

# Illaroo to Wilsons Head - Red Cord Hike – V1.0

## (Part of Yuraygir Coastal Walk)

Phil Shepherd – July 2018

**MAP:** Bare Point - 9538-2N  
**Grid Ref Zone:** MGRS 56JNN (56JNM south of Wilson's Head)

### Summary

This part of the Yuraygir Coastal Walk offers a variety of suitable hikes for Cubs and Scouts..

Best to walk from the North to the South so that the sun is on your back.

The headland walking is safe with no significantly exposed sections. Lots of tracks make navigation interesting.

Beware of incoming tides, especially if walking below headlands at Rocky Point and Diggers Camp.

Payment required for entry and camping within National Park.

Additional Walk Information:

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

### Illaroo North to Wilsons Head – 10Km

- Start 10am – Illaroo North Camping Area (2816 0806) off Minnie Water Road, dirt track
- There is a junction at (2833 0780) where you can choose to:
  - **either** walk up some steps, and take the more interesting route along the headlands and on to the beach at (2864 0719)
  - **or** take the direct easy route which eventually passes the shop at (2853 0677) before heading on to the beach
- It is best to leave the beach via the white staircase at (2872 0653), and then skirt along the headlands. This avoids the excessive car activity along this section of the beach.
- Toilet and drinking water is available at (2905 0596) just before you enter the tracks along Tree Point headland.
- lunch at 12pm near Minnie Back Beach stairs (2872 0529)
- beach walk south along Minnies Back Beach.
  - Alternative** Head inland to the Minnie Back Beach Trail. Not significantly further, but reduces the amount of tedious beach walking.
- **DANGER** - If the tide is incoming it is dangerous to continue on the beach round the Diggers Camp headlands (2789 0245). Safer to take the inland route marked by the Sanctuary Sign at (2772 0263). Note that the start of track at the Sanctuary Sign is not particularly obvious, but as soon as you are at the top of the dune, there is a very obvious, four wheel drive track.
- Walk to camp at Boorkoom Campground (2818 0112) south of Diggers Camp at 4pm. (as of 2018 camp caretakers, Annette and Tony are very friendly and can be contacted on 0447 497 097 in emergencies)
- easy graded walk along Bare Point – some navigation required through numerous tracks
- At the stairs to beach at Wilsons Headland (2769 0006) head west to Wilsons Headland Carpark (2753 0022)

### **Escape routes**

Villages of Minnie Water and Diggers Camp multiple access points for extraction if required

### **Mobile phone reception**

Minnie Water – limited – works on headlands ok

### **Contacts:**

**National parks, marine parks and forests** 02 6641 1500

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**Police (Wooli)** – NOT 24 hour Cnr Main Street and Ollen Close, WOOLI 2462, 02 6649 7055

**Police (Grafton)** – 24 hour 5 Duke St, Grafton NSW 2460, 02 6642 0222

**Hospital (Grafton)** – 24 hour Emergency, 184 Arthur St, Grafton NSW 2460 - 02 6640 2222