



THE THREE VIEWS TRAIL – Morton National Park

A wildflower walk for all the family – cliff edge views of river gorges and endless wilderness

LAKE YARRUNGA VIEW

Grade: Easy. Level track, short distance.
Suitable for most walkers.

Length: 3.4km return

Time: 1 hour 10 minute walk

TALLOWA DAM VIEW

Grade: Easy. Level track, short distance.
Suitable for most walkers.

Length: 4km return

Time: 1 hour 20 minute walk

SHOALHAVEN RIVER VIEW

Grade: Medium. Level track, longer distance. Suitable for walkers with reasonable level of fitness.

Length: 5.7km return

Time: 2 hour walk



OVERVIEW

The Three Views trail has to be one of the easiest, most accessible and rewarding walks in Kangaroo Valley. The trail passes through open woodland and sandstone heath vegetation with spectacular wildflower displays in late winter and spring. There are three separate cliff edge sites with dramatic views over the Shoalhaven gorge towards the Ettrema Wilderness. The trail follows the Brooks Plateau and Moolatoo Trig fire trails within Morton National Park and is virtually flat, making it ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels; however, there are unfenced cliff edges. You can spend one or two hours doing the shorter walks or spend most of the day exploring all three.

USEFUL INFORMATION

This walk is best done in spring, autumn or winter. If walking in summer avoid the hottest part of the day. **Warning: unfenced cliffs. Keep away from cliff edges. Supervise and restrain children at all times. Sandstone rock is weak and can fracture and crumble without warning.** If walking in spring or summer keep an eye out for snakes basking in the heat. All snakes should be treated with caution and left alone. Let someone know where you are going and when you are due back. Dogs are not allowed in the park.

HOW TO GET THERE

The Three Views Trail starts about 20km from Kangaroo Valley post office. Head towards Hampden Bridge for 600m and turn left into Mt Scanzi Road. Drive straight ahead for 20km until you see a 60kph sign and low gate in a cutting on the left hand side of the road. Parking is available on the opposite side of the road from the track start. Please be careful crossing the road. The walk starts on the other side of the low gate where you will find a sign with a map and other information.

TAKE WITH YOU

Take plenty of water (reusable water bottles and drinking water available in the village), sun protection, comfy walking shoes and a first aid kit. Warm and wet weather gear should

be included in your pack as weather can change very suddenly. Take snacks or lunch if planning a longer walk. A map or sat nav is a useful addition. Mobile phones may not have reception in some areas. Wildflower and bird field guides for enthusiasts.

FLORA

Main trees are Scribbly Gum, Red Bloodwood, Southern Sandstone Stringybark, Yertchuck and Yellow Bloodwood with its spectacular cream-yellow flowers in October. Also Grass Tree, Boronia, Eriostemon, Banksias, Smokebush, Geebung, Wedge-pea, Drum and Cone sticks, Hakea, Kunzea, Dampiera, Grevilleas, Mountain Devil, Native Iris, Leek Orchid, Sun Orchid.

FAUNA

Wombat, Swamp Wallaby, Echidna, Eastern Grey Kangaroo, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, Grey Shrike-thrush, Grey Fantail, Rufous Whistler, Eastern Spinebill, New Holland Honeyeater, Yellow-tufted Honeyeater, Wattlebird, Rock Warbler (around cliffs), Lace Monitor, Jacky Lizard.



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Waste – Don't throw rubbish out of your car. When walking don't drop litter or tissues on the trails - carry out whatever you carry in. Dispose of litter in the bins provided in the village or at your accommodation place.

Fire – Avoid lighting fires especially in the bush fire season, usually September to April.

Toilet Etiquette – There are public toilets in the village at Hampden Bridge car park, near the ambulance station and Osborne Park. If away from public toilets bury all waste at least 100m away from water courses. Do not leave disposable nappies etc as litter.

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TALLOWA DAM

SHOALHAVEN RIVER

Lake Yarrunga view

At the cliff edge follow the track to the left and drop down to a rock platform with views of the stored water above Tallowa Dam. During a drought, water from Lake Yarrunga can be fed into Warragamba Dam and the Upper Nepean dams to top-up the Sydney and Illawarra water supply systems. Lake Yarrunga is a great place to launch a canoe and there are picnic tables and toilets. Yarrunga is an Aboriginal name meaning 'large trees'.

Tallowa Dam View

Follow the yellow arrows to the left and drop down to a rock platform. Tallowa Dam is the centrepiece of the Sydney Catchment Authority Shoalhaven scheme and was completed in 1976. It is located immediately downstream of the junction of the Kangaroo and Shoalhaven rivers. Across the gorge the prominent feature is Purri Plateau, an Aboriginal word meaning 'kidney', which reflects the shape of this rocky outcrop.

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Shoalhaven River View

At the cliff edge follow the track to the left onto a rock platform with views of the Shoalhaven River Gorge and across to the Ettrema Wilderness Area. Wilderness areas are large, remote and essentially unchanged by modern human activity. They are managed so that native plant and animal communities are disturbed as little as possible. In earlier times, the Depression of the 1890's saw gold prospecting become popular in the Shoalhaven Valley.

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Second Junction

Tallowa Dam view – 1.8km return
Lake Yarrunga view – 1km return

First Junction

Shoalhaven River view – 4km return
Tallowa Dam view – 2.5km return
Lake Yarrunga view – 1.5km return

This part of the trail is on the edge of the Ettrema Wilderness Area. NSW is one of the few developed places in the world where wilderness still exists. Here, the immense silence is broken only by nature.

Evidence of fire can be seen on some of the scribbly gums.

Areas of exposed rock as you near the cliff line result in more open vegetation and fewer trees.

There are many Indigenous heritage sites and walking trails throughout Kangaroo Valley which date back thousands of years. The Valley was known as a meeting place for the inland Gundungurra people and the coastal Yuin people from the Dharawal and Dhurga language groups.

TALLOWA DAM ROAD

START

Park your vehicle on the opposite side of the road from the track start. The walk starts on the other side of the low gate.



Kangaroo Valley

Look out for grass trees and termite mounds. Both go deep underground.

Diverse Plant Community

The sandstone of the escarpments has produced a thin, dry soil with rocks close to the surface. The plants are especially adapted to these difficult, nutrient poor conditions and are especially impressive when massed with flower, usually from mid winter to early spring.



LEGEND

- Walking track
- Locked gate
- View point
- Cliff line
- National Park boundary
- Parking
- No pets

SCALE

0 0.5km