

Barcoongere to Red Rock – Blue Cord Hike - V1.0 (Part of Yuraygir Coastal Walk)

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MAP: Red Rock - 9538-3-S; North Solitary Island – 9538-2-S

Grid Ref Zone: MGRS 56JNM

Summary

Distance – 15 kilometres

A suitable hike for Explorer level with combination of formed road and creek crossings finishing with beach hike. Minor navigation skills required.

The Yuraygir Coastal Walk offers a variety of suitable hikes.

This particular hike is a good example of a supported hike requiring sound planning for emergency purposes, with great opportunities to test the Scouts.

Starting in Barcoongere State Forest provides opportunity to maximise number of kilometres to complete (up to 15km for Explorer level) – variation to starting points can occur.

Check tide times for midday preferable low tide.

Permits required for entry and camping (\$6 scouts; \$12 adults) within National Park.

Walk Information:

<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/walking-tracks/yuraygir-coastal-walk>

Hike – Day 1 – Barcoongere State Forest to Pebbly Beach Camping Area - 6Km

- Travel south from Grafton on Pacific Highway, at approx 40 km turn left onto McPhillips Road (**EMERGENCY ACCESS POINT**)- follow signs to Barcoongere Way
 - Start 11am – cnr Barcoongere Way and Cabbage Tree Road (184 879)
 - unsealed road walk to Station Creek Camping area (238 866) with some side tracks to vantage points – lunch along the way
 - follow walking track along Station Creek to beach – crossing required – check tides
 - Walk to camp at Pebbly Beach Campground (248 876) north of crossing
 - **Need to plan water drop**
- 4wd support vehicles – Pebbly Beach turnoff (229 864); 4wd access (233 847); note no vehicles south of 4wd access

Hike – Day 2 – Pebbly Beach Camping Area to Red Rock - 8Km

- Start 8am - easy graded walk along Pebbly Beach camp ground then return creek crossing – check tides
 - beach hike with possible morning tea rest stop
 - hike to end of Station Creek Beach at Red Rock Creek (223 833) – first creek crossing possible by wading at low tide
 - then walk across estuary to pick up point boat ramp (218 831) – need to secure boat or canoe to ferry across creek
- Transport pick up ETA 12pm

Alternative Routes

Travel south along Barcoongere Way and get picked up at Pacific Highway intersection

Escape routes

Village of Red Rock has access points for extraction if required
Barcoongere Way to be used for vehicular access

Mobile phone reception

Station Creek – limited

Red Rock - good

Nearest Police Station

Woolgoolga – 25km; Grafton – 50km