



Hints for safe walking

- Beach walkers should know tide times
- Bushwalkers should time walks to end well before dark
- Solo bushwalking is not recommended
- Always advise others of your plans
- Difficult bushwalks should be researched
- Use "local" knowledge
- Do not over estimate your fitness
- Check local weather forecasts if contemplating a long walk
- Hazards: snakes, spiders, bush fires, flash flooding
- Take drinking water, basic first aid, fully charged mobile phone, insect repellent

Comprehensive notes and local maps may be obtained at the Visitor Information Centres & Dorrigo Rainforest Centre
Full route descriptions on line at www.waterfallway.com



"A brisk walk for at least 30 minutes, five times a week, will keep you healthy. Joining a Heart Foundation Walking group is an ideal way to make friends, keep motivated and walk regularly"

Information: Health Promotion Officer 02 6648 7220

More to explore...

Pick up one of our other **Guides** to help you explore our beautiful area further: **Birds** – Bellingen Dorrigo & surrounds, **Arts Trail** – Urunga Bellingen Dorrigo, **Scenic Drives** – Driving the Bellingen Valley, **Waterfalls** – On the Waterfall Way.



HOW TO GET HERE

Waterfall Way connects the ocean beaches and the rainforest of Coffs Coast with the Great Dividing Range, Armidale and the New England Tableland. Find yourself in Australia's best semi-tropical climate, midway between Sydney and Brisbane on the sun soaked Coffs Coast.

CAR

Drive the coastal route (Pacific Highway) from Brisbane or Sydney or travel the New England Highway to Armidale and explore the chain of superb national parks bordering Waterfall Way en route. Combine an inland and coastal circuit from Sydney or Brisbane to enjoy this dramatic landscape and altitude change.

AIR

Fly direct to Coffs Coast Airport (20 mins from Waterfall Way) from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne.

TRAIN

Countrylink trains daily – stop at Urunga by appointment.

BUS

Sydney-Brisbane buses stop at Urunga. BYBUS runs buses along Waterfall Way on Mon, Wed and Fri. Go to www.bybus.com.au

Visitor Information Centres

Bellingen Shire
Pacific Highway, Urunga
Phone: 02 6655 5711

Coffs Coast
Cnr Pacific Hwy & McLean St
Phone: 02 6648 4990

Waterfall Way Centre
Hyde Street, Bellingen
Phone: 02 6655 1522

Dorrigo Rainforest Centre
Dome Road, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2309

Dorrigo
Hickory Street, Dorrigo
Phone: 02 6657 2486



Walking

BELLINGEN & SURROUNDS



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BELLINGEN SOUTHSIDE HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND TREES

Start/Finish: Visitor Information Centre
Distance: 4km (approx)
Duration: 1.5 – 2 hrs
Grade: Easy



Main features: Bellingen's historic buildings date from 1880 onwards and include the oldest house McNally House, the Court House, Hammond & Wheatley Emporium and many interesting private residences. The street trees planted by the late Dr George Hewitt date from the 1930s.

Points of interest

- 1 Historical Museum.
- 2 Memorial Hall built 1910.
- 3 Court House built by George Moore and like the historic...
- 4 Hammond & Wheatley Emporium, with its original features of pressed metal ceilings, is built of concrete bricks.
- 5 The Federal Hotel and Newsagency are restored buildings with timber verandas.
- 6 Magnolia tree planted in honour of the nurses returned from WW2.
- 7 Masonic Hall, now a coffee house.
- 8 Anglican Church with stained glass windows and the old vicarage.
- 9 Old Bellingen Council Chambers. Oak Street is planted with Firewheel trees and William Street has Jacarandas.
- 10 Late Dr Hewitt's house, an historic residence.
- 11 McNally House believed to be the oldest house in Bellingen. This walk can be continued via 12.
- 12 Cemetery Creek to...
- 13 Old Butter Factory complex of galleries, shops and café.

This walk may also be extended with the addition of the Bellingen Island Rainforest & Flying Fox Walk.



BELLINGEN NORTHSIDE ISLAND RAINFOREST & FLYING FOX WALK

Start/Finish: Reserve, North side of Lavenders Bridge
Distance: 4km (approx)
Duration: 1 – 2 hrs
Grade: Easy

Main features: The only remnant of this type of Subtropical Rainforest on floodplain remaining in the Bellingen River Valley. Also, an important maternity colony of Grey-headed Flying Fox on Bellingen Island. The rainforest community and the Flying Fox are listed as endangered.

Route: Start at reserve on the north side of Lavenders Bridge. Along Hammond St and into Dowle St. N.B street tree planting of Paperbark trees. Left into lane leading to the access onto 14 Bellingen Island. Circuit walk through the rainforest. Visitors must not touch any flying foxes on the ground. Extension of walk up Lyons Rd to 15 Cemetery and through to Sunset Ridge.

NB: 16 Swimming hole at end of James Eather Way.



OTHER WALKS

ROTARY LOOKOUT & TARKEETH STATE FOREST CIRCUIT

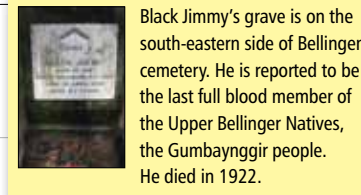
Distance: 7 km (approx), **Duration:** 2 – 3 hours, **Grade:** Medium

FERNMOUNT TO BELLINGEN VIA ROTARY LOOKOUT

Distance: 8 km (approx), **Duration:** 2.5 – 3 hours (approx)

Grade: Medium (NB This walk needs transport back to starting point)

For detailed information see www.waterfallway.com



Black Jimmy's grave is on the south-eastern side of Bellingen cemetery. He is reported to be the last full blood member of the Upper Bellingen Natives, the Gumbaynggir people. He died in 1922.

COASTAL WALKS – see Urunga "Walking" flyer

KALANG RIVER & URUNGA HISTORIC TOWNSHIP WALK

HUNGRY HEAD & URUNGA LAGOON CIRCUIT

TUCKERS ROCK TO MYLESTOM

Maps in the pamphlet are indicative only and not to scale. Use proper survey maps, available at newsagents and Visitor Information Centres or, for town walking, use up to date local maps.