

TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

Short Walks

Short Walks 200 to 500 metres distance



Bentham Track

300m distance & 15 min walk time

An enjoyable short walk taking you through an area that is frequented by the White-faced Honeyeater bird. The track takes you from Lamberts Clearing picnic site and joins up with either the Caley or Smiths Track.



Caley Track

200m distance & 10 min walk time

A pleasant walk from Lamberts Clearing to Cunningham's Rest. Both the Caley and Bentham Tracks take you through open heathland on unusual rocky sandstone outcrops. In winter and spring the track is enhanced by magnificent displays of native flowers that attract a variety of birds, butterflies and native bees.



Smiths Track

400m distance & 15 min walk time

A pleasant short walk linking the Visitor Centre with Cunninghams Rest. The track passes through Scribbly Gums and Bloodwood trees to an open heathland area offering a diversity of plant, bird and insect life.



Browns Track

300m distance & 15 min walk time

This is a short sealed walk to the east of Lamberts Clearing picnic area through a connecting pathway or along Solander Trail. Several different types of habitat provide shelter to a variety of birds. Listen for the loud 'crack' call of the Eastern Whipbird followed by the short return call by the female. Access to the start of the Mueller Track is from Browns Track.



Banks Track and Boardwalk

300m distance & 10 min walk time

Take a leisurely stroll along a boardwalk and sandstone track overlooking Donnelly's Swamp. A wonderful walk to spot and hear small birds. Listen for the chattering warble of the Variegated Wren and the sharp 'bark' of the Red Wattlebird. Observe the rich plant regrowth as a result of the 1994 bushfires.



Senses Track

400 - 500m distance & 15 min walk time

This pleasant sealed track is suitable for strollers, wheelchairs, elderly and visually impaired. The track is located near the entrance to the Garden and offers self-guiding signage to help you discover the sights, sounds and smells of the bush. The shale soil sustains taller trees creating an area of open woodland habitat in the Garden.

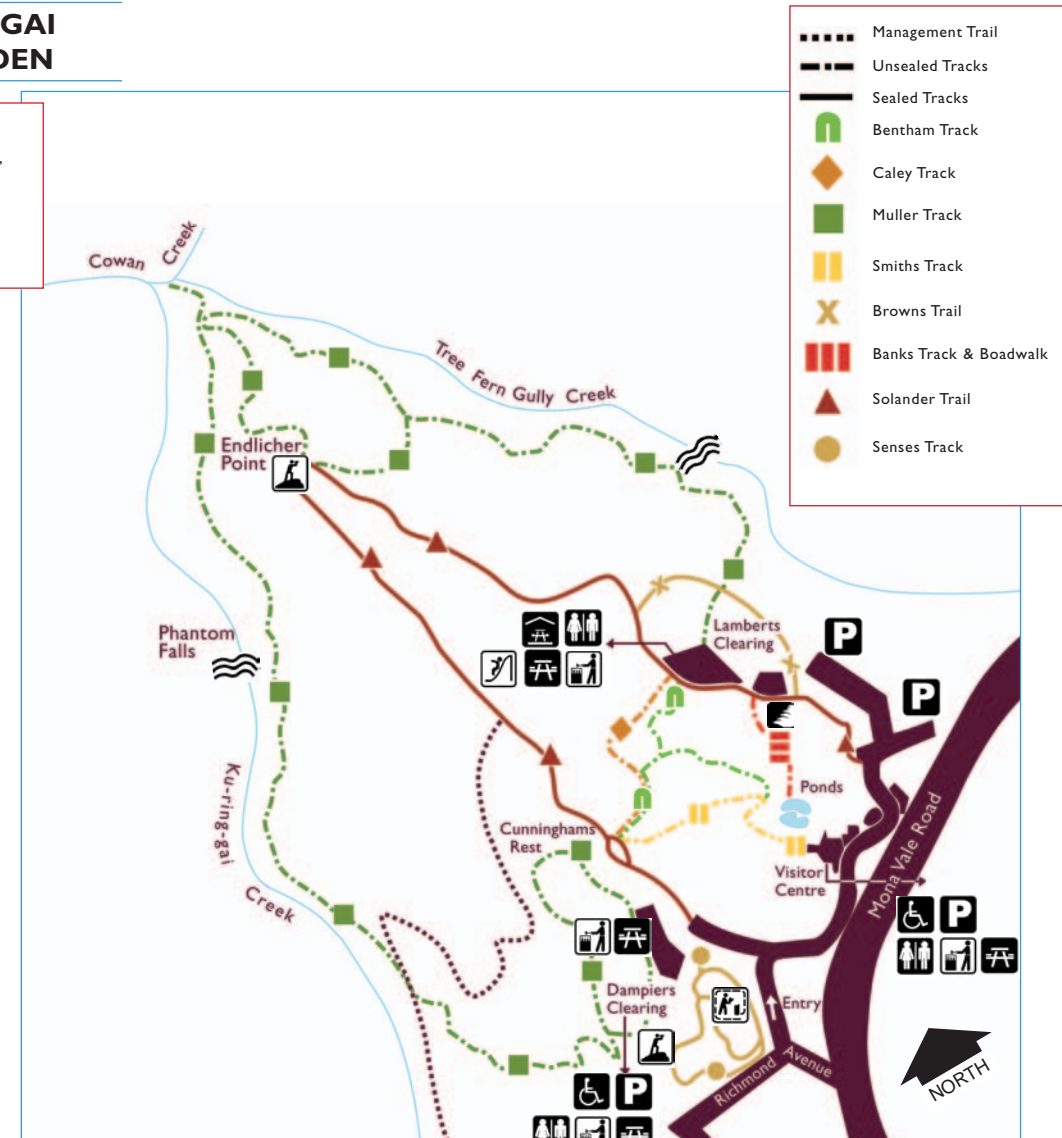


Map

DISCOVER KU-RING-GAI WILDFLOWER GARDEN

Names of walks: To provide historic and commemorative links with early Botanists, their names have been used to identify the main walking tracks, rest points and picnic areas within the gardens.

- Waterfalls
- Toilets
- Disabled Access
- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Area
- Gas/Electric Barbeques
- Self Guided Track
- Playground
- Lookout
- Fern House





Longer Walks



Bushland Education Centre

Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden and Bushland Education Centre

Longer Walks 2 to 3 km distance

▲ Solander Trail
2km distance & 45 min walk time

This sealed walk commences at the Visitor Centre winding its way through typical Hawkesbury Sandstone habitat. The track passes the main picnic area, Lamberts Clearing, where you will also find the Fern House with a collection of ferns and orchids. The track then continues to Endlicher Point passing connecting paths to the Mueller Track. Take the opportunity to rest and watch for native birds before starting the gentle climb to Cunningham's Rest. At this junction there are several short walks returning to the Visitor Centre.

■ Mueller Track
3km distance & 2 hour walk time

From the Visitor Centre follow the Solander Trail to the commencement of the Mueller Track off Browns Trail. The most rugged walk in the Garden, the track winds its way down the valley along Tree Fern Gully and Ku-ring-gai Creeks through a variety of habitats and open forest to Phantom Falls. The track continues through tall Sydney Red Gums, crosses the fire trail and proceeds uphill to Cunningham's Rest. This is a walk where the stillness of nature surrounds you and the cares of city living slip away!

Programs

Bush Birthday Party
Ranger lead nature activities for up to 20 children.

Make Connections
Planned school excursions to compliment class lessons for primary and secondary students.

People in Parks
Holiday activities offering a variety of nature activities for children aged 4 to 12 years.

Nature for the Very Young
Pre-school, playgroup and community activities for 2 to 4 years.
Suitable for strollers.

Australian Plants Society
North Shore Branch
Tuesday morning Walks and Talks Program



Face painting at the Festival of Wildflowers

- All our programs are an enjoyable way to learn more about Ku-ring-gai's bushland.
- Ku-ring-gai Council's Bushland Education Centre - Nature education for the whole community.

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