



**NSW National Parks  
and Wildlife Service**

# Coffs Coast bushland

**NATIONAL PARKS and RESERVES**

**Bindarri National Park  
Bongil Bongil National Park  
Sherwood Nature Reserve  
Ulidarra National Park**



Woolgoolga Creek Picnic Area

Department of **Environment & Climate Change** NSW



## Highlights

Within 45 minutes drive from Coffs Harbour these four bushland parks conserve significant areas of forested habitat essential for some of our best loved wildlife species and some less common threatened species.

Rare lowland rainforest, lush subtropical forest on the hinterland escarpment, tall eucalypt forest and paperbark swamp forest form a backdrop to peaceful picnic areas, interesting and easy walking tracks, bicycle trails and forest drives. There is the opportunity to canoe the unspoilt estuaries of Bongil Bongil National Park and to go four-wheel driving up the escarpment in Bindarri National Park.

Sample the outdoors, discover hidden waterfalls, stretch your legs, go on a Ranger-guided *Discovery* tour. There is something for everyone within these parks.

## Cultural significance

These parks are located in the traditional lands of the Gumbaynggirr Aboriginal people, and many areas carry cultural significance. Bongil Bongil, Bindarri and Ulidarra are Aboriginal names relating to Aboriginal landscape or mythology. Look for Aboriginal interpretive displays at Woolgoolga Creek Picnic Area in Sherwood Nature Reserve and Bindarri Picnic Area in Bindarri National Park.



Canoeing on Bonville estuary from Bongil Picnic Area



White cedar and vine, Sherwood Nature Reserve

## More information

For more information on these parks, please contact:

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# COFFS COAST BUSHLAND National Parks and Reserves

## Getting there

**Sherwood Nature Reserve** is 4 km west of Woolgoolga. Access is via Woolgoolga Creek Road and Gentle Annie Road.

**Ulidarra National Park** can be reached via Bruxner Park Road which turns off the Pacific Highway 5km north of Coffs Harbour.

**Bindarri National Park** is 20 kilometres west of Coffs Harbour. Access from the east is from Upper Orara, via Dairyville Road. Access from the west is from Ulong via Corfes Road and Range Road.

**Bongil Bongil National Park** extends from 10km south of Coffs Harbour to within 7km of Bellingen. Access is via Williams Road, Overhead Bridge Road, Tuckers Rocks Road or Mailmans Track. Pedestrian and bicycle access from Sawtell via Lyons Trail.

All motorists should be aware that all road rules which apply on public roads also apply within national parks. To operate a car or motorcycle lawfully you must have a valid RTA licence, a roadworthy vehicle, valid motor vehicle registration and appropriate mandatory insurance cover. Vehicles, including motorbikes, are not permitted off formed public roads. Unsealed roads should be used in dry weather only.

Pine Road, Bindarri National Park



## SHERWOOD NATURE RESERVE



Sherwood Nature Reserve stretches in narrow corridors from a rare strip of lowland subtropical rainforest along Woolgoolga Creek to a larger area which conserves a rugged sandstone range that towers over the Orara Valley.

A scenic drive from Woolgoolga to Nana Glen along unsealed roads offers a chance to experience the diverse habitats of the reserve, from the rainforested gullies to dry open forests and heaths.

From **Woolgoolga Creek Picnic Area** a 3.5km return walk (1.5 hour) winds upstream through rainforest of quandong, rusty plum, booyong, amazing elkhorns, strangler figs and stands of hoop pine to a delightful waterfall. Bring your gumboots after rain to traverse the six creek crossings.

## ULIDARRA NATIONAL PARK



Ulidarra National Park's old-growth eucalypt forest provides habitats for a diverse range of fauna, including koalas, masked owls, wompoo pigeons and little bent-wing bats. The unsealed drive through the park from Bruxner Park to Karangi offers lovely views, and a cool spot for a picnic beside Bucca Creek on Shelter Road. Enjoy walking along management trails.

# BINDARRI NATIONAL PARK



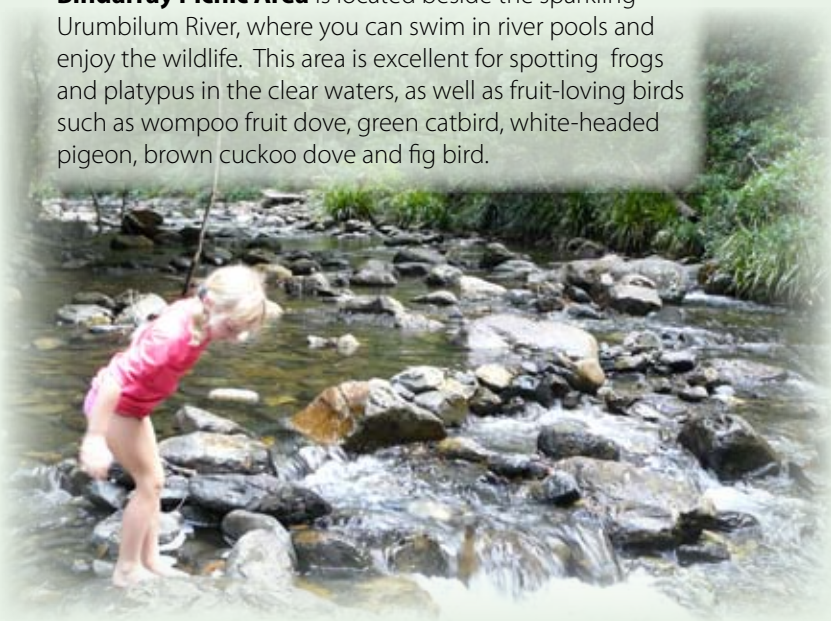
Bindarri National Park protects much of the upper catchment of the Orara River. The Urumbilum River drops over the Great Escarpment to the north of Tuckers Nob, carving a series of waterfalls in its remote mountain ravine.

Its tributary, Bangalore Creek, is more accessible and there is a walking track to **Bangalore Falls**, (1.2km return, 30mins) from **Bangalore Picnic Area**. Access via Ulong is suitable for 2WD vehicles.

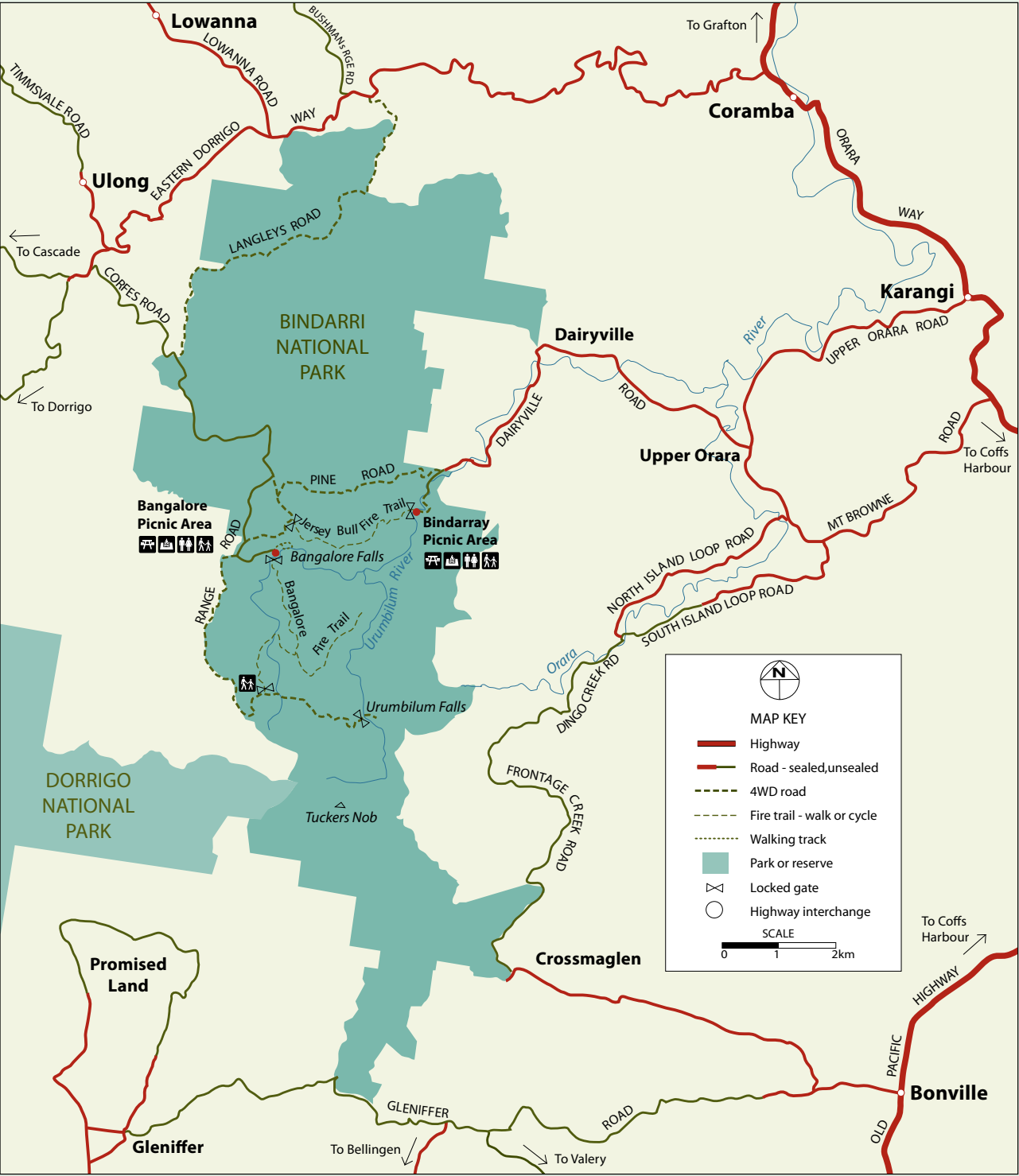
Pine Road climbs a ridge of the escarpment and is suitable for 4WD vehicles (dry weather only). Spot lighting for nocturnal wildlife along the roads and fire trails can be rewarding. Brush-tailed and ring-tailed possums, spotted-tailed quolls, powerful owls, masked owls, sooty owls and southern boobook owls have all been recorded in the park.

A drive on Langleys Road will introduce you to magnificent old-growth forest of huge brush box and blackbutt, and there are gullies supporting subtropical rain- forest of crabapple, yellow carabeen, white beech, pink cherry, rusty plum, hoop pine and coachwood.

**Bindarray Picnic Area** is located beside the sparkling Urumbilum River, where you can swim in river pools and enjoy the wildlife. This area is excellent for spotting frogs and platypus in the clear waters, as well as fruit-loving birds such as wompoo fruit dove, green catbird, white-headed pigeon, brown cuckoo dove and fig bird.



Urumbilum River, Bindarray Picnic Area





# BONGIL BONGIL NATIONAL PARK



Magnificent unspoilt beaches, coastal rainforest and estuaries full of bird life as well as plenty of beautiful coastal eucalypt forest make Bongil Bongil a delight to visit and explore.

**Bongil Picnic Area** is set among tall trees on the banks of peaceful Bonville Creek. Lyons Trail connects to Lyons Road or you can drop canoes in at the launch pontoon and enjoy hours of fun in the estuaries of Bonville and Pine Creeks. Access is via Williams Road off the old Pacific Highway north of Bonville (take Bonville exits).

**Bundagee Rainforest Walk** (6km return, 2 hours) begins at Tuckers Rocks. It lies behind the dunes, traversing magnificent littoral rainforest, before reaching the coast at Bundagen Headland. Take the Bluff Loop Trail on your return for the chance to see koalas.

Overhead Bridge Road, (via Mailmans Track interchange), gives access to the central part of the park, where flat gravel roads and fire trails are great for cycling. Discover wet and dry heath, saltmarsh and sedgeland, as well as tall forest, and walk to Bongil Beach.

Forest roads west of the Pacific Highway offer driving and mountain biking opportunities through the western portion of the park, which links with other forests to provide an unbroken habitat corridor from the coast to the Dorrigo Plateau.

**Tuckers Rock Cottage** in the park is available for holiday letting through Crown Property Sales on 02 6655 6616.

*Tuckers Rocks, North Beach*



*Bongil Picnic Area*

