

The Pines Pastoral

Favourite Walks



Departing from The Pines by car and heading down Meryla Road into Morton National Park we suggest 7 walks. These are not tourist trails. These are favourite walks of the locals and worth discovering.

1. Aboriginal Stone.
Stop at second bridge after entering Meryla State Forest. Walk upstream on the right bank for about 50 metres. Rock platform with grooves.

2. Waterfall Gunrock Creek.
100 metres past second bridge turn left then 300 metres further turn left again. Proceed to "parking area" just before pond. Walk down creek (overgrown path on right bank) to waterfall. Great view if you walk along cliff top on right side of creek.

3. Coal Mine - Bat Colony- Glow Worms.
Proceed down Meryla road to Sandy Creek pond. Turn left immediately after pond to "carpark". Walk along Firetrail path for about 600 metres. Track ends at the cave mouth. Cave is about 50 metres along, wet floor, glowworms on wall and small bat colony inside. Also vertical shaft found adjacent to cave mouth.

4. Crankeys Creek Waterfall (No track).
Leave car on Meryla Firetrail. Walk through bush heading east for about 1km following the escarpment to Crankeys Creek. Spectacular view, rock platform and swimming hole. Walk takes about 1 to 1.5 hours each way.

5. Rebecca's View Lookout.
Spectacular lookout over Sandy Creek. Take 4WD (or walk from Meryla Pass to "Rebecca's View Firetrail"). At the carpark at the end of the Firetrail walk south 50 metres until you find a concrete platform for steam winch. It is possible to descend into Sandy Creek with the help of a cable attached to a tree just below the platform. Descent is rough. On reaching Sandy Creek note the undisturbed Cedar trees. It is possible to walk upstream through waterfalls, through rainforest terrain to the top of the escarpment. It is also possible to climb safely on the left side of the waterfall and then make your way up to Meryla Road. This walk takes about 5 - 6 hours. No tracks. Spectacular but difficult terrain.

6. Old Road to Shoalhaven Heads.
Scenic road built in convict times. Intact stone embankments, orchids in season, rocky outcrops, waterfall and rainforest. Take Meryla Road. Leave car at Meryla Pass. Walk down the pass to turnoff marked by sign: "This road is blocked by Lake Yarrunga". (point 6. on map) Proceed down the road. Return same route.

7. Meryla Pass Lookout.
Panoramic view of Shoalhaven Valley. Go on about 100 metres past Meryla Pass to "Wombat Hill Lookout Firetrail".

