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Sheldon Forest Walk

50 mins 1.8 km One way

67m

Moderate track

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This is a pleasant walk exploring the Sheldon Forest from the 1st Turramurra Scout Hall to Troon place in Pymble. The forest is one of the few remaining pieces of the Blue Gum high forest in the Sydney Basin, and is supported by community bushcare programs. This walk meanders through rainforest for the most part, following a stream that boasts a number of small waterfalls.

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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 You can get to 1st Turramurra Scout Hall (gps: -33.7388, 151.1318) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Troon Place(before road bridge) (gps: -33.7477, 151.1277) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

0 | Scout hall

The 1st Turramurra Scout Hall has a car park and a tap at the front. It also offers some shelter under an awning and a fire place out the back. For more information on scouting, contact Scouts Australia NSW on (02)9735 9000. <u>More info.</u>

0 | 1st Turramurra Scout Hall

(90 m 2 mins) From the car park in front of 1st Turramurra Scout Hall, near the top of Warragal Rd, this walk heads around the hall (keeping the hall to the left) and along the track, past the clearing and the 'Please leash your dog' sign to an intersection at a 'Jubilee Ave' sign.

0.09 | Alternate Route Int. of Jubilee Ave and Sheldon Fo

(120 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Jubilee Ave' sign south-east down a gentle slope and over a small bridged creek, to the end of Jubilee Ave.

0.09 | Int. of Jubilee Ave and Sheldon Forest tracks

(130 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the Sheldon Forest track (the unsignposted track), downhill in a south-westerly direction. The track soon narrows and soon comes to a 'Y' intersection of tracks leading to Kimbarra Ave and Troon Place (signposted).

0.22 | Alternate Route Int. of Kimbarra Ave and Sheldon F

(90 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads south towards the houses visible on Kimbarra Ave. Soon, the track passes through the gap in the fence, at the end of Kimbarra Ave.

0.22 | Int. of Kimbarra Ave and Sheldon Forest tracks

(230 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Troon Place' sign west, down a gentle slope and around a right-hand bend. About 10m past a small rock platform, the track comes to the top of a set of stairs.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the steps and through a cleft in a rock, winding down across a creek and

up the other side to the next intersection.

0.45 | Int. near creek crossing

(340 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads down the metal staircase and follows the creek through a closed or 'riparian' section of forest, with some small bridged tribultaries and steps along the way. The track soon opens up and comes to a small waterhole (where the main track turns left up the hill ahead).

0.79 | Waterhole

(810 m 18 mins) Turn left: From the waterhole, the walk heads up the steep hill until it turns right as it flattens out. After a few hundred metres, the track gently heads downhill and follows the side of the ridge through a tall, open forest until reaching the signposted intersection of 'Sheldon Forest', 'Warragal Rd' and 'Troon Place' tracks, with a 'Rofe Park' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Troon Place' arrow straight along the side of the ridge until the track opens out into a taller forest and comes to the bottom of some steps.

Turn left: From here, the walk heads up the steps then curves around to the right, following the top of a small gorge. The walk heads down a wooden staircase overlooking a waterfall, coming to a bridge.

1.6 | Bridge near waterfall

(180 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk heads upstream, along the southern side. The track follows the riverbank past the back of some houses to a small clearing, crossing a wooden bridge and coming to Troon Place.

