



Ourimbah Valley Trackhead to Forest

(Awabakal Country)

Road

4 h, 5 h to 2 days

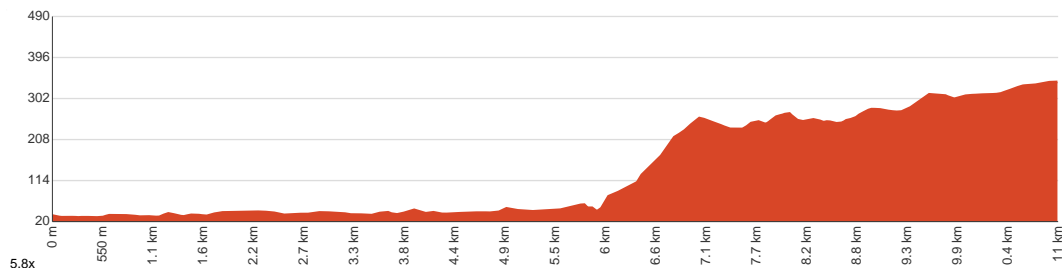
11 km
One way

↑ 454 m
↓ 148 m

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Hard track



This pleasant walk explores the rural valleys and a beautiful section of Jiliby State Conservation Area. Starting at Ourimbah Valley Trackhead you walk into Hidden valley along the dirt road, to then follow a trail beside Ourimbah Creek to Stringy Bark Point. This is a pleasant mossy area with many ferns and near a wide sandy section of Ourimbah Creek. A bit further on you cross Ourimbah Creek then walk up the ridge to the dirt Tooheys Road. From here you walk along the little used dirt road to Forest Road, passing through the tall eucalypt forest and through the Tuggerah Lake Field Archers club area. A side trip at the end of this walk gives you the option of staying at Forest Park. 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.



Class 4 of 6 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	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)

Getting to the start: From Pacific Highway Offramp

- Turn on to Pacific Highway then drive for 480 m
- Turn right onto Ourimbah Creek Road and drive for another 9.4 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.

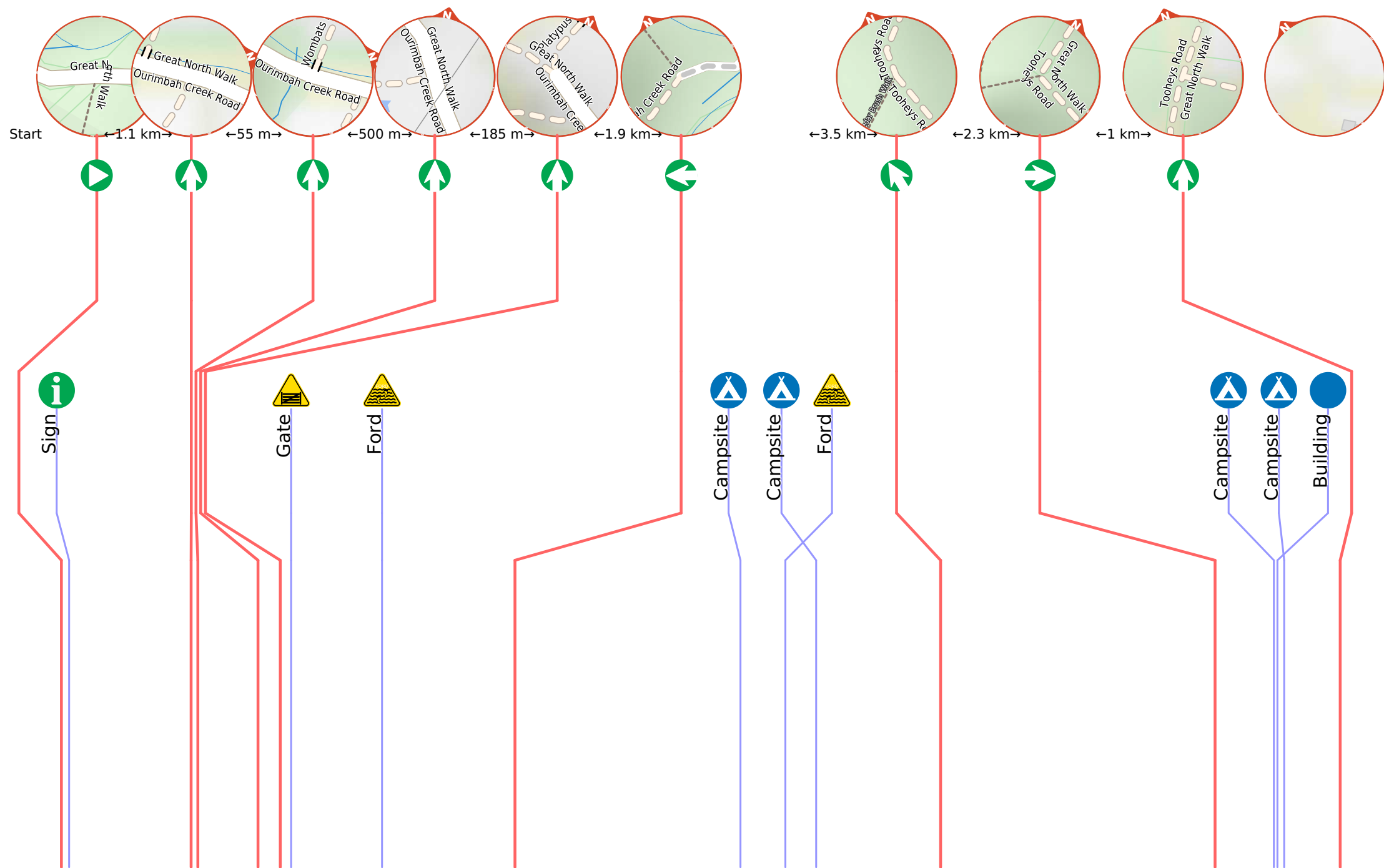
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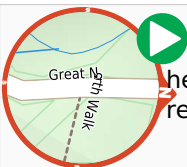








Getting started: From the 'Ourimbah Valley Trackhead' (on Ourimbah Creek Rd), this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign downhill along the dirt road. The road soon leads down and across a flat timber vehicle bridge then the road mostly flattens out, winding among the rural properties for almost 300m to pass a 'Palm Grove Nature Reserve' sign and a few 'Hidden Valley' signs. The walk continues along the road for about 700m then comes to the intersection in front of the Hidden Valley property (on your left, not far before another road bridge). This walk continues straight, gently downhill along the wide dirt road to almost immediately pass 'Wombats End' (private road) then cross the flat timber road bridge. After about 400m, the road leads under some high tension power lines then after another 150m of winding past the rural properties, this walk passes a timber 'Hidden Valley' private property shelter and water tank (on your right). A further 100m along the road past this shelter, the walk veers left (ignoring 'Platypus Creek La') to come to a locked gate with a 'Road Closed' sign.



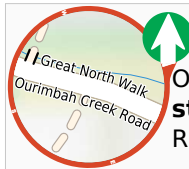
From the Ourimbah Creek Road **Start** heading along *Ourimbah Creek Road* (a residential road).



After 65 m pass the "Great North Walk" (on your left).



After another 560 m (from the Ourimbah Creek Road) **continue straight**, to head along Ourimbah Creek Road.



After another 450 m (from the Ourimbah Creek Road) **continue straight**, to head along Ourimbah Creek Road.



After another 55 m (from the Ourimbah Creek Road) **continue straight**, to head along Ourimbah Creek Road.



After another 500 m (from the Ourimbah Creek Road) **continue straight**, to head along Ourimbah Creek Road.



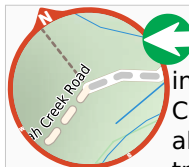
After another 185 m (at the intersection of Platypus Creek Lane & Ourimbah Creek Road) **continue straight**, to head along Ourimbah Creek Road (a vehicle track).



After another 90 m head through/around the gate.



After another 750 m cross the ford.



After another 1.1 km (at the intersection of Ourimbah Creek Road & Cedar Brush Walk) **turn left**, to head along Cedar Brush Walk (a walking track).



After another 1.9 km find the "Tooheys Road campsite" (8 m on your left).



This is a small camping area on the side of Tooheys Road, with room for a small number of tents but providing no facilities.



After another 630 m find the "Stringy Bark Point" (on your left).



This campsite is in a small clearing at Stringy Bark Point, just on the southern side of the bridge. This campsite provides room for a small campfire and a few tents. Water is usually available from the creek running by the campsite, please treat before drinking.



Then cross the ford.



After another 1.3 km (at the intersection of Tooheys Road & Cedar Brush Walk) **veer left**, to head along Tooheys Road (a vehicle track).



After another 2.3 km (from the Tooheys Road) **turn right**, to head along Tooheys Road.



After another 490 m find the "Campsite" (60 m on your left).



A basic clearing for an overnight stay, providing room for a fire and small number of tents. There is no water at this campsite so you will need to carry sufficient.



After another 85 m find the "Archers Campsite" (20 m on your left).



This informally named campsite is found in Jilliby State Conservation Area, and is used regularly by members of the Tuggerah Lake Field Archers club. This is a basic campsite with a water tank and shed used for hanging shower water bags. The large open camping area has a few existing fire scars and a few flat grassy areas. (There are other facilities 150m further north along the dirt trail at the club house.)



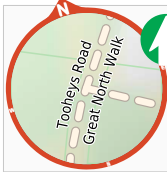
Then find the "Archers Club House" (on your right).



The Tuggerah Lake Field Archers club house is found on the dirt Tooheys Road in Jilliby State Conservation Area. The club house is used irregularly on weekends, and these facilities should not be relied upon. The club house had some picnic tables under a large covered meeting area, a wood fired BBQ, toilet and water tank. A good place to stop and rest.



After another 175 m (from the Tooheys Road) **continue straight**, to head along Tooheys Road.



After another 345 m (from the Tooheys Road) **continue straight**, to head along Tooheys Road.



Start of an optional side trip: An optional side trip to Forest Park Country Retreat.