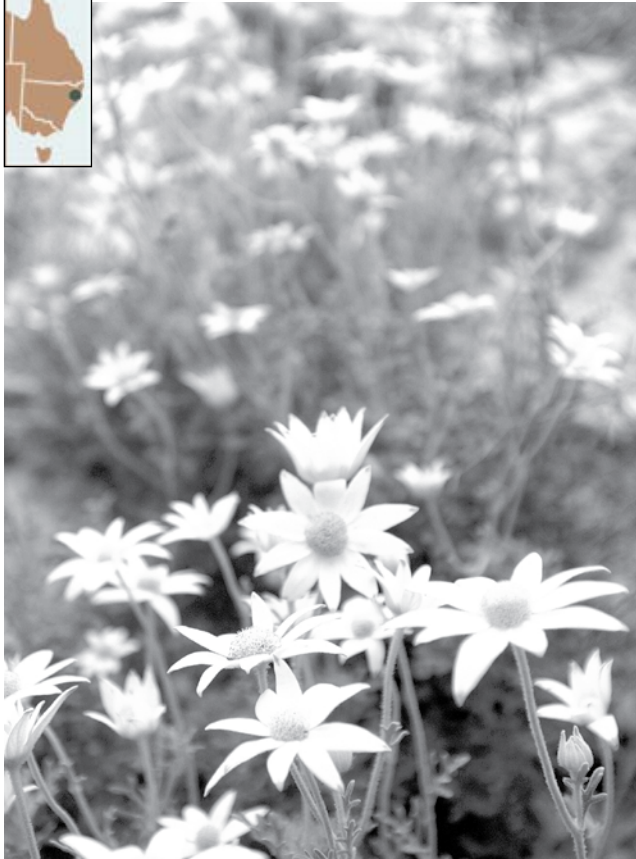




# Yuraygir NATIONAL PARK



Actinotus helianthi Flannel flower

Department of **Environment & Climate Change** NSW



## Things to know before you go

**Camping fees** are collected by campground managers who will visit you at your campsite. You can stay for a maximum of 21 days. See each campground description for pricing details\*. Children under five are free and child rates apply to 5-15 years. Bookings cannot be made in advance. Campsites are available on a first in/first served basis.

**Day or annual vehicle passes** must be clearly displayed on your vehicle while you are in the park. Day passes can be purchased from 'pay and display' stations for \$7\* per day or buy an annual vehicle pass and save. For more information, contact any NPWS office, see the campground manager, or visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au).

**Rubbish disposal and recycling** is available at all campgrounds. Prepare to recycle by setting up two bags or bins at your campsite – one for recyclables (glass and plastic) and another for all other rubbish. Paper is not a collected item in the recycling program at Yuraygir.

**Water** is not available at Boorkoom, Station Creek or Pebbly Beach campgrounds or at Rocky Point or Shelly Headland campsites. Take sufficient water for your stay.

**Portaloo waste** cannot be buried in the park or emptied into composting toilets. Contact local councils for disposal locations or take it home.

**Firewood** cannot be collected in the park. Use only the firewood, fireplaces and BBQs provided.

**Please don't bring** ... generators, chainsaws, firearms, animals (including the family dog or cat), plants or soil into Yuraygir National Park – it's illegal.

To reduce odour, flies, scavenging goannas, crows and dingos, take sturdy containers for your rubbish and food. Keep the lids on tightly.



Lace monitor

## For your safety

- Beaches and creeks are not patrolled by lifeguards.
- Do not feed wildlife (including dingos) or leave food unsecured. Keeping your campsite tidy will make it boring and uninviting to scavenging animals.
- Watch out for snakes – use a torch at night.
- Extinguish campfires completely with water – not sand.
- Water is not available at all campsites.
- If you explore foreshore rockpools, leave animals and shells in their homes rather than take them to yours. Some species could inflict painful or deadly stings.
- Supervise children at all times.

## Further information

Please contact the NPWS North Coast Regional office Level 3, 49 Victoria Street (PO Box 361) Grafton NSW 2460  
Phone: (02) 6641 1500 Fax: (02) 6643 5569  
Email: [northcoast.region@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northcoast.region@environment.nsw.gov.au)

### Vehicle passes

Phone: 1300 361 967 [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

### Marine park zoning maps

Available from tourist information centres, bait and tackle stores, dive shops, NPWS offices or [www.mpa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mpa.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone: (02) 6652 0900

### Fishing permits

Phone: 1300 369 365 [www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.nsw.gov.au)

### Beach access permits

Phone: 02 6643 0200 Clarence Valley Council

\*Fees current at time of printing and are subject to change.

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## Welcome to country

When you visit Yuraygir National Park, you are within the traditional homelands of the Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl Nations. In caring for these lands, we show our respect for elders past and present and their strong spiritual and cultural connection to this Country.

## A special place

Vast heathland plains, long sandy beaches, crystal clear creeks and lagoons, rocky headlands and abundant wildflowers make Yuraygir National Park a coastal treasure. Yuraygir, together with Iluka Nature Reserve and Bundjalung and Broadwater National Parks make up the largest stretch of protected coastline in New South Wales.

Protecting the diverse marine values of estuaries, beaches, rock platforms and offshore waters adjacent to Yuraygir National Park is the Solitary Islands Marine Park, a multiple use marine protected area.

## Best time to visit

Yuraygir National Park is pleasant all year round. High summer temperatures are relieved by sea breezes. Winter and spring are particularly enjoyable.

From April to October you might spot a whale on its annual migration along the east coast. From late winter to early summer, heathlands provide a spectacular display of colourful wildflowers.



Banksia serrata Old-man banksia

## Things to do

Pack a picnic and enjoy the day use facilities throughout the park.

### Angourie Bay



### Mara Creek



### Lake Arragan



### Sandon River



### Illaroo



### Wilson's Headland



### Station Creek



Spend time exploring Lake Arragan, the Sandon River system and Station Creek by canoe or kayak. Canoe launching facilities are provided at Station Creek and Lake Arragan.

Recreational fishing is permitted in rivers, estuaries and along the coastline, except in marine park 'no-take' sanctuary zones. Anglers require a permit from DPI Fisheries (see back cover for contact details).

Best viewing points for whale watchers include Dirrangan Lookout, Red Cliff, Rocky Point and Wilson's Headland. From April to June whales are travelling north, returning with their young in early Spring.

In the school holidays, take a Ranger guided Discovery tour. Check park noticeboards for planned activities or pre-book your tour before you leave home. View our Discovery program at [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au).

## Explore the marine park



Beaches, waters and estuaries from Plover Island to Muttonbird Island are part of the Solitary Islands Marine Park. A zoning system protects sensitive areas while providing for continued recreational and commercial use.

## Go for a walk

### Angourie Walk <sup>1</sup>

10km, 4 hours one way, medium difficulty  
Linking Mara Creek and Lake Arragan, this walk takes you through a variety of coastal ecosystems. Views from Dirrangan Lookout are magnificent. Dolphins are regularly sighted and you can see south to Red Cliff and Brooms Head. Take plenty of water. You can camp overnight at Shelley Headland.



### Angophora Grove Walk <sup>2</sup>

1km, 30 minutes loop track, easy grade  
From Illaroo South picnic area, meander past pandanus trees and through coastal heath before entering the dense smooth-barked apple (*Angophora costata*) forest. Climb to the heights of Rocky Point where you can camp overnight.

### Wilson's Headland Walk <sup>3</sup>

3km, 1 hour one way, easy grade  
Joining Boorkoom camping area and Wilson's Headland picnic area, panoramic ocean views contrast with secluded coves, isolated beaches and banks of wildflowers. Enjoy the views from seats along the track. A section of this track is wheelchair accessible.

### Freshwater Track <sup>4</sup>

4km, 1.5 hours return, medium difficulty  
For a truly solitary experience, walk to the isolated and remote Freshwater Beach. Track starts at the northern end of Pebbly Beach camping area.

### Corkwood and Scribbly Gum Walk <sup>5</sup>

1.5km, 1 hour loop track, easy grade  
From Station Creek camping area, follow the creek upstream through coastal forest. A short side track loops through scribbly gum forest.

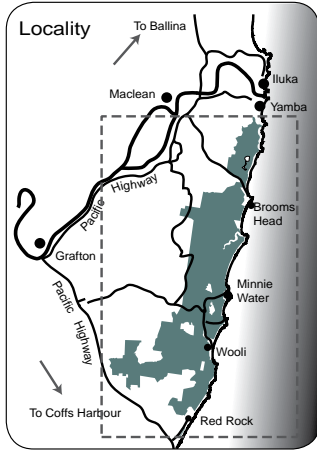
## More information

Check information boards throughout the park for more information about Yuraygir National Park.

See map and legend over page for symbol definitions, picnic areas and walking track locations.



# YURAYGIR National Park



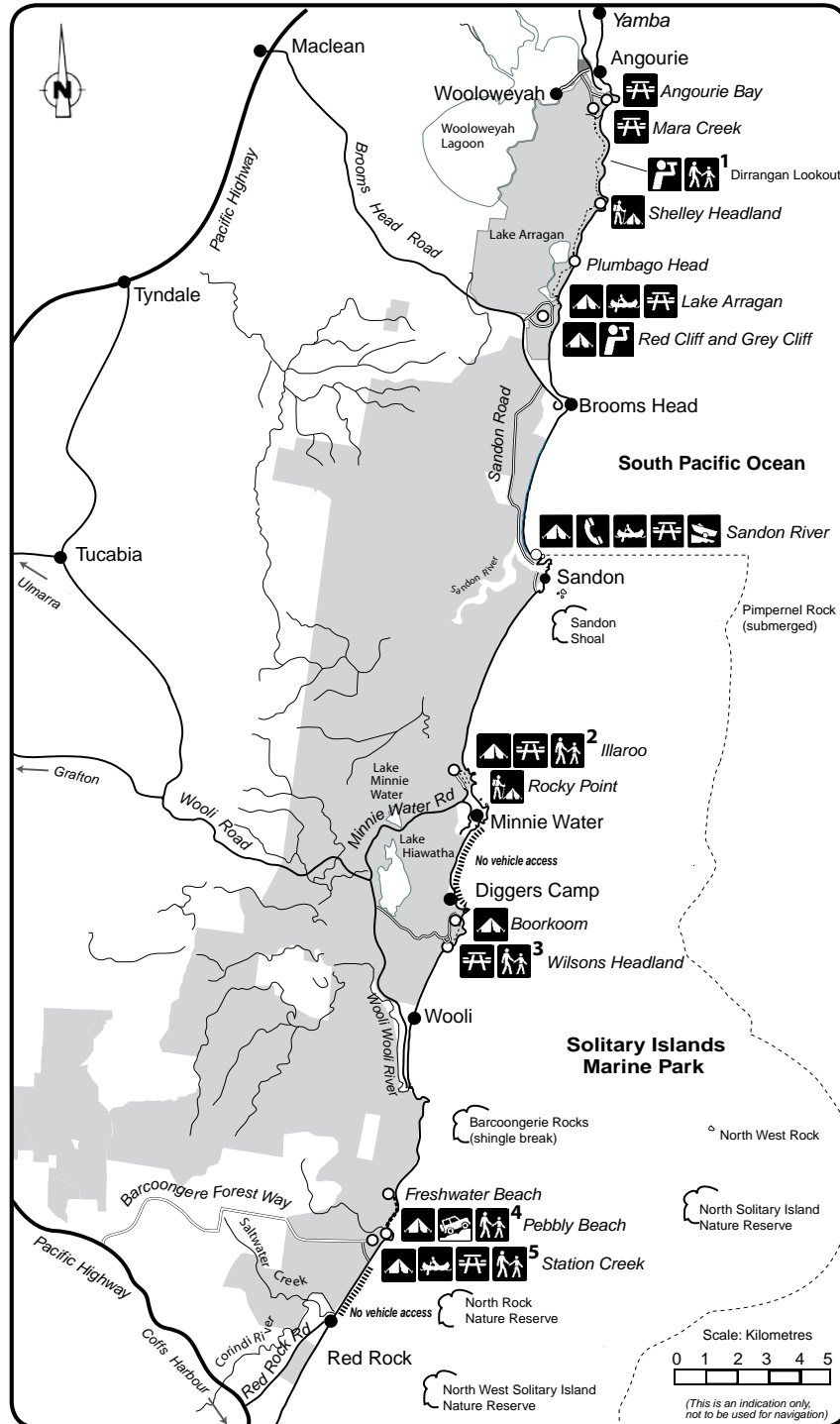
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 Pillar Valley 9538-3-N  
 North Solitary Island 9538-2-S  
 Red Rock 9538-3-S



White-bellied sea-eagle

## Driving on the beach



Beaches carry two-way traffic and have hazards including washouts and exposed rocks, particularly after heavy rain and rough seas. Safe travelling speeds could be much lower than signposted limits.

**Speed limits** - beach speed limits are 50 km/h.

**No go zones** - vehicles are not permitted on the beach south of Station Creek 4WD track, north of Pebbly Beach 4WD track, on the beach between Boorkoom and Minnie Water or south of 4WD access at Sandon River.

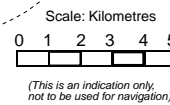
**Road rules** - road rules on beaches are the same as those on bitumen roads. Vehicles must be registered and seatbelts worn at all times. All drivers must hold a current driver's licence. It is illegal to carry passengers outside the vehicle cabin, in utility trays or on boat trailers.

**Advertise your intentions** - keep to the left of oncoming vehicles. Use indicators when overtaking or turning.

**Stay off the dunes** - it is illegal to drive on dunes. Only use well defined access tracks. Foredunes provide the only nesting places for several species of birds and sea turtles. Fragile grasses are easily damaged leading to dune destabilisation.

**Give way to people on the beach** - pedestrians often cannot hear approaching vehicles above the sound of surf or strong winds. Slow down near people on the beach, especially around children. Pedestrians have right of way.

**Give seabirds a wide berth** - so they can rest, feed and breed. Reduce speed and keep away from flocks. Watch out for their unexpected movements.



# Camping in Yuraygir National Park

Campground noise curfews apply from 9pm

## Lake Arragan Camping Area



Lake Arragan is a small coastal lagoon system located entirely within Yuraygir National Park. Surrounded by reeds and paperbarks, the lake is a haven for resident and migratory birds. This spacious lakeside camping area (50 sites) is suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers. Unsealed 2WD access.

## Red Cliff and Grey Cliff Camping Areas



On the headlands south of Lake Arragan are the Red Cliff (20 sites) and Grey Cliff (25 sites) camping areas. Here you can pitch your tent and listen to the surf roll over the rocks. Unsealed 2WD access. Sites suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers.

## Sandon River Camping Area



The Sandon River camping area (30 sites) occupies the end of a sandy peninsular on the northern side of the Sandon River mouth. Sites suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers. Boat launching ramp at Sandon. Unsealed 2WD access, 4WD beach access.

## Illaroo Camping Area



Set amongst the banksias on the southern end of Sandon Beach is the Illaroo camping area (60 sites spread over two locations – north and south Illaroo). Sites suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers. Unsealed 2WD access. 4WD beach access.



Crab and seaweed

## Boorkoom Camping Area



Perched on top of the northern end of Wilsons Headland, where wild rocky shores border quiet secluded beaches, is the Boorkoom camping area (10 sites). You will need to bring your own water and fuel stove. Campfires are not permitted. Not suitable for caravans or camper trailers. Unsealed 2WD access.

## Station Creek Camping Area



Nestled alongside a serene estuary, is the Station Creek camping area (20 sites). Station Creek is the only estuary in the Solitary Islands Marine Park supporting freshwater plant species rather than mangroves. To walk to the beach, follow signs through the sand dunes. You will need to bring your own water. Sites suitable for tents, caravans and camper trailers. Unsealed 2WD access, 4WD recommended in wet weather.

## Pebbly Beach Camping Area



Pebbly Beach camping area (60 sites) is nestled amongst horse-tail she-oaks and banksias in a bay north of Station Creek beach – a place for family fun and relaxation as the beach is a vehicle free area. You will need to bring your own water. Sites suitable for tents, 4WD caravans and camper trailers. Unsealed 4WD access beyond Station Creek Road, saltwater creek crossing and beach driving. Plan to travel at low tide. Firewood collection, rubbish and recycling facilities are available at the Station Creek turnoff. Boat launching is possible (southern end of campground) but vehicles cannot be left on the beach.

Station Creek beach is one of the few beaches used for breeding by the endangered Little Tern. Breeding success for these birds has improved through the cooperation of visitors and management actions such as fencing, fox baiting and vehicle free beaches.



Station Creek Camping Area

## Shelley Headland campsite



Take the Angourie Walk from Mara Creek or Lake Arragan. The campsite (10 sites) is about half way (2 hours) along the track. Campfires are not permitted – fuel stove only area. Water is not available, take enough for your stay. Vehicles parked at track ends must display a valid pass for the length of your stay.

## Rocky Point campsite



Take the Angophora Grove Walk for 1 km (30 minutes) from the Illaroo picnic area. Campfires are not permitted – fuel stove only area. Water is not available, take enough for your stay. Vehicles parked at the track end must display a valid pass for the length of your stay.



Prepare to recycle by setting up two bags or bins at your campsite – one for recyclables (glass and plastic) and another for all other rubbish. Use paper to light your campfire or put it in with the rubbish. Paper is not a recyclable item at Yuraygir. Paper in the recycling bins contaminates the whole load and it all goes to landfill.