

Lovetts Pools



1 hr 15 mins

Hard track

3 km Return

↑ 75m

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This walk takes you to a small but picturesque waterhole above Lovett Bay. You start with a short walk along a management trail, with an optional side track to an Aboriginal engraving site. Then continuing along the wide trail a little further, you'll turn left and following a couple of fainter tracks through the heath to the sandstone platform and creek. At the pool, there are a series of small cascades and a view over Lovett Bay, a lovely place for lunch before retracing your steps back to the car.

95m

161m

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

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 Elvina Track carpark (gps: -33.6433, 151.2621). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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/u>

0 | Elvina Track carpark

(160 m 3 mins) From Elvina Track car park (on West Head Rd, 1.3km north of General San Martin Dr), this walk follows the management trail around the 'Elvina Track' locked gate, then past the 'Elvina Track' map sign (on the left). This walk continues along the management trail tending right through the scrubby bush. About 70m after leaving the locked gate, the walk comes to an intersection with a narrow track (on your right).

0.16 | Optional sidetrip to Rock Platform

(90 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk leaves the management trail and heads slightly uphill along the narrow track through low heath. After about 50m, the track leads right at a faint Y-intersection and soon comes to the northern edge of a large rock platform. Upon reaching the rock platform, there is a small eucalyptus on your right and further left there is an engraving of an emu. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.16 | Aboriginal Engraving Rock Platform

On the northern end of the rock platform are rock carvings of an emu, large fish and a giant whale. Further to the south, the rock platform contains rock carvings of shields, wallabies, fish, eels, and other shapes that are not easily classified. The entire rock platform appears to have a rare erosional feature called tessellation. This occurs over many thousands of years, resulting in a rock surface that is eroding at different rates, creating divot holes and depressions. [More info.](#)

0.16 | Int of Elvina and Engravings Tracks

(130 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east following the management trail gently downhill, while keeping the lower heath on your right. After about 45m,

the trail leads over a water bar (hump) then comes to an intersection with a faint track on the left. This faint track looks like a water course and is marked with a cairn.

0.29 | Int of Elvina and Fredericks Tracks

(1.1 km 22 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow track gently downhill (that initially looks like a water course), heading north through scrubby bush. This walk continues to follow the track, passing a large heath clearing after about 500m (on the right). This walk then continues to follow the track, until coming to a three-way intersection at about 430m (with an eroded track leading gently downhill to the left, to Lovetts Pool).

1.35 | Int of Fredericks and Lovetts Pool Tracks

(170 m 4 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the eroded track north-west gently downhill. The track leads directly away from the large angophora trees through the dense banksia forest. After about 150m, the track leads to a small creek bed on a large sandstone platform. (Another faint track leads further downstream on the south side of the creek and visits the pools). Be aware of the many unfenced and slippery cliff edges.

1.52 | Lovett Pools

Lovett Pools is the informal name for a lovely set of water holes and cascades at the top of a cliff, above Lovett Bay. The unnamed creek works its way along a sandstone platform forming a couple of larger pools and a series of cascades. There are also many smaller carved holes in the rock, adding interest for the budding geologists. The creek flows over a large cliff forming a tall waterfall just before the Pittwater. The rocks are slippery and there are many cliff edges, please take care.

