

Activity Grades

EASY: suitable for all ages, but take care with children
MEDIUM: some steps or steep areas, for people who walk occasionally
HARD: steep sections, for people who walk regularly. Visitors with heart or breathing problems should not attempt these walks

Bookings are essential for all activities
Please phone (02) 68 254 364
or book in person at the Visitor Centre

What should I bring?

- Hat
- Stout Walking Boots
- Thermos
- Wet Weather Gear
- Camera
- Torch
- Hand Lens
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Backpack



Opportunity to walk with a legend

Botanist **Gwen Harden** co-ordinated the four volume set of the "**Flora of New South Wales**". Since retiring, you're more likely to find her in the Simpson Desert than her home on the north coast. Over the years she has co-authored many books on local floras, notably the "Flora of Mt Arthur". Gwen has been coming to the Warrumbungles for over 30 years now, usually making an annual pilgrimage with enthusiasts from members of the Australian Plants Society each spring.



Accommodation

Warrumbungle National Park has a number of camping grounds. Fees apply, contact the Visitor Centre for details. There are many tent sites and 32 powered sites. Rainwater, hot showers, laundry basins and toilets are available.

Nearby Coonabarabran has accommodation ranging from camping sites and caravan parks to cabins and motels.

Warrumbungle Wildflower Week August 24 to 31

Cost: \$5 per half day activity, \$10 per full day activity, \$80 for the entire week or \$100 entire week includes 1 year annual entry permit for Warrumbungle National Park

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Early Morning				Bird Walk	Mt Naman		Bird Walk	Bird Walk
Morning	Flora Photography	Timor Rock		Goulds Circuit		Aboriginal Plants	Timor Rock	Fans Horizon
Afternoon	Siding Spring	Timor Ridge	Field ID Workshop	Exclusion Zone		Siding Spring		
Evening	White Gums							
Night	Slide Show with Gwen Harden			Campfire Night			History of the Park Area	

For further details, contact the Warrumbungle Visitor Centre on (02) 6825 4364

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Description of Activities

Exclusion Zone Grade: Easy \$5

The exclusion zone is an area where the numbers of grazing animals have been limited. This is a trial to see what grassland plants survive with reduced pressure from kangaroos, an interesting contrast to other cleared areas in the park. **2 Hrs**

Aboriginal Plants Grade: Easy \$5

Find out about the plants in the park that were traditionally used by the Gamilaraay people. From local bush foods to medicine plants, the Gamilaraay used the plants in many ways. **2 Hrs**

Fans Horizon Grade: Medium \$5

Starting in a White Box woodland, Fans Horizon takes you up one of the sandstone ridges to stunning views of the Warrumbungles. As we travel up the 1000 steps you'll see how the flora changes with the altitude and soil. **3 Hrs**

Flora Photography Grade: Easy \$5

Brush up on your photography skills on this walk. We will look at a number of hints and tips to help you take great photos of our wonderful plants. Bring your SLR camera hopefully with a macro lens and tripod. **2 Hrs**

Flora Workshop Grade: Easy \$10

The leaders of this walk will introduce the mechanics of identifying plants in the bush. Colour, shape, smell and texture are all ways we identify plants. **2 Hrs**



Leucopogon biflorus

Goulds Circuit Grade: Medium \$5

Endemic Beauties. This walk shows off some of the plants found in the Park and nowhere else. They include Green Phebalium and Warrumbungle Star Flower. **4 Hrs**

Mount Naman Grade: Medium \$10

One of the original walks of the park. Initially the only access to the park was from the south west, and this was one of the favourite walks. Come and rediscover one of the parks hidden jewels.– **Bring Lunch – All Day**

Siding Spring Grade: Easy \$5

Come and walk on the top of Siding Spring. The weather and altitude has sculptured one of natures beautiful gardens. Highlights include Warrumbungle Mint Bush and spectacular Grass Trees. **2 Hrs**

Timor Ridge Grade: Easy \$5

Animals and Plants. A varied forest structure on sandstone soils brings the interaction between plants and animals to the fore. With recent hazard reduction burns, view how plants and animals adapt to the hazards of fire. **3 Hrs**

Timor Rock Grade: Medium \$5

Investigate the hanging heathland. This walk takes you on the volcanic Timor Rock. A short scramble up some boulders to a little wonderland. Endemic mint bushes and the intriguing Warrumbungle Star Flower are at their best here. **2 Hrs**

White Gums Grade: Easy \$5

A classic sunset horizon is found on the White Gums walk, but there are also many interesting plants to see. The ground orchids of the pine forests show the beauty of nature in the most unexpected places. **2 Hrs**



Phebalium squamulosum ssp. coriaceum

Campfire Night \$15

There will be three campfire nights, each with its own special speaker and slideshow.:

- **Gwen Harden** will give a talk on the Warrumbungles and the plants found here
- **Alan Fox** will give a talk on fires and the way plants adapt to our fiery history
- **John Whitehead** will give a talk on the explorers and the plants they found in this area

Campfire meal will be included with each slideshow.



Boronia warrumbunglensis

East Meets West in the Warrumbungles

The Warrumbungles are a plant lovers wonderland. The high rugged volcanic peaks and hot, dry western slopes have created the conditions where over 500 species of plants can be found.

Rainfall is high east of the park, yet only 20km away they receive less than a third of this amount.

Many plants are at the limit of their distribution. The western slopes of the park show the traveller what can survive in a hot dry climate. These include the Gruie (*Owenia acidula*) and Desert Lime (*Eremocitris glauca*).

On the eastern peaks are some plants that can be found all the way to the coast! These include the Rock Correa (*Correa reflexa*) and Grass Triggerplant (*Stylidium graminifolium*).

So the Warrumbungle has mixes of eastern and western flora all in the one place!



Asterolasia hexapetala