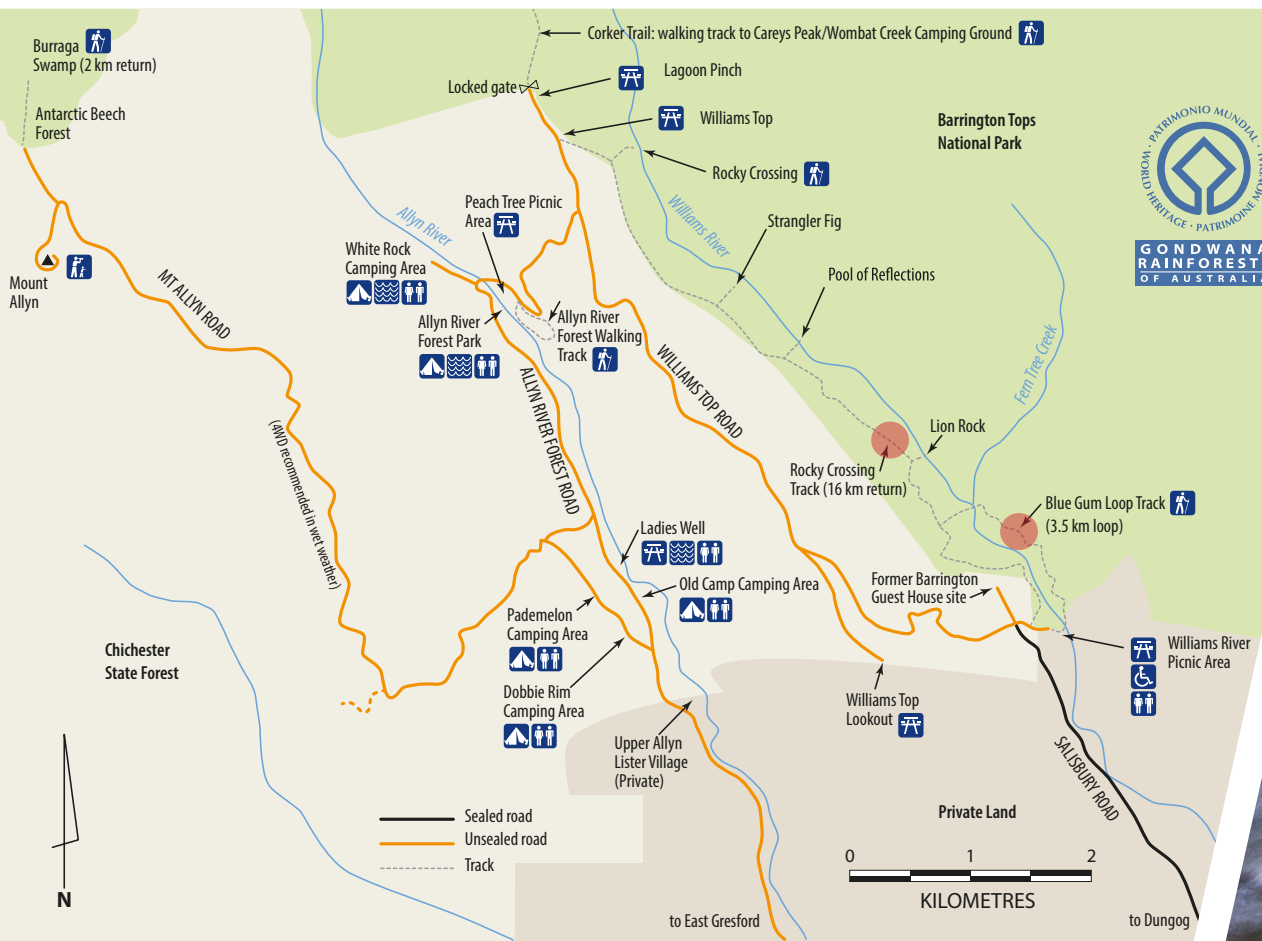


BLUE GUM LOOP & ROCKY CROSSING WALK

There are two points of entry for the upper Williams walks. The most popular is the Williams River Picnic Area where there is parking, picnic shelters, a gas BBQ and a toilet. There is a paved pathway offering disabled access to a bridge over the river gorge.

Alternatively take the Williams Top Road towards Lagoon Pinch and stop at the Williams Top carpark. This point provides the easiest and quickest access to the fabulous Rocky Crossing attractions.



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LOOKOUTS & VIEWS

The two bridges on Blue Gum Loop offer elevated views of the wild river below – an invitation to 'postcard' photography...

This whole area is a photographer's paradise – forest, river, wildlife, ferns and mosses, fungi, insects, giant bluegums...

It is especially beautiful after rain.

POINTS OF INTEREST

At Rocky Crossing a tributary stream enters the river over a 'curtain' waterfall, and a few minutes upstream in the river there are cascading falls and a deep pool, all surrounded by rainforest rich in vines and ferns.

**For more information call the Dungog Shire Visitor Information Centre
02 4992 2212 or check visitdungog.com.au**

*Blue Gum Loop &
Rocky Crossing Walk*

A breath of fresh air

BLUE GUM LOOP

3.5KM LOOP (1.5 HRS)

This walk takes an hour or two depending on stops along the way. After crossing the high footbridge over the river, the trail meanders through mostly regrowth forest crossing deeply shaded side streams. At the major tributary Fern Tree Creek there is a rest area and opportunity for up-creek exploration. Then the trail re-crosses the river – with superb views from the bridge and nearby – and passes through grand rainforest.



ROCKY CROSSING WALK

8KM ONE WAY (4HRS ONE WAY WITH DIVERSIONS TO ATTRACTIONS)

This trail is for the more experienced bushwalker.

From a marked entry point alongside the entrance road to Williams River picnic area, or from the Blue Gum Loop, this trail runs through flat-to-undulating dark-forested wilderness for about eight kilometres – to the exceptional natural world of Rocky Crossing's cascades and pools. Turn-offs lead a short distance to two outstanding rainforest-enveloped river viewing points - Lion Rock and the Pool of Reflections.

Take care with navigation – fallen trees and vines may at times block the trail.

Alternatively, take the short (but steep) there-and-back route from Williams Top picnic area. With a car shuttle a one-way downhill trip is possible starting from the Williams Top carpark.

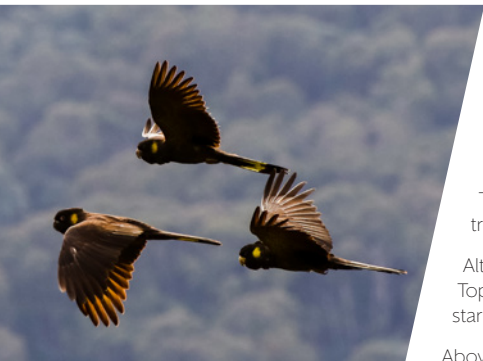
Above Williams Top is the Lagoon Pinch carpark, which is the take off point for wilderness bushwalks including the "Corker" track. This walk climbs steeply for 11km (one-way) to the spectacular views from Careys Peak and remote camping sites. For experienced bushwalkers only.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Heavy rainfall in the upper Williams catchment can generate high and fast water flow at Rocky Crossing and all points downstream, with dangerously strong currents. Take care near the water and supervise children closely at all times. Rock surfaces along the river can be exceedingly slippery, especially when wet. **Tread cautiously.**

A simple means of deterring leeches is to remove shoes and socks, apply insect repellent to bare feet, ankles and calves, then put footwear back on, rolling up trouser legs above ankle height. A leech on your skin can simply be prised off with a fingernail, then eased off the finger with a small stick. As mobile phones may have no reception in the area please adopt a low-risk approach to your enjoyment – it may take hours before emergency services can be contacted and hours for them to arrive.

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted in National Parks.



At the Rocky Crossing trail junction turn left to return about 800 m to the start. Along the way there are unsignposted side tracks that lead a short distance to idyllic rest spots by the river.



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