



Average Temps

Spring	(Sep to Nov):	min 8	max 23
Summer	(Dec to Feb):	min 15	max 30
Autumn	(Mar to May):	min 9	max 23
Winter	(Jun to Aug):	min 2	max 15

THE DRIP (GOULBURN RIVER NATIONAL PARK)

2.8km return • 1–1.5hr • Grade 3

This popular walking track in Goulburn River NP follows the Goulburn River to the Great Dripping Wall. Known as The Drip, this towering sandstone cliff face is adorned with weeping grasses and ferns, dripping clear spring water in the river below. The day use area is a great place to have a picnic with shaded picnic tables by the water. The sandy river bed is a great place for kids to paddle but only when there's low flows. Be aware the river may rise quickly following rain in the catchment, so watch the kids closely to make sure they're safe. Check the NPWS website for advice regarding alerts and closures. The Drip picnic area is situated 50 km (40 min) north of Mudgee on the Cassilis Rd (37km from Gulgong) and 10km past the village of Ulan.

GANGUDDY – DUNNS SWAMP (WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK)

Pagoda Lookout walking track – 2.5km return • 1hr • Grade 3

This popular camping and day use area is an oasis from the summer heat. It's the gateway to the western part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and the vast Wollemi Wilderness. There are other walking tracks to explore while visiting Ganguddy that range from easy to medium grading, including the Weir and the Cave walks. Canoe and kayak or explore the waterway with the Southern Cross Kayaking team who are based on site weekends from September to April. Hire a kayak and paddle beside the towering sandstone pagodas. Camping bookings are essential and can be made by calling 13000 PARKS or visiting nationalparks.nsw.gov.au. Just 25km east of Rylstone and Kandos, located on the banks of the Cudgegong River.

PUTTA BUCCA WETLANDS

2km return • 45 min–1hr • Easy + moderately accessible • Pet-friendly (on leash)

Located off Putta Bucca Road just north of Mudgee, this waterbird paradise exhibits a wide range of flora and fauna. Easily accessed with a parking area and includes two newly built birdhides. This is a recreational area for birdwatching, bicycle riding, fishing and walking.

FROG ROCK

No walking track. This unusual granite rock formation resembles a crouching frog and can be seen on the left-hand side of the Ulan Cassilis Road, 19km north of Mudgee, 1.5km past Hadabob Road.

WINDAMERE DAM

Lookout points available at the Dam Wall + Cudgegong Water Park. Just 19 km south-west of Rylstone on the Cudgegong River in the Cudgegong Valley, and worth a visit for fishing, watersports, camping and caravanning.

HANDS ON ROCK

1 km return • 15 minutes • Grade 3

These stencils of hands were made by the Wiradjuri people who occupied most of the central west of what is now New South Wales and were one of the largest of Aboriginal language groups. This heritage site is about 12km east of Ulan and 2km on the left-hand side past the entrance to 'The Drip'. To get there, turn left off the Ulan-Cassilis Road at the Bobadeen Road sign, turn sharp left again, and drive 500 metres to the car park.

The 'Hands on Rock' site is 600m from the car park. The path has a few roots across it but is otherwise easy for about 400 metres; it then slopes up steadily to the rock cliffs. There are steps along the way, but some loose stones towards the end of the path require a little care, particularly on the way down. One of the features of the walk is the relatively unspoilt forest that surrounds the area. It is typical of the vegetation that once covered this part of the ranges. Please treat this area with care and respect. A viewing platform has been built, and visitors are asked not to leave it or the walking path.

FERNTREE GULLY

Sydney Peppermint Walk – 3km return • 1–1.5hrs • Grade 4 Fern Tree Gully Loop – 2.5km return • 1–1.5hrs • Grade 3

This reserve protects an area of unique rainforest and western plant communities. The track to Ferntree Gully turns off from Bylong Valley Way 17km from Rylstone. It is a further 3km on an unsealed track to the picnic area and start of walk.

There are a number of walking tracks at Ferntree Gully that take you down into the cool narrow ferntree-studded valley floor, and around the top edge of the rocks where you can get an overview of the valley and the unusual rock formations on either side. Allow a minimum of one hour to do the loop walk and longer if you linger to enjoy the rock formations, ferns and orchids along the way. Take food and water. The walk through the gully, returning via the top track system, requires a reasonable degree of fitness. There is some scrambling over rocks and some quite steep ascents and descents on the steps leading into and out of the gully.

A damp section of the gully containing many tree ferns is accessible via a short boardwalk that allows comfortable access while protecting this sensitive part of the Reserve.

MUNGHORN GAP NATURE RESERVE (CASTLE ROCK)

Castle Rocks Walk – 8.5km return • 3–5hrs • Grade 3

Munghorn Gap Nature Reserve is a great place for birdwatching, walking, barbecues and enjoying scenic views of its sandstone pagoda features. Located 30km from Mudgee on the Wollar Road, the site offers toilets and picnic/barbecue facilities nearby at the Moolarben Picnic Area. A great reserve to visit for those wanting a longer walk; there are superb views available for those able to undertake a steep climb.

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