

Welcome to Springbrook National Park

Venture into the Gold Coast Hinterland and discover world-heritage listed rainforests, cascading streams and an abundance of wildlife.

Witness magnificent waterfalls tumbling into the depths of The Canyon and enter rocky caves sculpted from the rugged remains of a once-active volcano. Listen for the calls of Albert's lyrebird as you wander past ancient Antarctic beech trees, imagining a time when this Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area abounded with these and other primitive species. From lookouts on the escarpment edge behold breathtaking views of the stunning landscapes.

Visit for a day, camp for the weekend or stay for a week—with four unique sections there is so much to discover in this national park!



Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt

“Springbrook National Park has so many special places to visit. There are easily-accessible lookouts, short walks and long walks, lots of waterfalls and other interesting features.

The Twin Falls circuit is my favourite walk at Springbrook. You move through montane heath into rainforest, pass behind two waterfalls and see interesting rock formations and stunning views.

Ranger Tanya

Take in spectacular views from Best of All lookout.
Maxime Coquard © TEQ

Meeting of the Waters on the Warrie circuit.
Cameron Semple © High and Wide

Explore Springbrook

With thundering waterfalls, sheer cliffs and rock clefts, and awe-inspiring views of the surrounding ranges and coastline, a visit to the Springbrook plateau is not to be missed.

Take a short stroll to **Canyon lookout ①** where superb views—of Twin and Rainbow falls, the sheer walls of The Canyon and the ocean beyond—allow you to witness the power and beauty of Mother Nature.

Visit Gauriemabah—place of stories, at the old schoolhouse, and discover the many tales of Springbrook. Enter the old play shed and step into the playground of the past. Take a short walk along **Buliya-buliya jagun boardwalk ②**, look and listen for the many little birds along your way to the lookout.

Enjoy a picnic surrounded by subtropical rainforest at Gwongorella, Tallanbana, and Goomoolahra picnic areas. The 200m return **Goomoolahra Falls lookout track ③** starts at the picnic area and provides stunning views from two lookouts.



Enjoy a picnic at Goomoolahra picnic area.
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Look in wonder at Antarctic beech trees on the **Best of All lookout track** ④. These ancient giants, once widespread across the continent, are one of our remaining links with the prehistoric forests of Gondwana. Pass boulders and trees covered with lichen and moss to reach a spectacular view of Mount Warning and the ocean on the horizon.

Walk through an open eucalypt forest of New England ash, cycads and colourful wildflowers on the **Purling Brook Falls circuit** ⑤. Descend into the gorge and feel the water spray on your face as you stand on a suspension bridge in front of the falls. Extend your walk with a rewarding additional 2km return trek to the **Warringa Pool** ⑥ or for a shorter walk, just visit the two lookouts perched on the cliff edge overlooking the falls.

Enjoy a forest adventure on the **Twin Falls circuit** ⑦ as you twist beneath rocky overhangs, behind waterfalls and along cliffs adorned with ferns and lilies. Stand beneath giant pink-barked brushbox trees towering overhead. Similar trees have been radiocarbon-dated at 1,500 years—making them the oldest carbon-dated trees on Australia's mainland!

Are you up for a physical challenge? Then trek the **Warrie circuit** ⑧ to the 'Meeting of the Waters', where all watercourses draining The Canyon meet. Admire the red rosette stalks of giant spear lilies growing at the base of Goomoolahra Falls before descending into the mossy green depths of the rainforest. Remember what goes down must come up, so be prepared for a steep climb back up the gorge!



Pitch your tent at The Settlement camping area.
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Southern leaf-tailed gecko
© Ryan Francis



Noisy pitta
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Linger longer

Treat yourself to a stay at one of the mountain's deluxe chalets or log cabins with cascades trickling peacefully through the forest outside your door. Or stretch out under a starry sky, camping in the national park at **The Settlement camping area** and wake to the songs of superb fairy-wrens and Lewin's honeyeaters. Pitch a tent beside your car or bring your campervan—toilets, drinking water and a cooking shelter with free electric barbecues are provided.

Organise your camping permit online at qld.gov.au/camping before you go.

Explore Natural Bridge

Discover lush subtropical rainforest, towering hoop pine trees and the magnificent natural rock arch and waterfall that make this area famous.

On the **Natural Bridge circuit** ⑨, walk beneath a closed canopy of tall, twisted strangler figs, cross Cave Creek and head into the arched cave where the waterfall plunges through the roof. Stand in the shadow of giant hoop pines—their ancestors grew during the Jurassic Age when dinosaurs roamed. Look for colourful wompoo fruit-doves, noisy pittas and leaf-tailed geckoes that call this watery haven home. Swimming is not permitted at Natural Bridge, but you can cool off in the freshwater pools at the nearby council-run Bochow Park.

Explore by night

Enter the cave at night and stand beneath a galaxy of tiny green glow-worm lights. Visit on your own or book a commercially-operated glow-worm eco tour.

Remember—bright lights can harm or kill glow-worms so please don't shine torchlight directly on them or use flash photography.

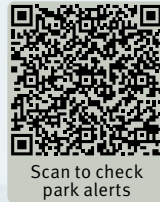
“Follow the road signs to Natural Bridge, not your GPS, to ensure you end up at the right spot!”
Ranger Glenn



Head into the arched cave at Natural Bridge.
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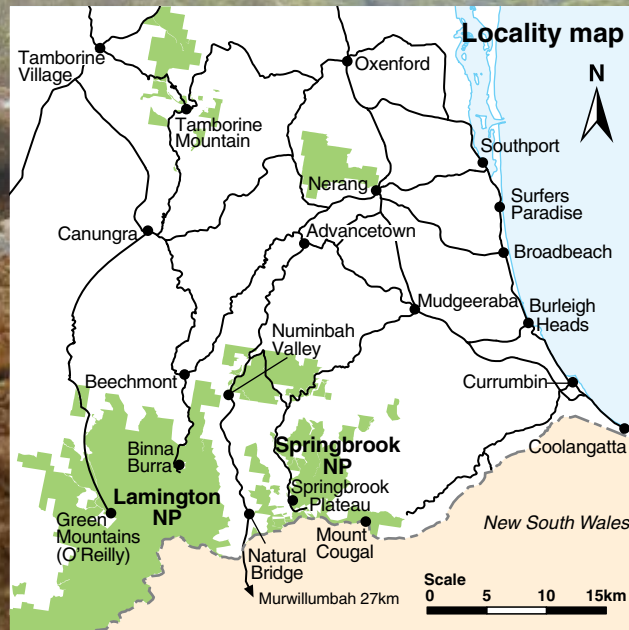
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Explore Mount Coughal


Journey beneath the twin peaks of Mount Coughal and you'll discover tranquil rockpools, rushing cascades and dense cool rainforest, perfect for a relaxed outing.

Venture back in time exploring the remains of an old bush sawmill on the **Cascades track** ⑩ or watch emerald-green sacred kingfishers flying past the lookout along the creek line. Enjoy a shady picnic and see eastern water dragons sunning themselves on the rocks and spiny crayfish patrolling the crystal clear pools.





Lookouts on the
Cascades track provide
scenic views of Currumbin Creek.
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 Venture back in time on
the Cascades track.
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 Spiny crayfish
© Robert Ashdown

 Water dragon
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 View of Numinbah Valley.
© TEQ

Explore Numinbah

Have a horseriding adventure to remember in the secluded valley nestled between Springbrook and Lamington national parks. Horseriding is only allowed on specific forest trails, check the website qld.gov.au/Springbrook for details.



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Enjoy stunning views from
Goomoolahra lookout.
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Adventure safely

Make your visit to Springbrook memorable for all the right reasons.

- Stay on the tracks.
- Pay attention to all safety signs and do not enter restricted access areas.
- Take care near cliff edges. Keep away from the edge and take extra care when using binoculars or cameras.
- Never dive or jump into creeks or pools—water depth may be shallow or hide submerged objects.
- Leave plenty of time to reach your destination and always keep your walking party together. Never start long walks after midday.
- Let somebody know where you are going, when you plan to return and what to do if you're late or lost.
- Use insect repellent for ticks and leeches.

Emergency!

Call Triple zero (000).

The essential packlist

- Mobile phone—reception may be poor in places.
- First-aid kit.
- Warm clothing and a raincoat. The plateau can be up to five degrees cooler than the lowland and is wetter on average—receiving up to 3,000mm of rain each year.
- Drinking water or sterilisation tablets—safe drinking water is not provided in the park.

Tread softly

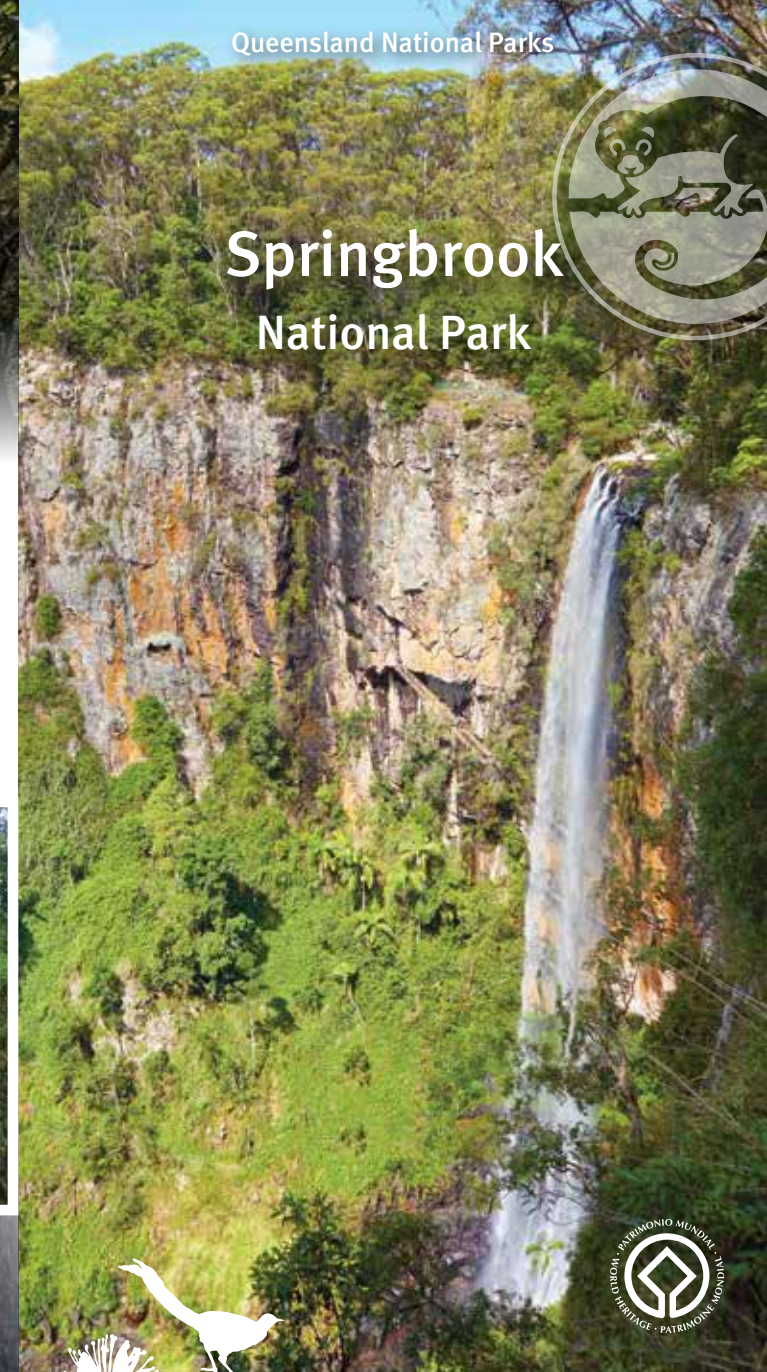
To help maintain this pristine environment please remember that everything is protected. Try to leave no trace of your visit. It's easy—here's how:

- Rubbish—pack it in, pack it out. Take all rubbish (including food scraps, cigarette butts and sanitary and hygiene items) with you.
- Do the frogs and forests a favour—wash your boots at the pathogen control stations and help stop the spread of harmful organisms.
- Be frog friendly—please don't disturb or remove rocks or trample vegetation near creeks.
- Leave your pets at home—domestic animals are not permitted in national parks.

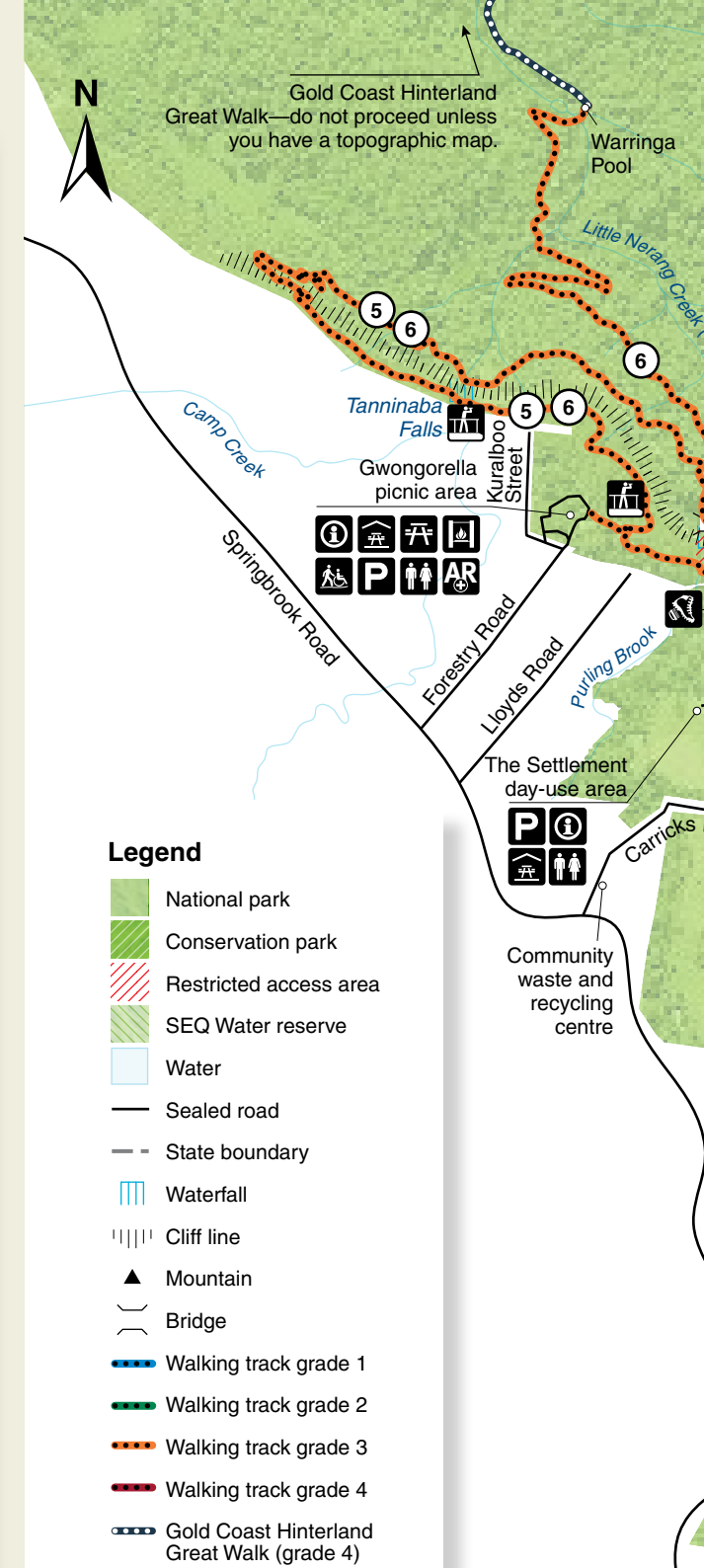
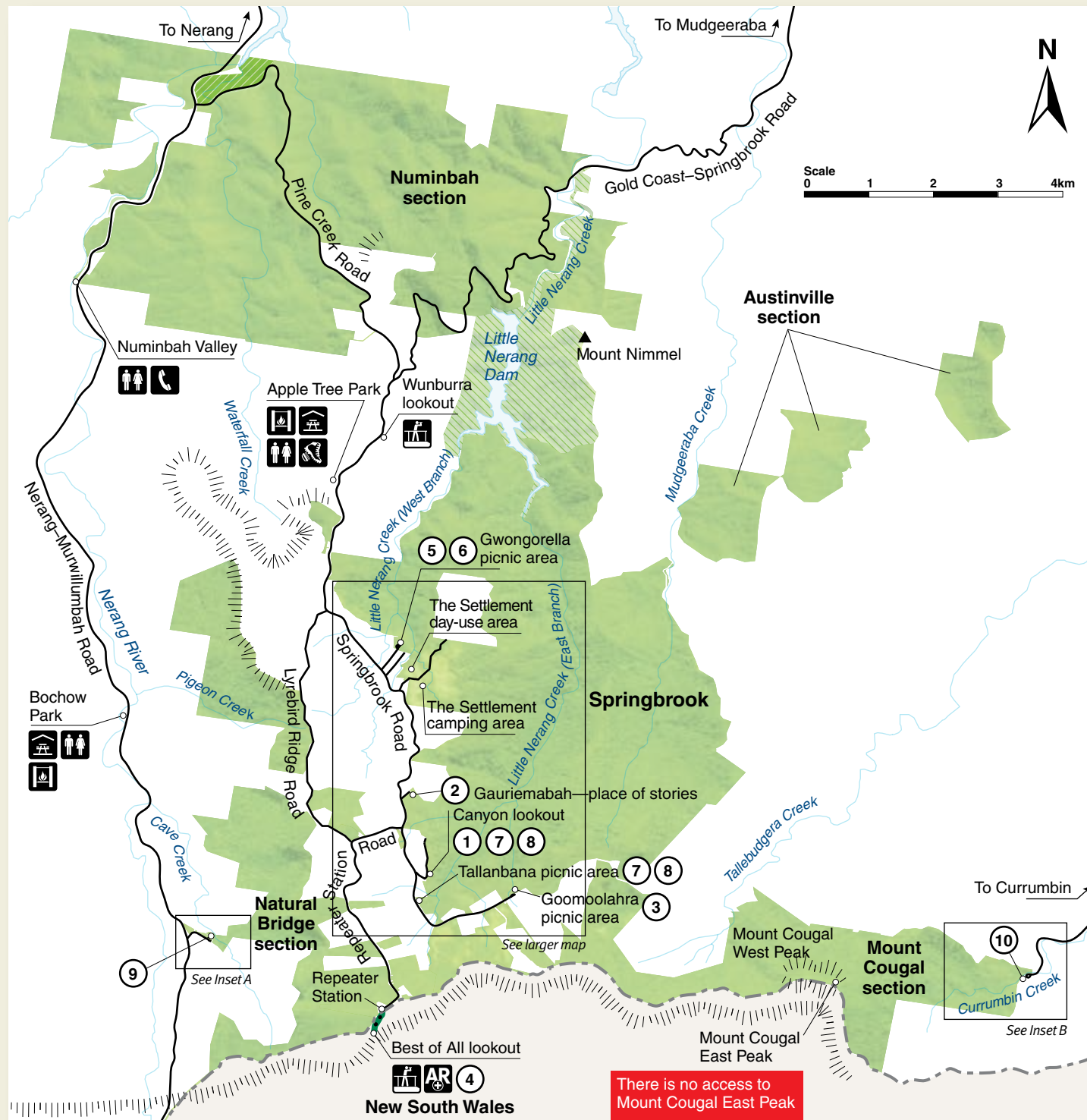


Antarctic beech tree
Maxime Coquard © TEQ

Twin Falls circuit
Maxime Coquard © Qld Govt



Springbrook National Park map





Springbrook National Park walking tracks

Springbrook

Track name	Track grade	Distance	Suggested walk time	Access point
① Canyon lookout		30m return	5min	Canyon Parade (take Boy Ull Road off Springbrook Road)
② Buliya-Buliya jagun boardwalk		100m return	5min	Gauriemabah—place of stories
③ Goomoolahra Falls lookout track		200m return	10min	Goomoolahra picnic area, end of Springbrook Road
④ Best of All lookout track		600m return	30min	End of Repeater Station Road
⑤ Purling Brook Falls circuit		4km return (best walked clockwise)	2hr	Gwongorella picnic area at the end of Forestry Road
⑥ Warringa Pool track		6km return (take the path going clockwise from Gwongorella picnic area and back the same way)	3hr	Gwongorella picnic area then branching off the Purling Brook Falls circuit
⑦ Twin Falls circuit		4km return	2hr	Tallanbana picnic area or Canyon lookout
⑧ Warrie circuit		17km return	5–6hr	Canyon lookout or Tallanbana picnic area

Natural Bridge

Track name	Track grade	Distance	Suggested walk time	Access point
⑨ Natural Bridge circuit		1km return (best walked clockwise)	1hr	Natural Bridge car park

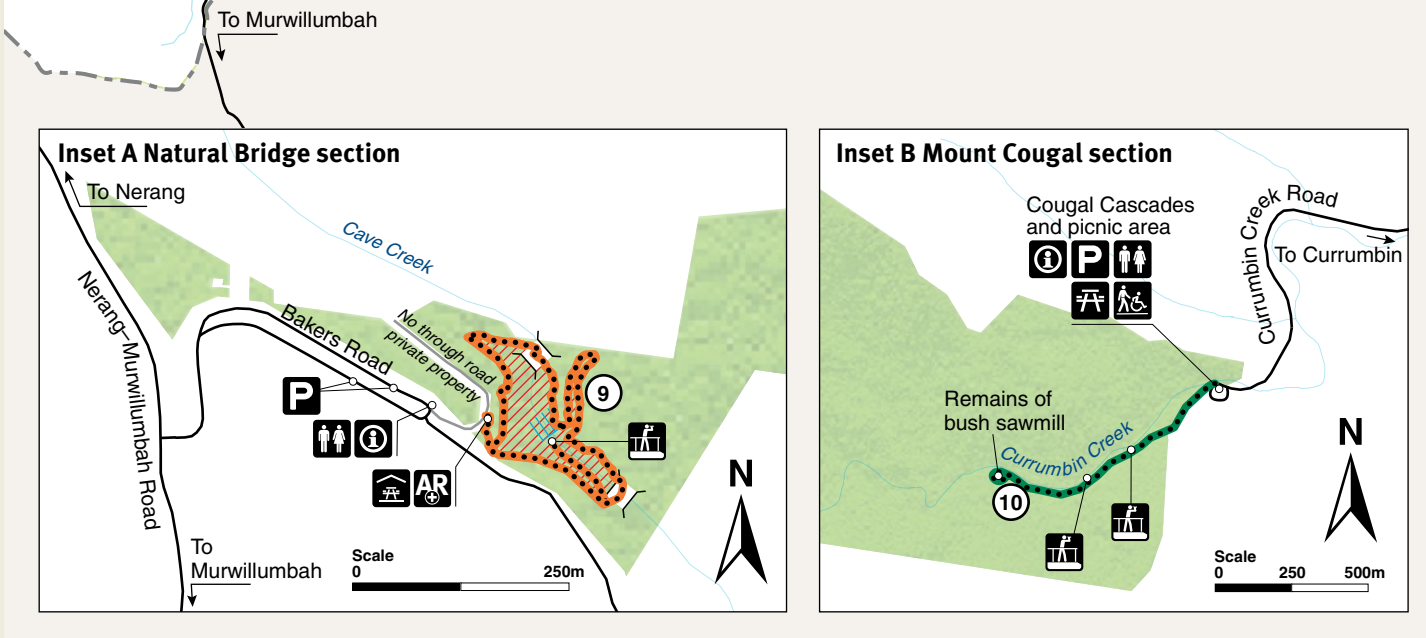
Mount Cougal

Track name	Track grade	Distance	Suggested walk time	Access point
⑩ Cascades track		1.6km return	1hr	Cougal Cascades car park and picnic area





Ranger favourites



“Rug up on an early winter’s morning and take the short track (pictured below) to Best of All lookout to spot an Albert’s lyrebird (pictured far below) and see incredible views. It’s so worth it!
Ranger Ebony



Walking track classifications

Symbol and grade	Suits	Track description
 Grade 1	Wheelchair and stroller access	No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Assisted wheelchair access.
 Grade 2	Families with young children	No bushwalking experience required. The track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section, or sections, and occasional steps.
 Grade 3	People with some bushwalking experience	Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Tracks may have short steep hill sections, a rough surface and many steps.
 Grade 4	Experienced bushwalkers	Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signs may be limited.



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Gauriemabah—
place of stories



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“ Natural Bridge on a spring evening can surprise you with an abundance of wildlife. You might spy a cute little melomys, a short-eared possum (pictured above), or see fireflies.
Ranger Tanya



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“ I enjoy exploring the park's microworld with my camera—moss, fungus, blossoms and insects make the most interesting subjects.
Ranger Troy



© Bruce Thomson

“ Stand at Canyon lookout (pictured below) and admire the mountain ash trees clinging to the top of sheer cliffs as dark, stormy clouds roll in from across the border. Admire how the dramatic changes in geology of this vast landscape support the various vegetation communities.
Ranger Miles

“ Pick up your binoculars and go for a walk on the Twin Falls circuit and you'll be amazed by the birdlife you see.
Ranger Mel

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