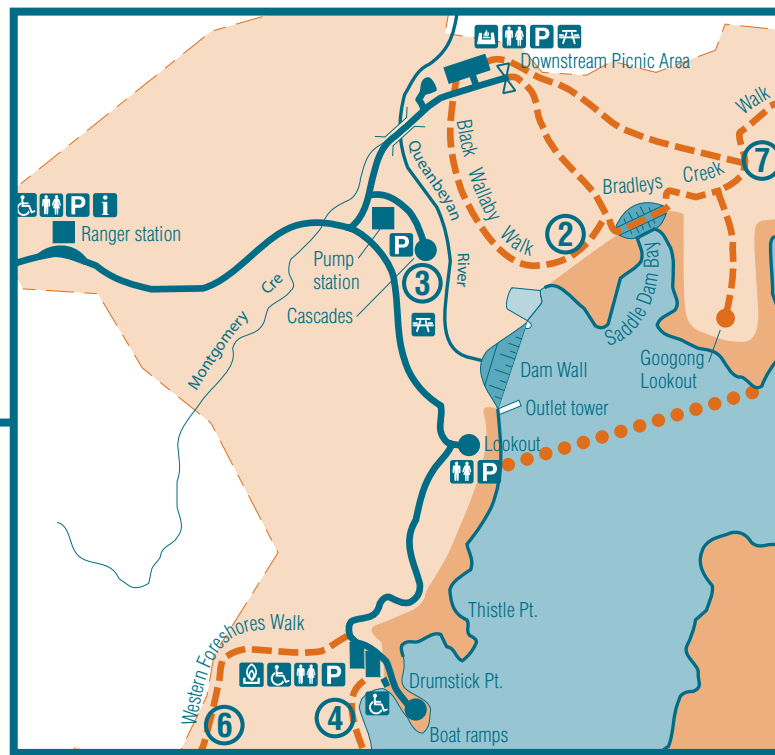
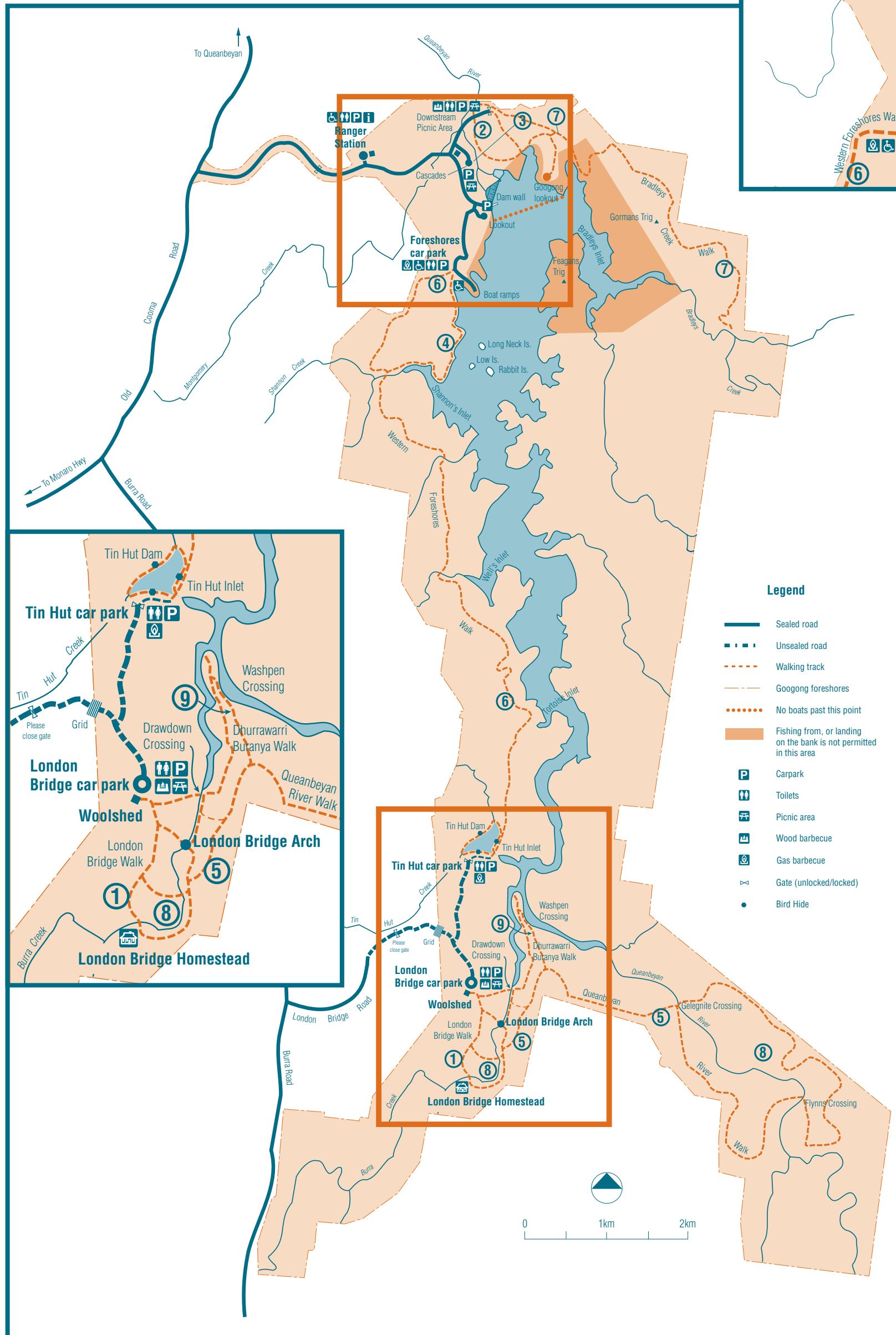


out and about at googong

Walking or mountain bike riding at Googong is always interesting. There's a variety of tracks and trails which provide opportunities to see wildlife and enjoy panoramic views of the dam and Queanbeyan Escarpment.



Walk No	Name	Return Distance	Grade
Walks from the northern end of Googong Foreshores			
2	Black Wallaby Loop Track	2.6 km	Easy
3	Cascade Walks	less than 200 m	Easy
4	Shoreline Walk	5 km	Easy
6	Western Foreshores Walk	19.4 km	Moderate
7	Bradleys Creek Walk	14.2 km	Difficult
Walks from the southern end of Googong Foreshores			
1	London Bridge Walk (circuit)	3.4 km	Moderate
5	Queanbeyan River Walk	18 km	Moderate
6	Western Foreshores Walk	19.4 km	Moderate
9	Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk	4 km (from London Bridge Arch)	Moderate
Mountain Bike rides at Googong Foreshores			
6	Western Foreshores Ride	19.4 km	Moderate
8	Queanbeyan River Loop Ride	19.7 km	Difficult

Short Walks

① London Bridge Walk

This 3.4 km return circuit leaves from the London Bridge car park. It crosses the Burra Creek via the London Bridge Arch and then takes you on to the historic London Bridge Homestead before following the fire trail back to the car park. Both the Arch and the Homestead are on the Register of the National Estate. A London Bridge Walk brochure is available at the start of the walk.

The homestead is open to the public on regular open days, approximately once a month (except during the fire season). Access for groups may be arranged through the rangers.

② Black Wallaby Loop Track

This 2.6 km return circuit leaves from the Downstream Picnic Area and parallels the course of the Queanbeyan River upstream to the dam wall. This walk provides lovely views of the river gorge known as the Cascades. The track climbs gently through thick patches of tea-tree and wattle, crossing a number of moist gullies before emerging in open grassland above the dam. It is then a short walk back along the bitumen track to the car park. The walk can be extended by taking the Bradleys Creek Walk ⑦ across Saddle Dam Bay returning via the link to the Downstream Picnic Area.

③ Cascades Walks

The Cascades is the name given to the gorge on the Queanbeyan River below the dam wall. The short 'River Walk' (200 metres) takes you down into the gorge where there are a number of large swimming holes which are popular during the summer months. The Cascades Lookout and the Dam Wall Lookout are two scenic vantage points. These are both reached by walks of less than 100 metres from the car park and have seats or picnic tables where you can relax and enjoy the view.

④ Shoreline Walk

This easy walk takes you along one of the most popular and accessible stretches of shoreline at Googong. It runs between the Foreshores car park and Shannons Inlet. This track stays very close to the water's edge and provides panoramic views of the northern part of the dam. On still quiet days you may see trout and Golden Perch swimming along the bank in search of food, or find waterbirds roosting and sunning themselves on the water's edge. The walk can be extended and become a loop by returning via the Western Foreshores Walk ⑥.

⑨ Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk

The 4 km Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk (which means 'water creek') begins and ends at London Bridge Arch. Follow the Queanbeyan River Walk towards Washpen Crossing then westwards along the edge of the Queanbeyan River. Climb up the rocky ridge through Scribbly Gums and brilliant white Brittle Gums to emerge at the junction of the Queanbeyan River and Burra Creek. Enjoy the great views. Ngunnawal Aboriginal people lived in this valley hunting and finding bush foods such as freshwater mussels.

The track then follows the remains of an old boundary and 'vermin' proof fence along the ridge. Look for signs of the resident Wombats on your return. If the Burra Creek is low it may be possible to cross over the nearby Drawdown Crossing and return to the London Bridge car park along the fire trail.

Long Day Walks and Bike Rides

⑤ Queanbeyan River Walk

The Queanbeyan River Walking Trail is 18 km return. It starts at the London Bridge car park, follows the London Bridge Walk across the London Bridge Arch, and then branches off onto fire trails, finishing at Flynn's Crossing. It is an easy to moderate walk through attractive dry sclerophyll forest. Its route is roughly parallel to that of the Queanbeyan River and offers access to the river at three points—Washpen Crossing, Galignite Crossing and Flynn's Crossing (no swimming permitted). If you intend to fish this part of the river please remember to follow the fishing rules and regulations outlined in this brochure.

⑥ Western Foreshores Walk/Ride

This 19.7 km return walk or ride can be accessed from either end of Googong Foreshores. The northern track head is near the Foreshores car park and the southern track head is at the Tin Hut car park. The walk or ride follows fire trails through grassland and open woodland. It provides many scenic vantage points of the dam and the Queanbeyan Escarpment to the east. There are also good opportunities to view wildlife, particularly Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Wedge-tailed Eagles.

⑦ Bradleys Creek Walk

This 14.2 km return walk leaves from the Downstream Picnic Area and initially follows a route marked by directional posts. Then, following fire trails, the walk skirts the northern shore of the dam, before climbing steeply up the Queanbeyan Escarpment to Gormans Trig. From here it is a relatively easy walk to Bradleys Creek, a creek that is typical of the many creeks that bisect the Escarpment, cutting very steep-sided valleys as they flow down to the river or dam below. Before climbing the escarpment it is worth taking the short detour to the Googong Lookout, which provides panoramic views of the northern part of the reserve and dam.

The walk can be extended on return by joining the Black Wallaby Loop Track ② after crossing Saddle Dam Bay. Fishing is not permitted from the bank in this part of Googong.

⑧ Queanbeyan River Loop Ride

This mountain bike ride starts at the London Bridge car park and follows the fire trail to London Bridge Homestead. Before reaching Burra Creek (near the Homestead) follow the fire trail branching eastwards and travel past Galignite Crossing to Flynn's Crossing. From here follow the fire trail to loop back to Galignite Crossing and then London Bridge car park. Strategically placed track markers define the route.

The loop is moderate to difficult and involves some steep grades plus two crossings of the Queanbeyan River. The ride travels through picturesque dry sclerophyll forest on both sides of the Queanbeyan River. See Queanbeyan River Walk ⑤ for further details.

