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WIANAMATTA REGIONAL PARK

EASTERN VISITOR AREA
ROPES CROSSING

2.4 km one way
Easy grade

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Bush Trackers
explore the bush
with guides for kids by kids

The background of the page is a colorful illustration of a bush landscape. It features several trees with yellow-green leaves and grey-blue trunks. In the foreground, there is a path made of light-colored stones. In the background, there is a small wooden building with a thatched roof. The sky is a light blue color.

WIANAMATTA REGIONAL PARK • 2.4 km one way • Easy grade

WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR BACKPACK

- a bottle of water
- plenty of snacks
- a raincoat
- pencils for drawing
- warm clothes in winter
- small bag for rubbish
- wear a hat, sunscreen and
- a small first aid kit could be useful
- enclosed walking shoes
- small torch
- camera

BUSH TRACKER SAFETY

Safe Bush Trackers are prepared and

- know your track and take your map
- ask permission from an adult and let them know where you are walking and when you return
- don't go near cliff edges and stay behind safety fences.

MINIMAL IMPACT BUSH TRACKING

means you try to do no damage at all to the environment so that someone following you could not tell you had been there.

Take nothing but photos, leave nothing behind:

- always keep to the track & tread softly & quietly
- don't pick the flowers or plants in the bush
- be gentle and careful if you touch things (don't touch snakes and spiders!)
- carry your rubbish out with you
- Bush Trackers walk in small groups (4-15 people)

The Bush Trackers program helps engage children and families in nature. Bush Trackers helps create a child friendly community and grew from support of the Stronger Families Alliance (www.strongerfamilies.net.au). Bush Trackers is currently funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. The Bush Trackers team worked with NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers to guide school kids aged 8-10 years old on a local bushwalk, enjoying nature play, learning about natural and cultural heritage and encouraging the kids to share their experience through words, poems, drawings and photos. PerformingDesign use these to create the map and guide to encourage other kids and families to safely enjoy the bush. For more information, tips and maps go to: www.bushtrackers.com.au; www.wildwalks.com; www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au. or www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this place.

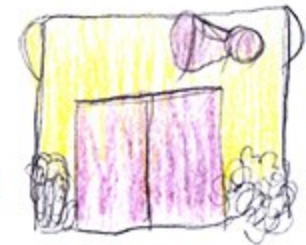
Wianamatta Regional Park - Eastern Visitor area • Grade Easy • 2.4km one-way

Explore one of our newest Regional Parks, opened in 2016, in the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland. Wianamatta has been developed for recreation and leisure, with roads perfect for bicycles and prams, a field to play on, and BBQ facilities. You will notice mounds of dirt and old buildings. This place has a fascinating history; during WWII this site housed the St Marys Munitions Filling Factory and dirt mounds were constructed to contain any damage from accidental explosions. These can be fun to climb. Having fertile soils from the floodplain of two creeks, this land was used for farming and grazing by the early colony. This site has become home to a large group of kangaroos and emus. The bushes are very spiky, especially the endangered *Grevillea juniperina*, which is now rare in the Cumberland but commonly found on this site. There is no danger of unexploded bombs on site.

• Waramai wellamabami bunn Darug ngorah
- 'brother welcome to Darug land'
Gomerigal-tongara clan occupied this area, part of Darug language group



Look
can you find
these plants?



- Parking
- Toilets
- Track
- Covered picnic area

Write words that describe what you see, hear or feel (adjectives)

Feel the leaves
are they spiky
soft, hard, smooth
or rough?



Listen.
how many different bird calls can you hear?

Can you guess who lives here?



Look! If you are quiet & look carefully you might see some creatures.



Touch
bark, leaves, rocks, moss
rushes and sedges. Hug a tree
Things not to touch
spider & snake holes, fungi,
spiders, insects



Find these and tick the box



Come and volunteer with NPWS and help look after your bushland
A bush care community group meets in this reserve monthly
www.npws.nsw.gov.au

