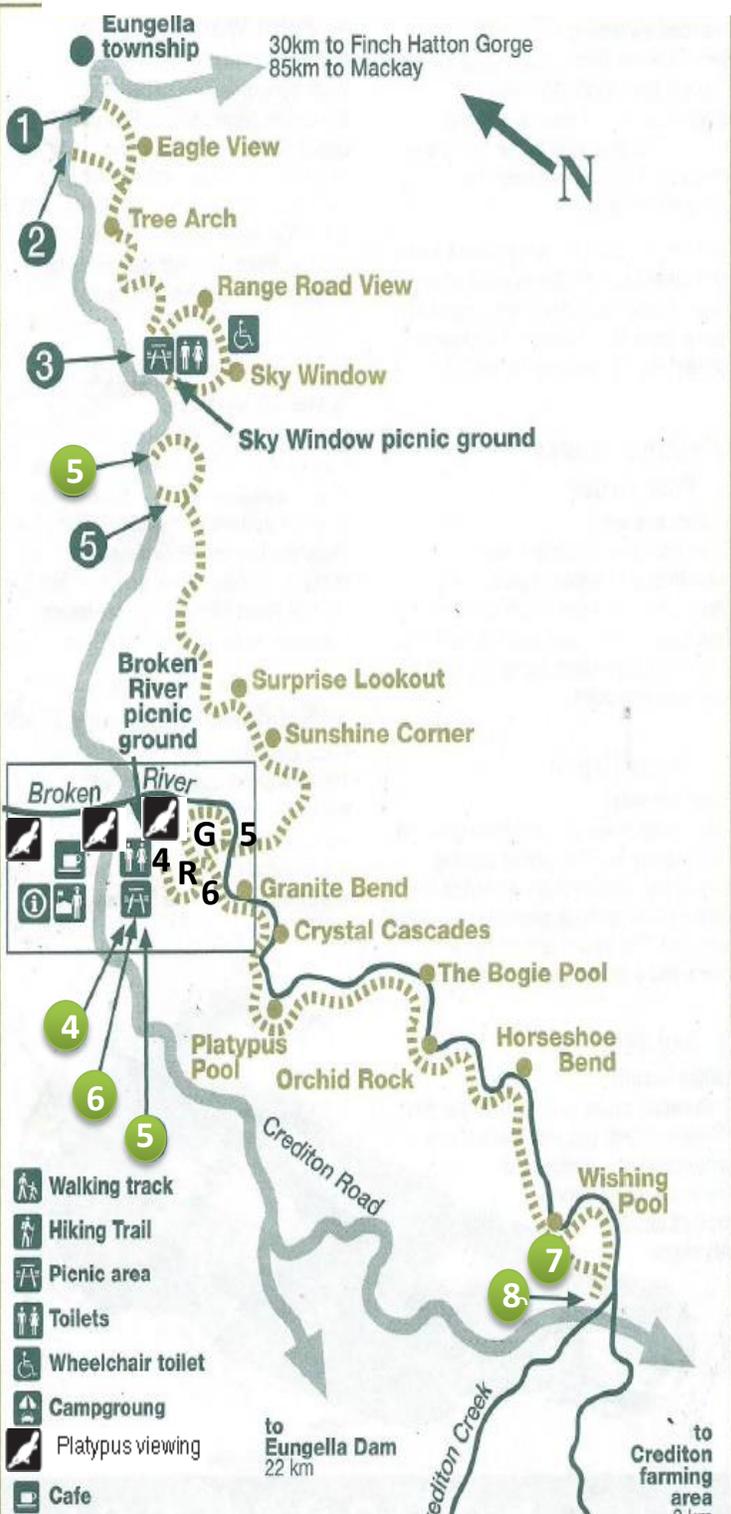


SHORT WALKS in EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK



Finch Hatton Gorge

Araluen Cascades 2.8 km return (1-1.5 hours)

From Finch Hatton Gorge picnic area, a moderate circuit with uphill sections leads you through lush rainforest and between granite boulders to the lookout above Araluen Cascades.

Wheel of Fire 4.2 km return (1.5-2 hours)

Turn off from Araluen Cascades track for a moderate walk to a large rock pool. This track has uphill sections with more than 300 steps—assess your fitness before commencing. Callistemon Crossing is a particularly rewarding place to sit among the palms. When you reach Wheel of Fire, choose a comfortable boulder and cool your feet before walking 2.1km back to the parking area.

①-②-① Pine Grove Circuit • 1.6 km (45 minutes-1hour)

Fairly level circuit suitable for most visitors. Starting from the Pine Grove car park, enjoy a pleasant walk in rainforest shade with glimpses of the Pioneer Valley. Return to Pine Grove car park via roadside track.

①-②-③ Pine Grove-Cedar Grove Track • 2.8km (1-1.5 hours)

Moderate level of fitness required for short uphill sections and stairs. Walk in rainforest shade and catch glimpses of the Pioneer Valley through tall trees. Stop at the lookout to take in the valley floor view—a patchwork of green and brown cane fields with a steep mountain backdrop.

Continue from the Pine Grove track to feel dwarfed by towering red cedars and tulip oaks. Take a moment to stand inside the strangler fig tree arch. After crossing bridges over gentle creeks and brushing past livistona palm fronds, stay a while and relax at the Sky Window visitor area.

③ Sky Window Circuit • 250 m (5-10 minutes)

This is a short and level track suitable for most visitors. Take a leisurely walk around to the lookout for views across Pioneer Valley to the steep, rugged northern wall. Stop at trackside signs to witness the changes in land use and people's values in the Eungella region.

③-⑤-G-R-④ Clark Range Track • 8.2 km one way (3-4 hours)

Moderate level of fitness required for long track with some short uphill sections and stairs. From Sky Window, walk down through layers of bright piccabeen and Alexandra palms. During light rain or early morning mist, feel the rainforest's magic as fronds glisten in the breeze. Descend to Broken River's tumbling cascades and link up to Granite Bend Circuit and Rainforest Discovery Circuit to reach the visitor area and other facilities.

④-R-G-G-R-④ Rainforest Discovery Circuit

780 m (20-30 minutes)

This is a short and level track suitable for most visitors. From the Broken River picnic area, step into cool and shady rainforest. Cross trickling creeks and glance up to see tall trees decorated with epiphytes and vines. Stop at trackside signs to see the rainforest through the eyes of Eungella State School students.

④-G-⑤-⑥-G-④ Granit Bent Circuit • 1.6 km (40-55 minutes)

This is a fairly level track suitable for most visitors. Consider walking Granite Bend Circuit as an extension of Rainforest Discovery circuit, starting from Broken River picnic area. Pass through tall groves of livistona palms before taking a break at a bend in Broken River. Stay a while and listen to the water rushing over rocks.

④-⑥-⑦-⑧ Crediton Creek Track

8 km one way (3-3.5 hours)

Moderate to high level of fitness required for long track with some slopes. For a shorter walk, organise to be picked up at the Wishing Pool access point—you can also start your journey there.

From the Broken River visitor area travel through the Granite Bend Circuit to the Wishing Pool intersection. Follow the Crediton Creek track with the river at your side. Walk from rainforest gullies up to rocky ridges covered in drier vine forest. Where the track meets calm river sections, enjoy reflections in the water and watch for the ripples of a platypus.

⑧-⑦-⑧ Wishing Pool Circuit • 1.7 km (35-50 minutes)

This is a fairly level track suitable for most visitors. The track entrance is hard to spot—travel 3 km along Eungella Dam Rd, turn left into Crediton Loop Road. Continue another 3 km until you reach a hairpin bend with a small car park on the opposite side of the road. Enjoy this circuit or arrange to be dropped off at the track entrance as part of Crediton Creek track.

As you pass through tall rainforest carpeted with delicate ferns, listen for different birds calling around you. Stop by the calm river pool to see forest canopy reflections.