

## Ironbark Loop



**30 mins**

**Moderate track**

3

**643 m Circuit**

**↑ 29m**

A short, interesting walk in the Rumbalara Reserve, near Gosford. This short circuit walk takes in some nice scenery and a couple of the interesting bronze sculptures found in the reserve. Some short deviations from the walk take you to viewpoints with great views over Gosford and the surrounding areas. Note that the entrance gate on Dolly Ave, for the upper section of Rumbalara, is locked at 8pm each evening.

148m

134m

Rumbalara Reserve

### **Are you ready to have fun?**

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to End of Dolly Ave (gps: -33.4231, 151.349). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/i>

### **0 | Rumbalara Reserve**

Rumbalara Reserve lies just to the east of the Gosford CBD and is part of Gosford's Coastal Open Space System (COSS). There is an extensive set of well marked walking tracks within the reserve. Yaruga Picnic Area has free electric BBQs while both Yaruga and Nurrunga picnic areas have toilets, picnic tables, nearby lookouts and proximity to walking tracks. The picnic areas are accessed via Dolly Ave, Springfield, with the gate being locked at 8pm each evening. The Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre, at the end of Donnison St, Gosford, is one of several good access points to the walking tracks in the lower section of the reserve. [More info.](#)

### **0 | End of Dolly Ave**

*(80 m 2 mins)* From the end of Dolly Ave, in the Rumbalara Reserve, Gosford, this walk goes down the steps and rocky track, passing a 'Nurrunga Picnic Area' sign, to the right. The walk goes across the middle of the picnic area for a short distance, to the sculpture of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

### **0.08 | Sculptures in Rumbalara**

There are four bronze figurative sculptures in the Rumbalara Reserve that were 'commissioned in the series "Salute to Famous Australians", which includes Captain Charles Sturt, Edward Eyre, and Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.' Matthew Flinders is the fourth in the series. They were 'commissioned by Sara Lee Kitchens (Australia) Pty Ltd and Gosford City Council for the State Bicentennial Celebrations 1987.'. Smith and Flinders are the most easily reached, at the Nurrunga picnic area. [More info.](#)

### **0.08 | Sir Charles Kingsford Smith sculpture**

*(250 m 5 mins)* Turn sharp right: From the sculpture, this walk goes along the edge of the picnic area, in the direction pointed by

Sir Charles' raised right elbow, keeping the picnic area to the right. The walk soon arrives at an 'Ironbark Loop' sign on the northern edge of the picnic area.

Continue straight: From this 'Ironbark Loop' sign, this walk follows the 'To Casuarina Track' arrow along the management trail, initially keeping the picnic area to the right. The walk continues, passing a toilet block, to the right, then arrives at a sign, beside the road, pointing back to 'Nurrunga Picnic Area'.

Continue straight: From the 'Ironbark Loop' sign, the walk immediately crosses the road and follows the bush track a little to a track junction with signposts for the 'Ironbark Loop', the 'Casuarina Track' and the 'Flannel Flower Track'

### **0.34 | Junction of Ironbark, Casuarina and Flannel flower**

*(180 m 4 mins)* Turn sharp right: From the track junction, this walk follows the 'Loop to Gosford' arrow (Casuarina Track) along the bush track, directly away from the nearby car park. After a short distance, the walk arrives at an intersection signposted for the 'Casuarina Track' and the 'Ironbark Loop'. At the time of writing, this part of the Casuarina Track, going down the hill, was closed.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Nurrunga Picnic Area' arrow (Ironbark Loop sign), along the bush track, keeping the views of Gosford to the left. After a short distance, the walk arrives at an intersection, with an 'Ironbark Loop' signpost pointing back 'To Casuarina Track', beside a sculpture of Matthew Flinders.

### **0.52 | Matthew Flinders sculpture**

*(120 m 3 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track in the opposite direction to the 'To Casuarina Track' arrow, leaving the sculpture behind on the right. The walk then goes across the end of the picnic area to the sculpture of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith.

Turn right: From the sculpture, this walk goes across the middle of the picnic area. After a short distance, the walk goes up a rocky track and some steps, passing a 'Nurrunga Picnic Area' signpost, to the left, arriving at the end of Dolly Ave.

