

# **Tomaree Coastal Walk**

## **Acknowledgement**

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

### **Visitor information**

As a 27km walk, Tomaree Coastal Walk is rated Grade 4, mainly because of the length of the track. Most of the terrain is flat and gentle with some short steep hills in places. In some sections you'll be walking across sandy beaches and coastal rock platforms.

Please refer to the map for distances.

- The walk from Tomaree Head Summit to Fingal Bay is 7 km.
- The walk from Fingal Bay to One Mile is 11 km.
- The walk from One Mile to Birubi Point is 9 km.

#### Getting there and parking

There are several locations along the 27km walk to park your vehicle including at Shoal Bay, Fingal Bay, One Mile Beach, Boat Harbour, Fishermans Bay, Birubi Point, and Anna Bay. Arrive early because these locations are busy on weekends and in summer.

#### Public transport

You could also catch a taxi or a bus from various points along Tomaree Coastal Walk. Port Stephens Coaches run buses to Shoal Bay and Anna Bay. Route 130 stops at many locations along the walk. Use the Transport for NSW trip planner: <a href="mailto:transportnsw.info">transportnsw.info</a>

#### What to bring

You'll need to wear suitable shoes, clothing for all weather, and carry a backpack with a refillable water bottle, some food, and safety supplies. Drinking water is available along the way at Shoal Bay, Fingal Bay, Barry Park, One Mile Beach, Boat Harbour, Fishermans Bay, and Birubi Point.

### Download the NSW National Parks app

#### nswparks.info/app

Before you set out on a walk, download our NSW National Parks app for maps and information about Tomaree Coastal Walk. The app is free to download on iOS and Android. Key app features include maps with geolocation, national park information, and an augmented reality immersive story about the Gould's petrel in this area.

## 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 Tomaree National Park safely. Check the weather forecast in advance. Sections of the track are very open and exposed so if there's a summer storm or strong winter winds you'll need to be prepared.

Most beaches along Tomaree Coastal Walk do not have a lifeguard on patrol and can sometimes have strong rips and currents. Only swim at patrolled beaches with lifeguards. 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 longer 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 Tomaree 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.

Mountain bikes and trail bikes are not permitted. Tomaree Coastal Walk and all other walking tracks in Tomaree National 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. Please stay to the designated management trail network when mountain biking.

### **Accessible locations**

This experience is not wheelchair accessible, however there are several locations along the way that are:

- Iris Moore picnic area and lookout
- Birubi Point Aboriginal Place
- Fingal Bay beach has a wheelchair accessible track to the water
- Barry Park has flat paths and easy access lookouts

## **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: parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au

For more information: nswparks.info/tcw



The white bellied sea eagle is a common occurrence along the Tomaree National Park coastline. In consultation with community groups it was agreed to be recognised as the symbol representing Tomaree Coastal Walk and can be found on all directional signage along the track.

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