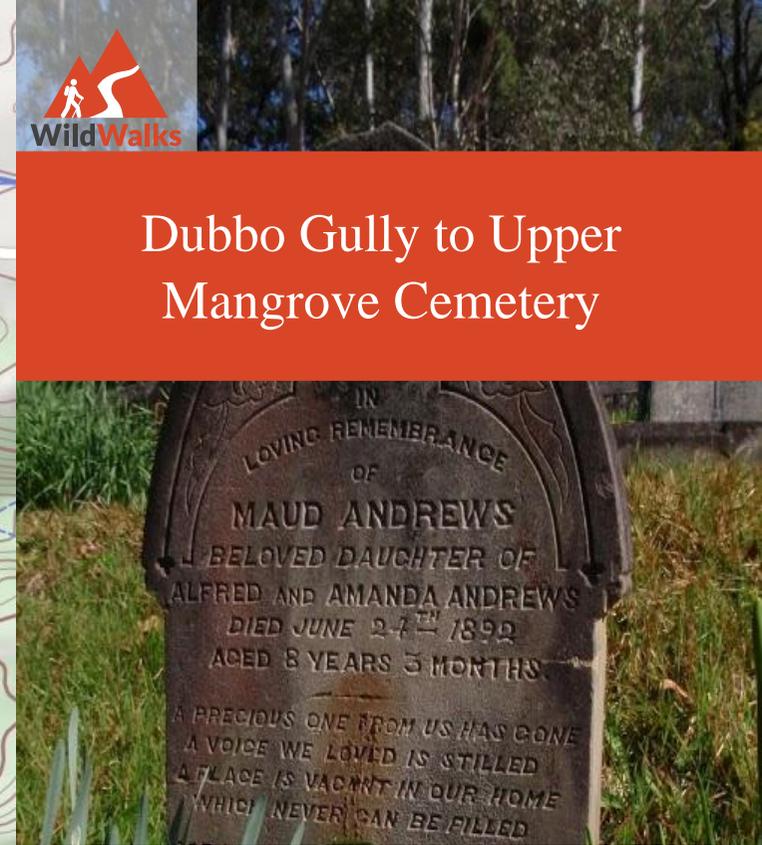
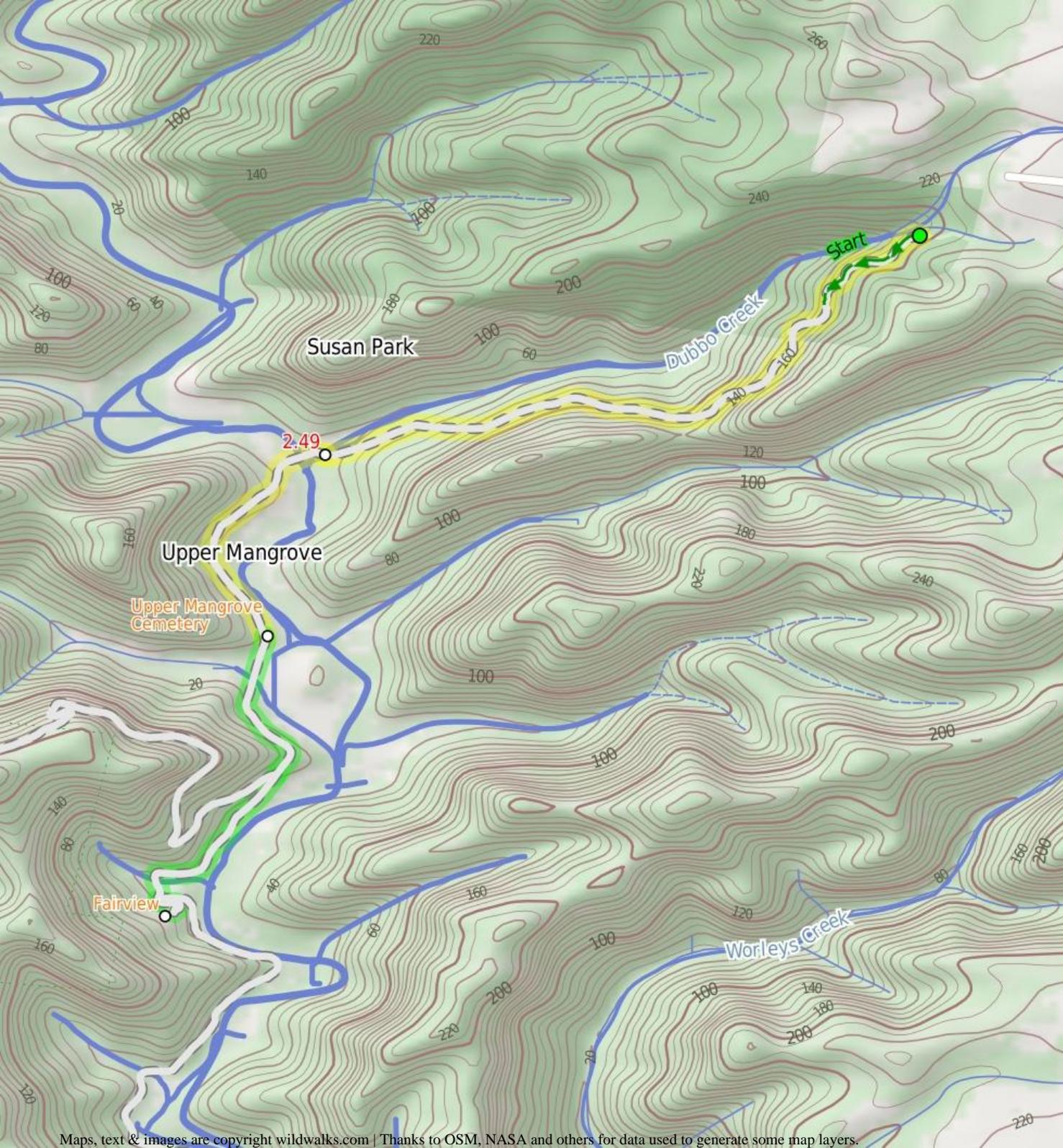


## Dubbo Gully to Upper Mangrove Cemetery



**3 hrs 15 mins**

**Moderate track**

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**7.2 km Return**

**450m**

An interesting walk with some great scenery, going to the small and interesting, historic cemetery at Upper Mangrove. Evidence of Aboriginal activity in the area stretches back at least 5000 years. Early European settlement in the area was concerned with timber, and produce farming, before the area also became established as a stop-off for travelers on the Great North Road.

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### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Dubbo Gully Rd car park (gps: -33.293, 151.1512). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/dgtumc>

### 0 | Dubbo Gully Rd car park

(2.5 km 1 hr 2 mins) From the car park (a small clearing about 450m along the unsignposted Dubbo Gully Rd. Dubbo Gully Rd is found a by turning left off Waratah Rd when it becomes unsealed, about 4km from Mangrove Mountain shops), the walk follows the management trail down the hill and soon passes around a gate. There are some beautiful rock overhangs and scenery along this section of the walk. The walk continues to wind down the hill for a long while and eventually reaches the signposted intersection with the 'Upper Mangrove Creek Rd' (just before a bridge).

### 2.49 | Int of Dubbo Gully Rd and Upper Mangrove Creek Rd

(1.1 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail (now Ten Mile Hollow Rd) and immediately crosses the longer bridge (leaving the shorter bridge with a gate to the right). The walk meanders along the trail for some time, passing an old '134' sign to the right and a few old orange trees to the left. Soon after passing under some high voltage power lines, the walk arrives at a historic cemetery.

### 3.6 | Upper Mangrove Cemetery

The Upper Mangrove Cemetery is on the western bank of Mangrove Creek, near the junction with Newmans Creek. The cemetery was part of St Thomas' Church of England, however the church building was destroyed in the 2002 bushfires. Exploring the cemetery gives a glimpse into the history of the valley. You will find the stone remembering Alfred and

Amanda Andrews who built 'Fairview' in 1922 and read of the loss of Leslie Starkey's parents in 1913. On the other side of the road, up the hill, is the remains of of the old St Thomas' Church building. [More info.](#)

### 3.6 | Optional sidetrip to Fairview Homestead

(1.7 km 33 mins) Continue straight: From the cemetery, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, leaving the cemetery to the left. The trail meanders along the valley for some time, passing a swampy area to the right and a large grassy clearing to the left. A short distance later, the walk reaches the signposted intersection with 'Donny's Track'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill. The walk soon passes around a gate and continues a little further, passing around a swampy area to the left and immediately arriving at an intersection near a gate. The trail behind the gate leads to an old abandoned house and shed, which could provide some shelter. Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk passes around the gate and follows the management trail steeply up the hill. The trail soon arrives at an old, abandoned house. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

### 3.6 | Fairview

Fairview (550 Ten Mile Hollow Rd, Mangrove Creek) is a property with a homestead, built in 1922 by Alfred Andrews. The homestead and adjoining slab hut are now fenced to protect them, however the large corrugated iron shed on the south side is still open. The homestead was once a popular rest area for people traveling the North Road, via the Simpson track. The home was privately owned until 1973 when Gosford City Council acquired the land to protect the catchment area. The home was rented until 2002, when the tenants moved due to the threat of bushfires. The building is now in poor condition and the 'Friends of Fairview' are exploring ways to save the building and restore the history of the valley. [Save Fairview](#) [More info.](#)

