




# Forest Road to Yarramalong

(Awabakal Country)

 2 h 30 min to 3 h 30 min

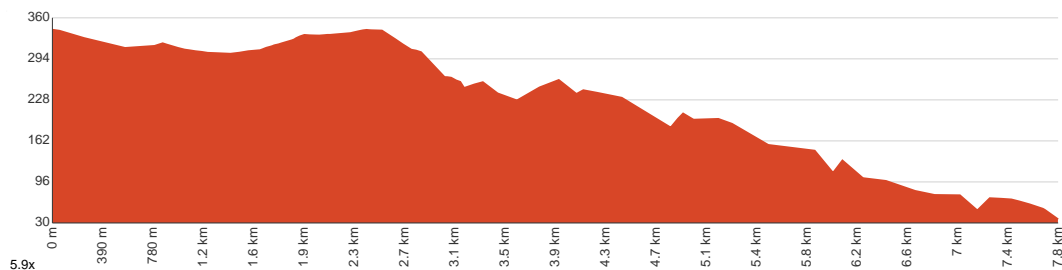
  
7.8 km  
One way

  
↑ 159 m  
↓ 464 m

  
Hard track



This section of the Great North Walk explores the rural area of Kulnura as you walk along the roads before heading along the historic Bumble Hill Dray Track. This track leads you along the edge of ridge mostly through an open dry eucalypt forests and occasionally through moist ferny gullies as well as leading you alongside the base of a tall rock wall. Bumble Hill Dray Track was cut during the mid 1800's to allow teams of bullocks to haul felled cedar to Mangrove Creek, where a barge would take it to Sydney. The oxen are now long gone, but this is a great way to lead into the small Yarramalong township. Let us begin by acknowledging the Awabakal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we travel today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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| Class 4 of 6<br>Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely |  |
| Quality of track   | Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6) |
| Gradient   | Very steep (4/6)   |
| Signage  | Directional signs along the way (3/6)                      |
| Infrastructure   | Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)        |
| Experience Required  | Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)              |
| Weather  | Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)           |

**Getting to the start:** From Pacific Motorway, M1

- Turn on to Wyong Road Offramp then drive for 400 m
- Continue onto Wyong Road Offramp and drive for another 255 m
- Turn slight left onto Old Maitland Road and drive for another 3.6 km
- Turn left onto Yarramalong Road and drive for another 15.6 km
- Turn left onto Bumble Hill Road and drive for another 3.4 km
- Turn sharp left onto Forest Road and drive for another 1.6 km

## Before you start any journey ensure you;

- Tell someone you trust where you are going and what to do if you are late returning
- Have adequate equipment, supplies, skills & knowledge to undertake this journey safely
- Consider weather forecasts, park/track closures & fire dangers
- Can respond to emergencies & call for help at any point
- Are healthy and fit enough for this journey

If not, change plans and stay safe. It is okay to delay and ask people for help.

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**Getting started:** From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, gently downhill along the sealed Forest Rd. The road gently meanders past a number of rural properties for about 800m to pass under a set of high tension power lines. After passing under the power lines, the road leads gently down for about 500m to pass a well armed letter box (on your left), then about 250m later, the walk comes to a T-intersection with 'Greta Rd' (and 'Bumble Hill Rd'). Here the walk turns left,, following the sealed 'Greta Rd' uphill passing among the rural properties for about 400m to pass a small memorial plaque 'In Memory of Darren Smith Olympic Cyclist' (on your left). Just shy of 500m later, the road leads over a small rise to pass under some more high tension power lines and come to an intersection with a dirt trail (on your right), marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

