

ANIMAL LOOP WALK

An easy walk but the ground is uneven in places.
TIME: 10 minutes to all day depending on how long you spend talking to the animals

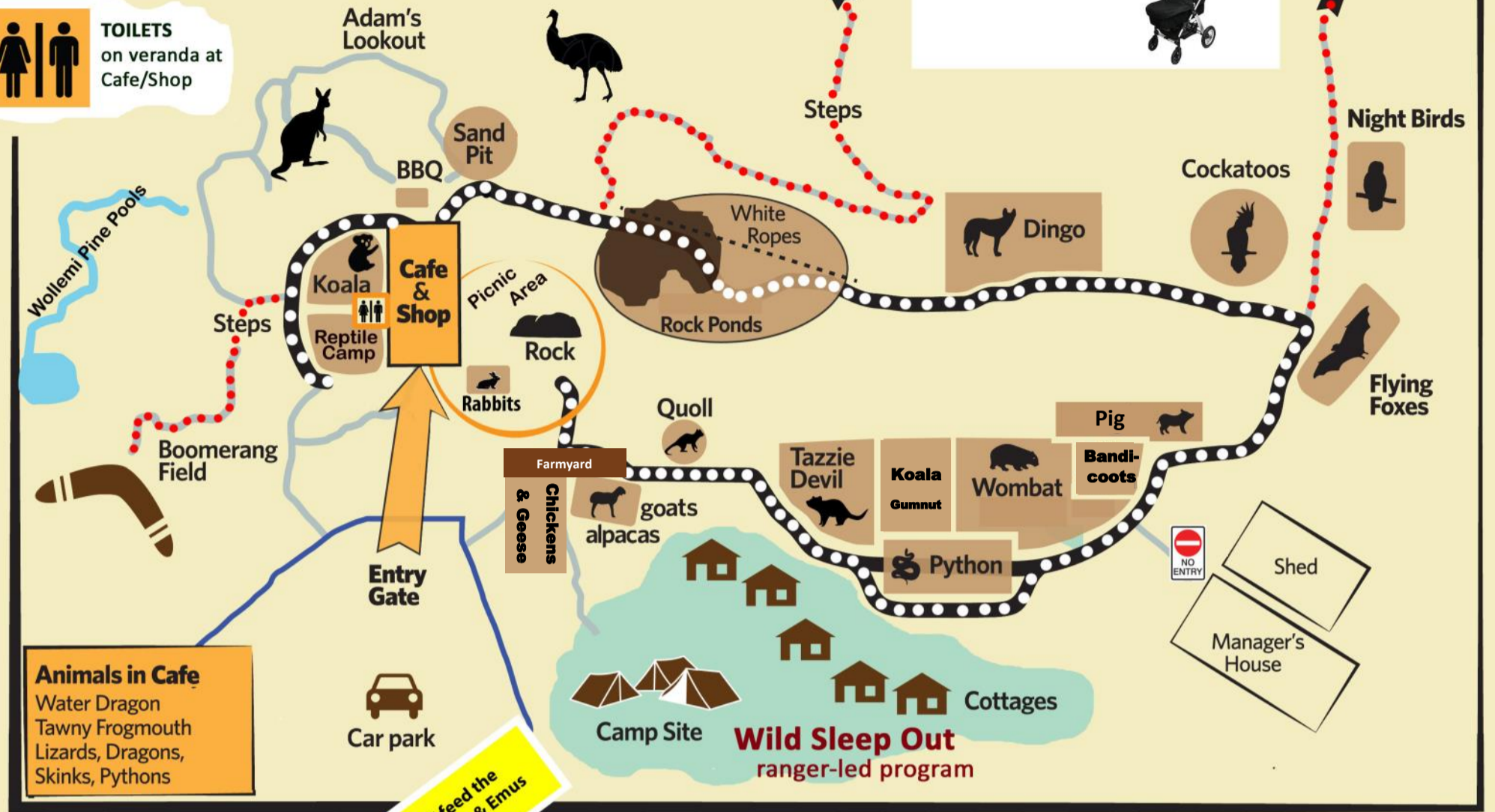
Stay on the paths
 Hold children's hands
 You must have a mobile phone with you
 Phone 43751100 for assistance

TOILETS
 on veranda at
 Cafe/Shop

Prams on Animal Loop Walk ONLY
 BIG wheel prams are recommended.
 Small wheeled prams can get around,
 but with some difficulty.

Bush walk via Board Walks

Bush walk to Aboriginal Sites



BIRD HERO-FIGURE:

A creation deity. The spear in its back points to a very important site across the valley at Mt White.

WALLABY:

The wallaby is similar to another wallaby about 1km away. Both their tails are at an unusual angle and point to each other. Where the two tail-paths meet there is permanent fresh water.

CRESCENT MOON:

Look around on the rocks to find small circles with raised centres. Aboriginal people often use shapes in nature to tell part of their stories. It is likely that the stories told here are about the night sky.

SANDSTONE SHELTER:

Sandstone is soft and, over thousands of years, can be hollowed out by wind and rain. Darkinjung and Guringai people did not build houses. Instead, they used natural shelters, or made 'humpies' with sticks, leaves and rope made from tree bark.

HAND-STENCIL CAVE:

The hands are small, but people were smaller hundreds of years ago. These are probably adult women's hands.

ABORIGINAL SITES WALK

NO prams or wheelchairs

TIME: 30-45 minutes round trip

Although an easy walk, the paths are very uneven in places. More than half the route is shaded from the sun. Steps are easy to navigate. The animals in this section are shy and well camouflaged. Look out for small wallabies and, in warm weather, goannas.

ABORIGINAL SITES

This is Darkinjung and Guringai country. Respect these ancient sites. They are thousands of years old. Help us to preserve them for future generations.

DIFFERENT STORIES

The stories our rangers tell and the traditions they describe are from the best information our Cultural Advisers have been able to give us. There are gaps in the knowledge because many elders in this area close to Sydney died (from introduced diseases when Europeans settled in Australia after 1770) before they could hand down all their stories. Because of this, knowledge today is not 100% accurate or complete. It is also important to note that the Aboriginal people of Australia are not all from the same nation or mob. Different mobs have different, although sometimes similar, traditions and stories. So if you hear something today that is a bit different from what you have been told, this may be why. Please share your stories with us so that we can learn from them too.



MT WHITE LOOKOUT WALK

NO prams or wheelchairs

TIME: 50-90 minutes round trip

The paths are very uneven and quite rocky in places. Much of the track crosses high ground with little shade and can be very warm. The Mt White steps are steep with handrails on both sides. You are unlikely to see mammals, but look out for Cunningham skins in the rocky outcrops in summer.

PENALTIES FOR DAMAGING ABORIGINAL SITES

Do not damage or interfere with any Aboriginal sites in any way. Aboriginal sites are protected by NSW State and Federal Law. If you damage a site, or allow someone else to do so, you will be prosecuted and the law provides for heavy fines and jail sentences.

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