

Bouddi National Park

Acknowledgement

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service acknowledges the Darkinjung People as traditional custodians of this land. While experiencing Bouddi National Park you are on Darkinjung Country. We ask that you please tread lightly and don't remove or damage plants, trees, rocks and other natural items in the landscape. This is a cultural landscape.

Visitor information

Bouddi National Park is located near Gosford on the New South Wales Central Coast. You'll find several great walks as well as opportunities for camping, swimming and fishing. Bouddi National Park offers spectacular diverse landscapes – from beaches and steep cliffs through to rainforest and heathland.

Bouddi National Park is home to countless attractions, including one of Australia's first marine protected areas, significant Aboriginal sites, wildlife and wildflowers, and even an old paddle steamer wreck. It's a great getaway for a weekend or a week.

Make the most of the park's coastal location and camp at Little Beach, Putty Beach or Tallow Beach campgrounds. Campground bookings are essential. Go swimming, fishing or whale watching. Explore the cycling trails or take in sweeping views from the lookouts and coastal walks, including the well-known Bouddi coastal walk.

Getting there and parking

Driving from the M1 Highway, take the Gosford exit and follow the signs to Woy Woy then Kincumber via Avoca Drive. Bouddi National Park has multiple parking areas including:

- Maitland Bay Information Centre
- Mount Bouddi Dingeldei picnic area
- Daleys Point trail
- Putty Beach campground
- Little Beach campground
- Tallow Beach campground

Park entry fees apply. The park has pay machines that accept card, or you can pay via the Park'nPay app.

Public transport

Limited public transport is available around Bouddi National Park. For information about public transport options, visit the Transport for NSW website: transportnsw.info

What to bring

Bouddi coastal walk is one of the most popular walks in Bouddi National Park. This 8.5km one-way walk runs from Putty Beach to MacMasters Beach. It's a relatively easy hike characterised by sweeping views, shady rainforest and inviting picnic spots. There's a photo opportunity around every corner on this walk. You might see wildflowers or migrating whales between May and November.



If you're doing any walks in the park, you'll need to wear suitable shoes, clothing for all weather conditions, and carry a backpack with a refillable water bottle, food, and safety supplies. Drinking water is available at Maitland Bay Information Centre and Putty Beach campground.

Download the NSW National Parks app

nswparks.info/app

Before you visit Bouddi National Park, download our NSW National Parks app for maps and information. The app is free to download on iOS and Android. Key app features include maps with geolocation and information about campgrounds, attractions and guided tours.

Safety messages

Stay safe in NSW national parks. Plan ahead by checking our website or app for alerts and closures before visiting a park. You can find current information about local emergencies on the Hazards Near Me app.

Enjoy exploring the tracks and trails in Bouddi National Park safely. Check the weather forecast before you leave home. Sections of some tracks are very open and exposed so if there's a summer storm or strong winter winds you'll need to be prepared.

Beaches along Bouddi coastal walk do not have a lifeguard on patrol and can have strong rips and currents. It is safest to swim at patrolled beaches with lifeguards. These include at nearby Killcare Beach and MacMasters Beach. Refer to the NPWS website or app for beach safety tips that will help you and your family stay safe in the water: nswparks.info/beachsafe

If you're keen to head out on a walk, always be prepared. Refer to the NPWS website or app for bushwalking safety tips before you set off on an adventure: nswparks.info/walksafe

Respecting Bouddi National Park

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted. The scent of domestic pets such as dogs or cats can scare wildlife from their homes and prevent them from breeding.

Walking tracks in this park are not designed to cater for mountain bikes. The use of mountain bikes on walking trails creates a risk to trail walkers, erosion and drainage issues resulting in unsafe trails, increased maintenance and impact to adjacent environment. The park offers cycling opportunities on roads, management trails and approved tracks. These cater to beginners and intermediate riders on several trails. Try Rocky Point trail, Strom loop and MacMasters Ridge trail.

General enquiries

National Parks Contact Centre, 7am to 7pm daily Phone: 1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS) for the cost of a local call within Australia excluding mobiles

Email: <u>parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au</u> For more information: <u>nswparks.info/bouddi</u>

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