

Wollumbin and Mebbin National Parks



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Wollumbin Mount Warning is the central plug of a huge, shield shaped volcano that twenty million years ago stretched from Mt. Tamborine in the north to Lismore in the south. Westward it extended to Kyogle and its eastern remnants occur as the reefs of Point Danger.

The height of the volcano alone was sufficient to trap moisture laden air from the coast. Over the millennium the myriad of small streams produced by this trapped moisture, carved out this unique and curious landform. Harder rocks such as rhyolite cliffs resisted this erosion and form the circular rim or caldera surrounding the central plug. Mebbin National Park forms part of this rim.

PLANT AND ANIMAL REFUGE

The ancient forests that occur within the national parks are a window into the past when rainforest covered much of the Australian continent. Among the multitude of flora species are Giant Stinging Trees, figs, booyongs, carabeens, Brush Box, and Flame Trees. Many threatened plant species such as the Ball Nut, Spear Lily and Arrow-head Vine are found here.

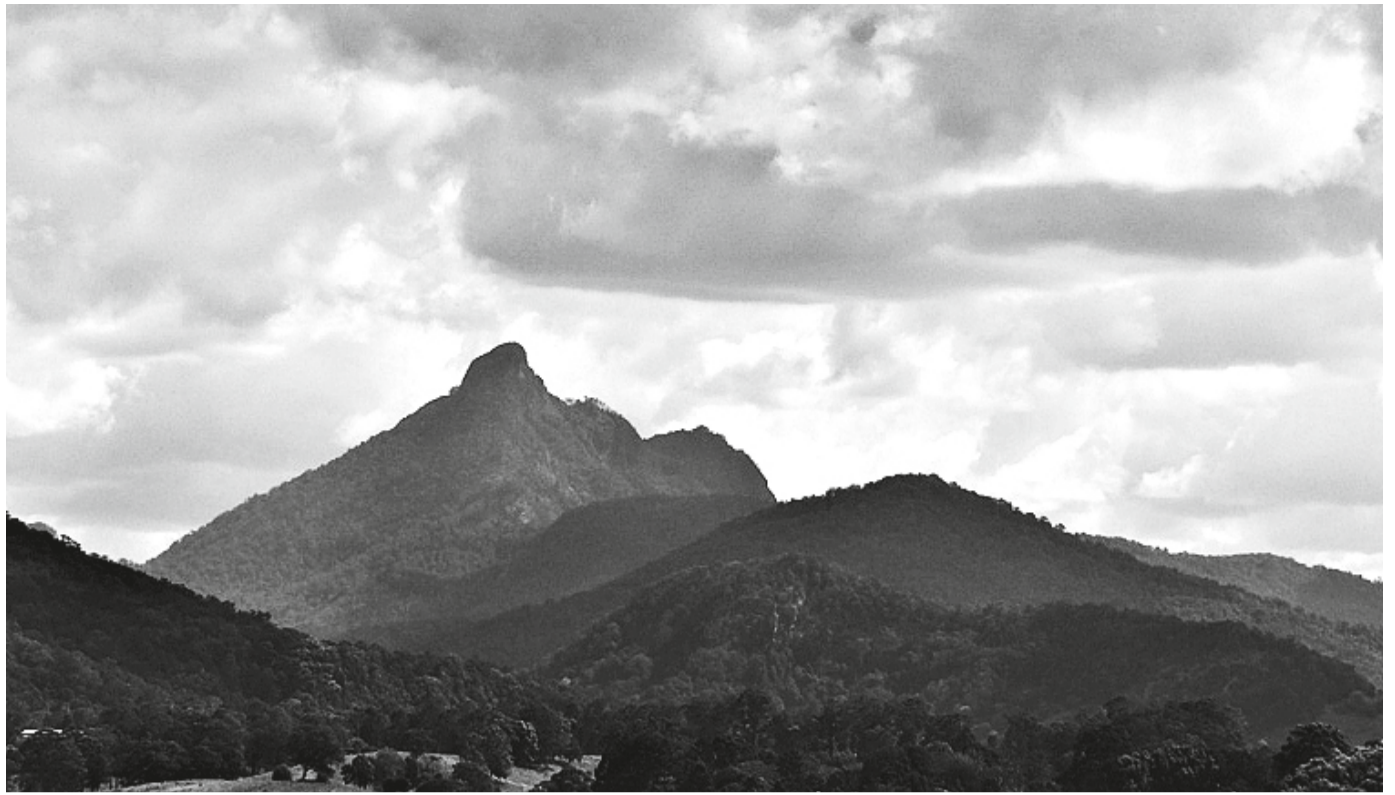
The observant walker may see a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles. Birds are abundant, over 100 species have been recorded, including the rare and endangered Rufous Scrub-bird, Wompoo Pigeon, Marbled Frogmouth, and Albert's Lyrebird.

WOLLUMBIN – A SACRED PLACE

Wollumbin is the Aboriginal name for the Wollumbin Mt Warning mountain complex. It is a sacred place of great spiritual significance to the people of the Bundjalung Nation. Wollumbin is a traditional place of cultural law, initiation and spiritual education. Under Bundjalung law, only specifically chosen people are allowed to climb Wollumbin. Out of respect for their law and culture the Bundjalung ask that you consider choosing not to climb.

FEATURES

The adjoining Wollumbin and Mebbin National Parks provide visitors with the opportunity to walk in World Heritage listed rainforests, enjoy spectacular views of the Wollumbin volcanic plug and camp in a peaceful forest setting.



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Wollumbin dramatically rises from the World Heritage-listed National Park to a height of 1157m above sea level

A CHANGING VIEW OF THE LAND

The name Mount Warning was chosen by Captain James Cook to warn future mariners of the offshore reefs he encountered in May 1770.

Reserved for public recreation in 1928, Mount Warning was dedicated as a national park in 1967. Inclusion on the World Heritage Register in 1986 as part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area ensures its protection for future generations. In 2009, Mt Warning National Park was renamed Wollumbin National Park.

Mebbin National Park was created in 1999 and in 2003 the former Wollumbin State Forest was protected as Wollumbin National Park and State Conservation Area.

GETTING THERE

Wollumbin and Mebbin National Parks can all be accessed from the Murwillumbah to Kyogle road.

Please note that in wet weather the roads into Mebbin National Park can become slippery. In these conditions the western section of Wollumbin National Park may be closed to vehicles. If you are visiting Mebbin National Park in these conditions it is not advisable to go beyond the camping area.



Copyright OEH. Hike this winding path under towering palms listening out for the calls of whipbirds, noisy pitta and lyrebirds.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO



Enjoy a barbeque in the peaceful surroundings of Korrumbyn Creek picnic area in **Wollumbin National Park** or Cutters Camp in **Mebbin National Park**.



Camp among the eucalypts at Cutters Camp in **Mebbin National Park**. It is advisable to bring your own drinking water.



Lyrebird track – Wollumbin NP
The Lyrebird Track crosses Breakfast Creek before winding some 200 m through palm forest to a platform set amongst the lush subtropical rainforest.



Byrill Creek walk – Mebbin NP
Enjoy a 450 m walk from Cutters Camp through subtropical forest, including a stand of ancient figs to Byrill Creek.



Summit Track - Out of respect for Bundjalung law and culture the Bundjalung ask that you consider choosing not to climb Wollumbin. If you do climb, be aware that it is a steep 4.4 km (one way) climb, with a challenging final rock scramble.

USEFUL INFORMATION

The walk takes 4-5 hrs return

It is not advisable to start the walk after midday in winter, as darkness on return can lead to people becoming lost

Toilets are available only at the start of the walk

Suitable footwear should be worn

Temperature drops rapidly as you ascend

Carry your own refreshments

Camping, dogs and fires are not permitted

Camping is available outside the park at the Mt Warning Caravan Park - 66795120 or in Murwillumbah and Uki

VEHICLE ENTRY FEES

Vehicle entry and camping fees apply in Mebbin National Park. These fees are used locally to help protect the park and maintain its facilities. If you are a regular national park's visitor you can save money by purchasing an annual pass.



Copyright OEH. The huge diversity of animals, plants and birds exist and each plays an important part in the rainforest ecosystem.

CARING FOR THE PARK

- Leave your pets and firearms at home, as they are not permitted.
- Enjoy the wildlife but do not disturb plants, animals, bushrock, Aboriginal sites or historic places. All are protected.
- Be careful with fire. Use only fireplaces provided. Observe any total fire bans.
- Firewood is not provided. Bring your own firewood or better still use gas stoves.
- Firewood collection is not permitted.
- Drive carefully and keep to public roads. All vehicles must be registered and drivers licensed.
- Keep the park clean and safe for wildlife. Please take your rubbish home.
- Observe all signs, as they are there for your safety and to help you enjoy your visit.
- Keep to walking tracks, as they are designed to have minimal impact.
- Be considerate of other park users – keep your noise to a minimum.

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