

6. Wollemi National Park – Bob Turners Track to the Colo River

A well maintained track that allows you to experience the remoteness of the wild Colo River.

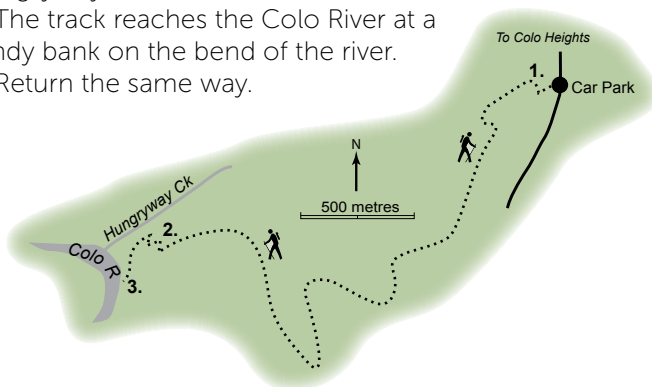
Grade: Medium
Time: 3 to 4 hours return
Distance: 6 km
Topographic map: 1:25000 Colo Heights, Mountain Lagoon

Getting to the Start

Take the Putty Road to Colo Heights about 16km after the Colo River Bridge. After a further 500m turn left onto a fire trail marked with an NPWS sign 'Bob Turners Track - Wollemi National Park'. Drive along the firetrail for 3km to a parking area. Leave cars here.

Walk directions

1. The well graded and easy to follow track descends on the western side of the carpark.
2. At an obvious flatter saddle the track swings to the right and steepens as it heads in the direction of Hungryway Creek.
3. The track reaches the Colo River at a sandy bank on the bend of the river.
4. Return the same way.



Wollemi Pine... one of the world's oldest and rarest trees

In 1994 NPWS park ranger Dave Noble was abseiling the remote creeks of Wollemi National Park with a group of friends. He came across an unusual grove of pines and took a small fallen branch back for identification. So was discovered a tree that botanists had presumed extinct for around 2 million years. The Wollemi Pine has been found growing in only 3 locations in the park. Some of the older trees may be more than 400 years old. These locations are kept secret because of the fragile habitat. If you want to see some propagated plants the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden at Mt Tomah has trees on display..you may even be able to buy a couple and plant your very own 'Dinosaur Tree'..

