

Ironbark Rd to Glenworth Valley



4 hrs 15 mins

Hard track

4

10.1 km Return

↑ 492m

This walk, mostly in Popran National Park, passes through a great variety of scenery and beautiful views. The early part of the walk, along a ridgetop, is through relatively dry forest with some great views, while the steep but beautiful descent to Glenworth Valley is through moist, fern filled forest. The cafe at Glenworth Valley is open on weekends. There is also an optional sidetrip for some nice views from Mt Olive.

16m

Popran National Park

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 Ironbark Rd and Popran Pipeline Trail (gps: -33.3716, 151.1953). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/irtgv>

0 | Int of Ironbark Rd and Popran Pipeline Trail

(1.7 km 35 mins) Starting from the car park at the end of the 'Pipeline Trail', the walk follows the gravel Ironbark Rd south, initially keeping the 'Pipeline Trail' gate to your left (not following the 'Pipeline Trail'). The gravel road passes between some houses with prominent 'private property' signs so stick to the road along here. The walk eventually comes to the car park and picnic area at the end of the road. Vehicles with reasonable ground clearance could be driven along this section, to the car park at the end of the road.

1.7 | Ironbark Rd Picnic area

This picnic area is located at the end of Ironbark Rd, on the edge of Popran National Park. While this is not a special spot for a picnic, there are good facilities if you are doing a walk in the area. There is a picnic table, pit toilet (with a small rainwater tank for handwashing), information signs and track arrows at this point. Some of the tracks starting from this point are also horse trails. A section of Ironbark Rd may not be suitable for 2WD vehicles so you may have to walk the last section of road.

1.7 | Ironbark Rd picnic area

(340 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, the walk passes around a gate and follows the management trail down the hill and soon arrives at the intersection marked with 'Mt Olive' and the '248 Trail'.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Mt Olive' arrow along the management trail for a very short distance before reaching an intersection with a bush track signposted for 'Mt Olive'.

2.03 | Int of Mt Olive trail and Mt Olive bush track

(120 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Mt Olive' signpost along the bush track. The walk meanders for a while before reaching an intersection with another bush track.

2.15 | Optional sidetrip to Top of Mt Olive

(60 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track steeply up the hill and soon arrives at the top of Mt Olive. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk

then Veer left.

2.15 | Mt Olive

Mt Olive is a low rising hill in Popran National Park. The views from the top, across the surrounding national park, in all directions, are very nice. The nice cliffs around the base of Mt Olive also add to the scenery. There are the remnants of a couple of old trig points at the top.

2.15 | Int of Mt Olive bush track and Glenworth Valley tr

(2.9 km 1 hr 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track steeply down the hill, directly away from the top of Mt Olive. The walk follows the bush track for a long distance, through a beautiful variety of terrain and vegetation. The first section of the walk is along, or close to, the ridge line with some great views. The later section of the walk drops, steeply at times, into Glenworth Valley and is through more moist, fern covered forest. Take the sharp right fork beside a rock with a large 'capstone' to avoid a steeper section of the track. The scenery is beautiful on the descent. Ignore the bush track to the right when the walk passes through a gap in a fence, and follow the bush track straight ahead. The walk then comes to an intersection with the 'Wilderness Trail' horse riding trail on the edge of a large grassy clearing at the Glenworth Valley horse riding centre.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the horse riding trail down the hill and immediately bends to the right, toward the clearly visible main buildings of the Glenworth Valley horse riding centre. The walk soon arrives at Popran Rd beside the buildings.

5.06 | Glenworth Valley Horse Riding and Outdoor Adventure

The Glenworth Valley Horse Riding and Outdoor Adventure Centre is located at 69 Cooks Rd, Peats Ridge, NSW. Activities include Horse riding, Kayaking, Quad biking, Abseiling and camping. The Café is open on weekends and vending machines for drinks and snacks are available every day. There are toilets at the cafe. If you are walking to or from Glenworth Valley, keep in mind that it is private property and take care around the horses. Phone on (02) 4375 1222. [More info.](#)

