



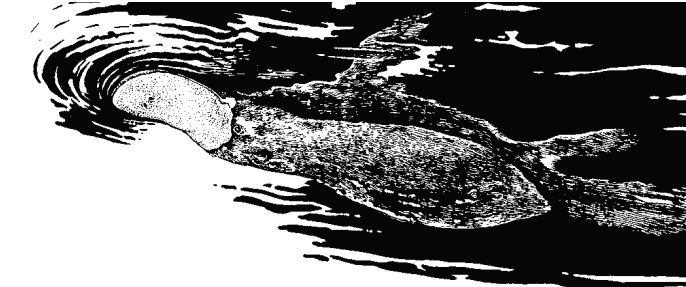
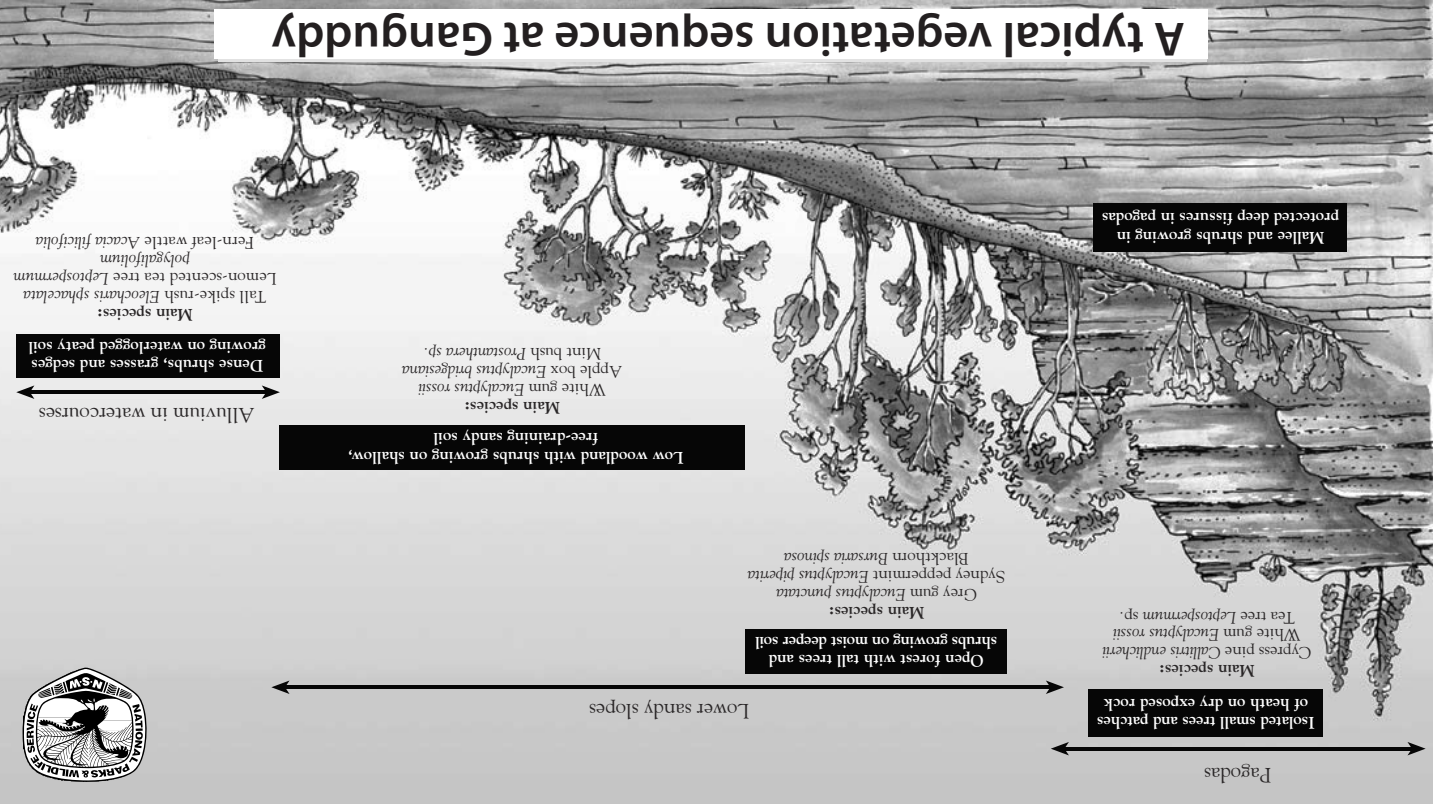
In the camping area, greater  
gliders, the largest of the  
seen emerging from tree  
hollows just as night falls. You  
might also be lucky enough to  
spot a platypus (left).

Upon the pagodas a form of heath grows in the detritus filled  
depressions. Many rare or vulnerable species have been recorded  
here, perhaps because they are protected from bushfires by  
the rock expanse around them. For the same reason the native  
cypress pine which is easily killed by fire is common amongst  
the pagodas.

Along the edges of creeks and waterways a dense mass of  
shrubs, grasses and sedges take advantage of abundant mois-  
ture and sandy peaty soil.

An open forest of tall eucalypts and angophoras with an under-  
story of shrubs tends to grow close to the base of the pagodas  
where plants take advantage of rainwater draining off the large  
expanses of rock. Soils tends to be deeper here because it is  
closer to the rock surface from which it is derived.

Much of Ganguddy area is covered by low woodland grow-  
ing on relatively shallow sandy soil. The shallower the soil the  
sparser the vegetation becomes. The trees are mostly euca-  
lypts, acacias, and cypress pines.



Geologically this area lies near the western edge of the  
Triassic Narrabeen Sandstone formation which was  
deposited about 200 million years ago.

The vegetation varies from open woodland to heath  
and the area is rich in animal life. Eastern grey kangaroos,  
possums, long necked turtles, greater gliders and wombats  
are often seen. If you are lucky you may see platypus in the  
late afternoon or early morning. Over 107 species of birds  
frequent the bush surrounding and on the waterway.

Dunns Swamp offers great opportunities for camping,  
picnicking, canoeing and bush walking; its spectacular  
pagoda rock formations offer great views over the Wollemi.  
A network of walking tracks surround the waterway. They  
are shown and described overleaf. The picnic area includes  
a short walking track suitable for wheelchairs and strollers.  
This walk passes an Aboriginal site that features hand stencils  
that may be over 1,000 years old.

Dunns Swamp, or Ganguddy as it is known to local Wiradjuri  
Aboriginal people, is formed by the trapped waters of  
Kandos Weir, which was built in the late 1920s when the  
Cudgegong River was dammed to provide water for the  
Kandos Cement Works, 25 kilometres away.

Covering nearly 500 000 hectares, Wollemi National Park  
is the second largest park in NSW and includes vast areas  
of rugged and spectacular terrain.

## Dunns Swamp Ganguddy Wollemi National Park



### VISITOR GUIDE

#### Wollemi National Park

# Ganguddy Dunns Swamp

Picnic and camping area



On the Cudgegong River, just 30 kilometres east  
of Rylstone, Dunns Swamp, or *Ganguddy*, is a  
great spot for low-key quiet recreation.

This glorious place is within the traditional  
country of the Wiradjuri people.



When visiting Wollemi National Park,  
please help to preserve our precious natural and  
cultural heritage:

- ♦ Aboriginal sites, places and culture are protected
- ♦ All fauna, flora and rock formations within the park are protected
- ♦ Wildfires can destroy lives and property, so be careful, especially during the bushfire season (usually October to March inclusive). Observe Total Fire Bans and Park Fire Bans. During fire bans use of gas barbecues is illegal
- ♦ Leave pets and firearms at home—they are not permitted in national parks
- ♦ Drive carefully. Vehicles, including motorbikes, must keep to formed public roads
- ♦ No rubbish bins are provided. Take your rubbish with you when you leave the park
- ♦ Please ride bicycles on roads and 4WD trails only—not through revegetation areas, untracked bushland or narrow walking tracks.

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### Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

On Wednesday 29 November 2000, the 24th session of the World  
Heritage Committee of UNESCO unanimously agreed to inscribe  
the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area on the World  
Heritage List- the fourth area in NSW to be included.

The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWAH) is one million hectares of remote wilderness, scenic rivers and mountain ranges. It includes seven national parks (Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd, Gardens of Stone, Wollemi, Nattai, Yengo, and Thirlmere Lakes) and the Jenolan Caves Karst Conservation Reserve.

The conservation values recognised by the listing include globally outstanding biodiversity of plant and animal communities. The area's vegetation is dominated by Australia's unique eucalypts – 100 species are found in the GBMWAH, as well as other ancient relict species of global significance including the recently discovered Wollemi pine.

For information on the World Heritage Convention and Australia's  
World Heritage properties go to  
[www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au).



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Pagoda rock formations near Dunns Swamp.

Camping at Dunns Swamp

- ◊ Camping fees of \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child (5-15 years old) per night are paid on site by self registration. Please bring sufficient change to pay correct fee as there is no collector on site. Sites cannot be booked.
- ◊ Eight composting toilets are available. Please use these facilities. Please take your rubbish away.
- ◊ Showers and drinking water are not provided.

On the water

- ◊ Riverboat cruises and canoe hire is available on weekends and holidays (October to April)
- ◊ Small powerboats must conform with NSW Maritime regulations, including 4 knot speed limit (at maximum a fast walking pace).
- ◊ Diving and jumping into the water is not permitted at Ganguddy (or anywhere else in Wollemi National Park.)
- ◊ Golden perch, Murray cod and catfish can be caught at Ganguddy.
- ◊ When fishing in NSW waters, both freshwater and saltwater, you are required by law to pay the NSW / Recreational Fishing Fee and carry a receipt showing the payment of the fee. Call 1300 550 474 for more information, or 1300 369 365 to purchase a licence.



Problems?

- ◊ Rylstone Police (02) 63 791 000 (24hr)
  - ◊ NRMA Kandos (02) 63 794 204
- There is limited NEXT G only mobile phone coverage at Dunns Swamp.

Dam water should be boiled before drinking.

- ◊ Chain saws, generators and dogs are not allowed in national parks.
- ◊ Please do not use soaps or detergents in or near the water
- ◊ Barbecues and a limited amount of firewood are provided. Large groups should bring their own firewood. Please use the fireplaces provided and do not collect firewood on site: fallen timber is vital animal habitat.

Please respect the rights of other campers. Keep noise and music to a minimum, especially at night.

Dunns Swamp walks

Walk	Distance (return)	Time (return)	Grade	Features
Platypus Point	800 metres	20 minutes	very easy level walk.	Great views across the water, ends at popular rocky point.
Weir Walk/ Long Cave Circuit	4.5 kilometres	1 hour and 45 minutes	Moderate. Steep steps in several places.	Beautiful views up the waterway. Expansive vista of surrounding mountains. Turtle and platypus sightings possible, especially near the dam wall.
Pagoda Lookout	1.8 kilometres	50 minutes	Two difficult rock scrambles. Care required.	Best view of volcanic remnants and amazing sandstone formations. Caution required at cliff edges
Waterside Walk/ River Gauging Weir Circuit	5.5 kilometres	2 hours	Easy, almost level	Relaxing tour of the riverside and woodlands. Best glimpses of waterbirds and wildlife.
Campsite Rocks	500 metres	15 minutes	Easy, almost level walk	Gravelled walk alongside dramatic irregular cliffines. Passes Aboriginal site, greater gliders seen during night walks.

