

Greta road to Cedar Brush track head

6 hrs 30 mins 17 km One way

Hard track

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340m

Hill Dray track and the Yarramalong General Store. While most of this walk is on the road, it does provide a good, mostly level bushwalk and a great stroll along a quiet country road, through a pleasant rural community. The Yarramalong general store is a great place to stop for lunch. Yarramalong is worth exploring, and the historic church is worth a look.

Wyong LGA

20m

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Cedar Brush Creek

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Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Int of Greta Road and Cherry Lane (gps: -33.2378, 151.2446). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Cedar Brush Track Head (gps: -33.1426, 151.256). Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/grtcbth

0 | Int of Greta Road and Cherry Lane

(430 m 9 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently uphill along the grassy verge (under the power lines) keeping Greta Road just to your left. After 120m this walk crosses a driveway and continues along side the road for almost 250m to near the top of the hill, just before the high tension power lines. Here the walk turns left to cross the road to find a 'Great North Walk' signposted intersection beside a locked gate and style.

0.43 | Int of Greta Road and power line service trail

(670 *m* 15 *mins*) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign over the fence using the stile. Here the walk follows a wide trail around the large tower, then follows the narrower track straight down the hill. The track crosses a small gully then leads up to follow a trail around the next tall tower. Here a GNW arrow post leads left, away from the trail and steeply downhill across another valley. The track then leads up to, and follows, another trail up to the other side of a third tower, to find an intersection marked with another GNW track on the other side of the tower.

1.1 | Bumble Hill Dray track tower

(4.6 km 2 hrs) Veer right: From the intersection at the base of the tower, this walk follows the GNW arrow post steeply downhill for a short distance, then turns right and follow another GNW arrow post into the bush. About 50m after leaving the clearing, this walk crosses a small timber bridge

and continues generally downhill for about 200m before the track bends right (away from the view of the power lines). About 300m further down this track, this walk crosses a small intermittent creek. Then over the next 500m, the track descends into the moist forest to the base of a large cliff face (up to your right), then crosses a section of timber boardwalk. Over the next 100m, the track crosses another handful of sections of boardwalk before the track leads along the side of the hill for a further 500m, out of the moist forest, passing some large boulders and leading down to an intersection with a wider trail. Here the walk veers right, following the GNW arrow post along the trail and through the casuarina forest for about 500m, then crosses a gully with a small intermittent creek. The old trail leads generally down through the tall forest for another 1.3km then passes under a set of power lines. Here the walk continues along the side of the valley, following an old trail through the tall eucalypt forest for about 500m to pass through a usually closed gate (staying left at the Y-intersection, just before the gate). The trail now narrows to a track that leads along side the road (which is up to your right), following a fence for about 180m before turning right and heading steeply up to the safety barrier beside the road. Turning left, this walk now steps over a small stile and follows behind the barrier (with the road on your right) for a short distance before veering left and down the steep rocky track towards the house. The track follows the fence (near the house) below the embankment for about 180m before leading back up to the road. Here the walk follows the road a short distance to come to the end of the safety barrier, beside Bumble Hill Road.

5.74 | Int of GNW and Bumble Hill Road

(310 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow post gently downhill along the sealed Bumble Hill Rd. The road soon leads past the '60' speed limit sign, then the road bends left and leads down for another 120m to a T-intersection with Yarramalong Rd, marked with a large 'Yarramalong Trackhead' sign (with Yarramalong Store just to your right).

6.05 | Yarramalong Store

Yarramalong Store is good place to have lunch or pick up the basic food supplies. The store serves hot food including burgers, chips, pies etc as well as cold drinks. The store is open 7am to 7pm, 7 days a week. There is a pay phone outside and a tap to refill water, and the store has its own fuel pump. Phone on (02)4356 1222. The address is 1625 Yarramalong Rd, Yarramalong NSW 2259. I always encourage people to use local stores like this on track, but since it is a small store it is worth phoning ahead to see what they have what you want in stock. It is a small store so choice is limited.

6.05 | Yarramalong Manor

Yarramalong Manor offers accommodation and a restaurant in the picturesque Yarramalong Valley. The restaurant is open to the public for breakfast & lunch (10am weekdays and 9am weekends) daily, and dinner Friday and Saturday. Yarramalong Manor has 6 guest rooms, each with ensuite, TV, fridge and tea & coffee making facilities. Tariffs for bed and breakfast start at \$95 - single, \$75/person - twin share. ph:(02) 4356 1066. More info.

6.05 | Yarramalong Track Head

(3.3 km 57 mins) Turn left: From the 'Yarramalong Trackhead' (at the intersection of Yarramalong and Bumble Hill Roads), this walk follows the 'Cedar Brush Creek' sign along Yarramalong Road, away from Yarramalong Store. This walk continues through Yarramalong for about 400m, to cross a bridge over the Wyong River. Then this walk continues straight ahead past farm properties, undulating gently, for just shy of 3km, until coming to a three-way intersection, with 'Brush Creek Road' and a GNW 'Cedar Brush' sign on the left.

9.35 | Int of Brush Creek and Ravensdale Roads

(7.7 km 2 hrs 21 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow marker and Brush Creek Road gently downhill, while keeping Ravensdale Road on your right. This walk continues gently uphill, passing numerous farm properties for about 300m, then crossing a timber bridge. Then this walk continues on gravel road (with occasional sealed sections) amongst more farm properties for about 6.7km, crossing over a timber bridge to find a four-way intersection with 'Kingtree Ln' and 'Misty Valley Ln'. This walk continues straight ahead for another 600m, until coming to an intersection with the 'Cedar Brush Trackhead' sign and track on the right.