



Dee Why Headland

Enjoy a walk around the headland, have a swim, surf or enjoy the wildflowers in spring.

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Hello DEE WHY HEADLAND



Dee Why Rockpool



Gahnia Lookout



Obelisk



-  START HERE
-  PARKING
-  TOILETS
-  BUS STOP

GRADE
Medium

DISTANCE
1.6km one way

TIME
45 mins - 1 hour

PATH
Formed track, short steep hills, some obstacles, many steps

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Dee Why Headland is a sensitive coastal ecosystem, providing an important wildlife corridor between Curl Curl and Dee Why Lagoons. The rugged sandstone headland boasts spectacular views south to Manly and north to Long Reef and beyond.

- ① On an outcrop overhanging the beach, the **obelisk** was erected in 1917 and is inscribed with the names of 10 men who died during World War I. Although from Randwick, the mates had camped at North Curl Curl Beach in the years prior to 1914.
- ② The **North Curl Curl Rockpool** was originally built in 1937. Soon after, it was deepened and a retaining wall was constructed using unemployed labour. Having been demolished by heavy seas in 1947, it was reconstructed in 1957. It is Warringah's most natural rockpool due to its location carved into the exposed rock shelf. Only accessible by foot, the pool is dangerous during big swells.
- ③ Experience breathtaking views across Curl Curl Beach, Manly and North Head with **Rulingia Lookout**. Named after the low growing shrub with pink flowers, wildflowers are common here in spring, and provide an amazing juxtaposition between the rugged sandstone rock platform and the beauty of the flowers.
- ④ **Tea Tree Lookout** sits high above the crashing waves. The view north stretches as far as the Central Coast.
- ⑤ Enjoy the amazing views north from **Gahnia Lookout**, named after the tussock-forming sedge or clumping grass that is commonly found on the headland.
- ⑥ Along the track you'll notice the Hawkesbury heath vegetation is thriving on the infertile soils of the coastal sandstone. The hardy plants are accustomed to the harsh conditions.
- ⑦ If you look closely you can see the remains of the original rockpool, which was carved out of the rock platform in 1912. The remains of a second pool can also be seen next to the current children's pool.

Bushland health: Being a long, narrow reserve, with houses and streets along the upper slope, this area is susceptible to runoff pollution from roads and garden chemicals.

Regeneration efforts have made significant progress in removing invasive species and rehabilitating sections of the headland.

Dogs: Dogs pose a risk to birds and native animals and are not allowed on the Headland at any time.

Please use caution near cliff edges.