Water. Park at the trail head on Wards Hill Road (opposite Maitland Bay Drive).



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CARING FOR YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

- Please respect Aboriginal sites and places, they are protected.
- All native plants and animals and rock formations are protected.
- Fires are not permitted in coastal parks. Free gas barbecues are available at a number of areas.
- Leave dead wood and rocks where you find them, they provide important habitat for many animals.
- Please use rubbish bins where provided, otherwise take your rubbish with you when you leave.
- Please leave your pets at home – they are not permitted in national parks, state conservation areas or nature reserves.
- Please do not feed native animals as this may make them sick.
- Drive carefully. Vehicles, including motorbikes, must keep to formed public roads. Unregistered vehicles, including motorbikes, are not permitted.

DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

To find out about guided Discovery Activities phone **4320 4205** or visit our website:

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