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Dangar Falls – Dorrigo



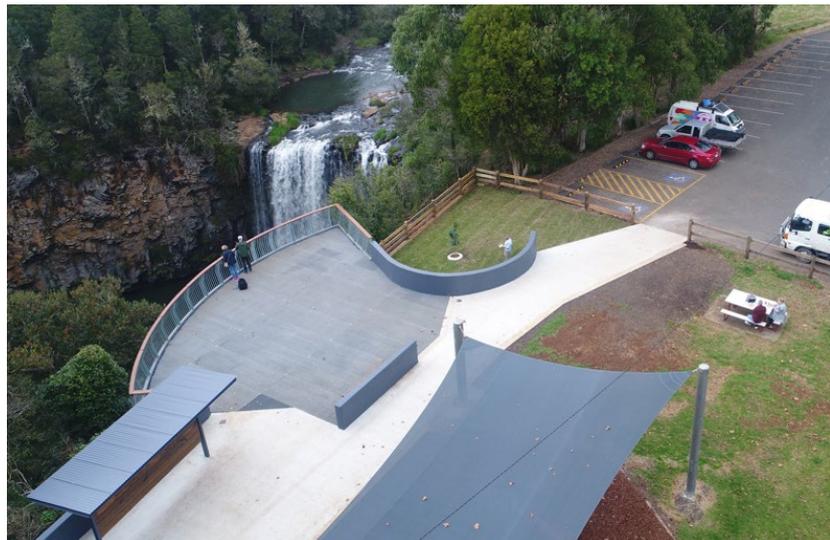
Overview

Two kilometres north of Dorrigo town centre is Dangar Falls, a beautiful 30 metre waterfall set amidst scenic agricultural and dairy farmland.

There's a car park with two dedicated accessible spaces close to the main entrance and a continuous accessible pathway to the viewing platform.

The viewing platform is accessible. The fencing around the platform allows viewing from a seated position.

There is an information board with clear descriptions and history of the area.



There is a Unisex Accessible Toilet RH which requires an MLAK key to gain entry.

There is a concrete pathway leading to the toilet block. The circulation space outside the door to the Unisex Accessible Toilet is limited. However, the abutting surface is flat and grassed and provides extra space for turning.



There are numerous picnic tables throughout the precinct, most of them do not have shade covering. There is one accessible bench close to the entrance from the carpark, which is set on a concrete slab. There is no continuous accessible path to the table, nor does the slab provide for appropriate circulation space for a wheelchair. The surface that abuts the slab is grassed and may allow extra turning space.



There is a playground area next to the amenities block with good line of site from surrounding amenities. There is also a table under the awning of the amenities block although it is not an accessible table.

There are walks down to the base of the waterfall for those more mobile.

Although not accessible for all, Dangar Falls makes for a great picnic spot with good amenities and spectacular views.

Hungry Head Beach



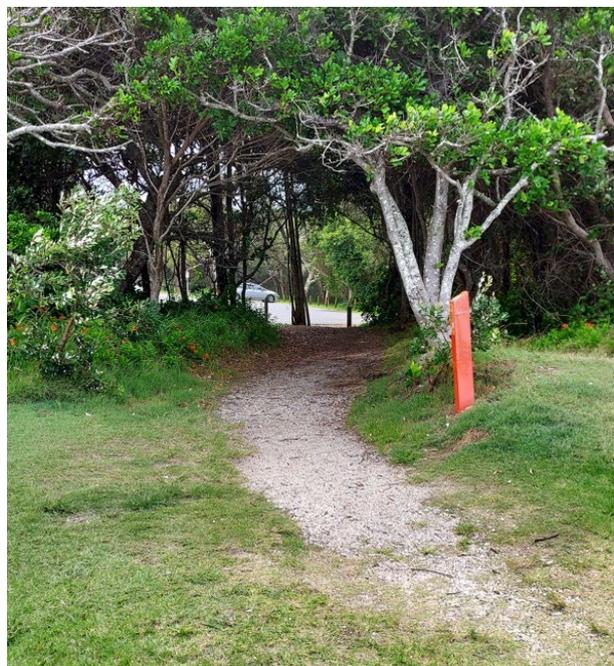
Overview

Hungry Head Beach covers a large area encompassing a headland and multiple beach access points. It has been affected by coastal erosion making access to the beach at the Surf Club area difficult. There are other beach access points, all are via stairs.

The headland offers sweeping views up and down the coastline and would make a great place for a picnic.

There are two car parking areas, one at the top near the headland and the other down near the Surf Club.

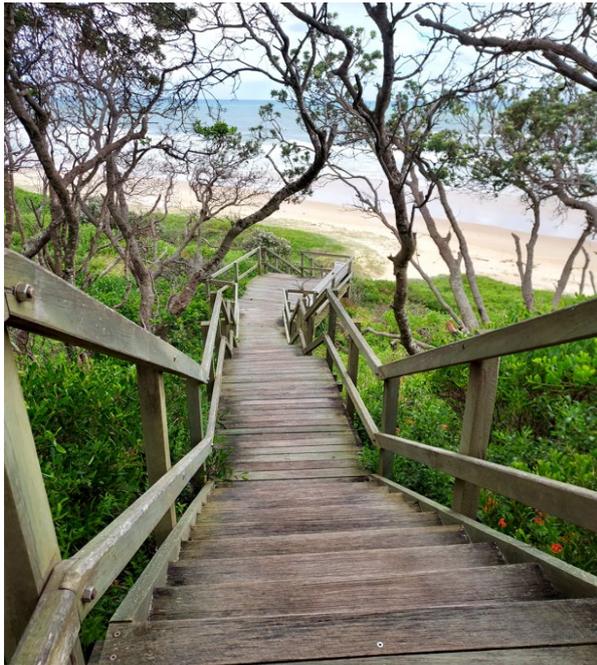
From the top carpark, access to the headland is via a gently sloping, firm path. The path ends at the beginning of the headland area, which is grassed.



There is some furniture on the headland, set on concrete slabs.

There is some sun protection from trees, but it's recommended you take your own sun shelter if you plan on being there a while.

There is beach access from the headland via stairs which are quite steep. There are balustrades either side which provide support.



The surf club area is accessible on foot via steep path or by vehicle via a one way road.

The road is a loop road and there is a parking area at the bottom just beyond the Surf Club.



Once down on the lower section, you will find the Surf Club which houses both male and female toilets.

There are no designated accessible toilets.

There is no step free access to the facilities.

There are multiple access points to the beach via stairs. There are handrails on both, which provides some level of support.



Mylestom Saltwater Pool & North Beach



Overview

Mylestom is a small quiet village nestled between the ocean and the Bellinger River.

There is a continuous accessible pathway running alongside the river, enabling a good stroll along the riverbank, to the parklands and picnic area.

The picnic area is next to the saltwater pool and shaded by trees, which makes this a great destination for a relaxed outing or picnic.

There is one designated car park close to the grassed area. There is no shared space, and the surface is not fully sealed so it may make exiting the car a little challenging.

However, there are more open areas nearby where passengers could be dropped off before moving into the designated parking space.



The picnic area includes a semi-enclosed brick building with bench tables and seats. Easy access into and around the area, but the furniture has limited accessible features.



There is also a public barbecue available

There are numerous picnic tables spread across the space, some shaded by trees.

One table is set on a large concrete slab and is accessible via a continuous pathway. The table is not wheelchair accessible, nor is it shaded.

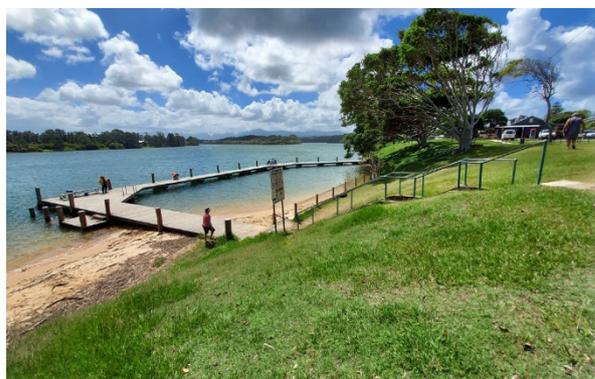


There is an amenities block incorporating male and female shower and toilets. There is a designated accessible cubicle within each gendered bathroom. However, the building is aged, and as such the designated cubicles have limited access and may not suit everyone.

The parkland also incorporates a well shaded playground which is accessible via a concrete pathway. There is good line of sight across the playground.



The saltwater pool is netted offering a protected swimming area. Access to the pool is via steps. Access to the stairs is from the grassed picnic area. The stairs have railings on both sides to offer some support for those wishing to walk down to the pool or boardwalk, however both ends are slightly short of the top and bottom steps. The stairs at each end lead to the boardwalk which loops around the perimeter. There are two bench seats along the boardwalk making for a great place to sit and take in the sights of the Bellinger River or to throw a line in. The stairs in the centre lead down into the pool itself.





North Beach Mylestom

Heading over to the coast, you'll find North Beach. There's a Surf Club and the beach is patrolled in the summer.

The Surf Club comes with some amenities, including both male and female toilets and showers. However, they are not suitable for wheelchair access.

There is an accessible viewing platform offering the perfect place to watch the surf from. Access from the carpark across a grassed area.

The beach can be accessed by vehicle offering an opportunity to get closer to the water. There is also a beach wheelchair available for hire in Urunga which can be used here. Book through Reflections Holiday Park on 02 6655 6355.



Urunga Boardwalk & Lido Saltwater Pool



Overview

The Boardwalk and Lido Saltwater Pool sit side by side on the Urunga foreshore. The whole area has a high level of accessibility and makes a great destination for people of all abilities.

The precinct not only offers the Boardwalk and the Lido Saltwater Pool, but there are also two carparks with designated parking spaces, picnic tables and chairs, a playground, a unisex accessible bathroom and it's all connected by accessible pathways.

Entry to the southern carpark is from Morgo Street, via the Reflections Holiday Park. There you will find three designated accessible parking spaces. Although there are no shared spaces, the spaces themselves are a good size.

There is access to the accessible pathways from the carpark, which will take you around the precinct.



There are two other designated parking spaces located to the north, in the carpark off Morgo Street, opposite the Ocean View hotel.

The spaces are clearly marked although not sized to current standards.

From the carparks you can easily join the continuous accessible pathway that will take you along the foreshore and to the Boardwalk and Lido Saltwater Pool.

Here you will also find an amenities block which includes a Unisex Accessible Toilet. The toilet is fitted with an MLAK Key System



There are numerous picnic tables spread throughout the foreshore precinct, some shaded by trees and others not. Generally, access to the picnic tables is over grass. The tables are set on small concrete slabs.

There is one set of two tables that are undercover and accessible by pathway. They have better circulation space, but the tables are not designed for wheelchair access.

There are also barbeques available for public use.





Lido Saltwater Pool

The Lido Saltwater Pool offers the opportunity for people using wheelchairs to access the water via a beach mat.

There is a beach wheelchair available from Reflections Holiday Park.

It can be transported and used at other beaches as it folds up to fit inside the boot of a standard size vehicle and is easy to assemble.



The chair is available to hire at no cost and all bookings can be made by phoning the park on 02 6655 6355.

At the Lido there is also a jetty out over the water which is wheelchair accessible. A pontoon is at the end of the jetty which is also accessible by ramp.



The Urunga Boardwalk

The Urunga Boardwalk is arguably one of the best boardwalks on the east coast, with spectacular views from the entire length of the boardwalk.

The boardwalk is approximately one kilometre long, and passes along the banks of the Kalang River, to the junction with the Bellinger River and out to the ocean, with stunning views inland past Urunga town and up the river valleys to the Great Dividing Range, north across the rivers to Mylestom Spit and south along the beach to Picket Hill and beyond to Nambucca Heads.

The entire length of the boardwalk is wheelchair accessible although a little narrow. There are also no kerb rails, so care should be taken not to get too close to the edges. There are numerous rest areas with seating, as well as many interpretive signs along the boardwalk pointing out items of interest and telling the history of the area.

The boardwalk leads you to the leash free pet friendly beach area to the south of the river mouth.

The Urunga Wetlands



Overview

The Wetlands offers a paved circular 600 metre loop walkway and includes a 150 metre recycled plastic boardwalk that sweeps out over the recovered wetland. The boards are made from recycled plastic waste and is equivalent to nearly 2.5 million plastic bags not being put into landfill.

The wide walkway is wheelchair accessible and is a great place for birdwatching and nature photography.

There is a carpark with one designated accessible space. There are no other amenities on site other than information boards and some seating. The water is not suitable for fishing, swimming or boating. Even so, it is a lovely place to visit, and is educational regarding the protection of fragile environments, such as that of the swamp paperbark.