Cathedral Rock National Park

Getting there

The Park is 70km east of Armidale and 60km west of Dorrigo on the New England Tablelands. There are two main access points. From the south, turn off the Waterfall Way on to a narrow gravel road leading to Barokee Camping Area (8km). In the north, Native Dog Creek Camping Area is accessible from the Ebor-Guyra Road, 10km from the Waterfall Way.

Things to see and do

Cathedral Rock National Park is the perfect place for a relaxing day trip or camping holiday. Birdwatchers will delight in the prolific birdlife attracted to the variety of eucalypts and wildflowers found here. Small woodland birds such as rose robins, flycatchers and pardalotes are commonly seen.

Rock-hoppers and explorers will find plenty to discover around the granite outcrops in the park. The magnificent granite tors make striking subjects for photography. A scramble to the top of these giant boulders gives you extensive views.

Take time to stroll around the Barokee area to see the diversity of flowering plants and mosses which thrive in the boggy heathland. Grey kangaroos and swamp wallabies often feed here in the late afternoon.

Eastern Grey Kangaroo
Camping
Barokee Camping Area

Secluded campsites are set amid tall banksias and eucalypts. Water is available from the small stream which runs through the nearby heathy wetland. Camping fees apply.

Native Dog Creek Camping Area

More spacious than Barokee, this is the best site for caravans and trailers. A short track leads to water in Native Dog Creek, although the creek may occasionally run dry in late winter and spring. Camping fees apply.

Walking tracks

Cathedral Rock Track - 5.8 km (2.5 hours)
After crossing the wetland from Barokee Camping Area, follow the circuit clockwise. The track rises through sub-alpine woodland where banksias and other flowering plants form a low understory. A short walking route (400m) leads off the track to the top of Cathedral Rock. The rocks can be slippery and many crevices are deep so agility is required. Once perched on the top, the climber is rewarded by views of the surrounding tablelands. Nearby Round Mtn, at 1584 metres above sea level, is the highest point on the New England Tablelands.

Woolpack Rocks - 7.4 km return (3hrs)
From Native Dog Creek Rest Area, a signposted track leads across the creek where Warrigal Track turns off. Woolpack Rocks are reached via a pleasant, well-graded track ascending through stringybark forest. A short path leads to the top of Woolpack Rocks whilst the track continues over the Snowy Range to Barokee Camping Area.

Warrigal Track - 1 km circuit (30 mins)
An easy stroll through dry woodland and granite boulders from Native Dog Creek Camping Area. Native orchids can often be found here in spring and summer.

Barokee - Native Dog Creek - 10.4 km
For those who can arrange a pick-up, or overnight camp, this is an interesting longer walk. The track crosses the range between Cathedral Rock and Woolpack Rocks and introduces the walker to most of the park’s features.

Explore further

Visit nearby Ebor Falls, where the Guy Fawkes River takes its first spectacular plunge off the Tablelands. Three viewing platforms give excellent views of the picturesque two-tier falls and rugged gorge downstream.

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