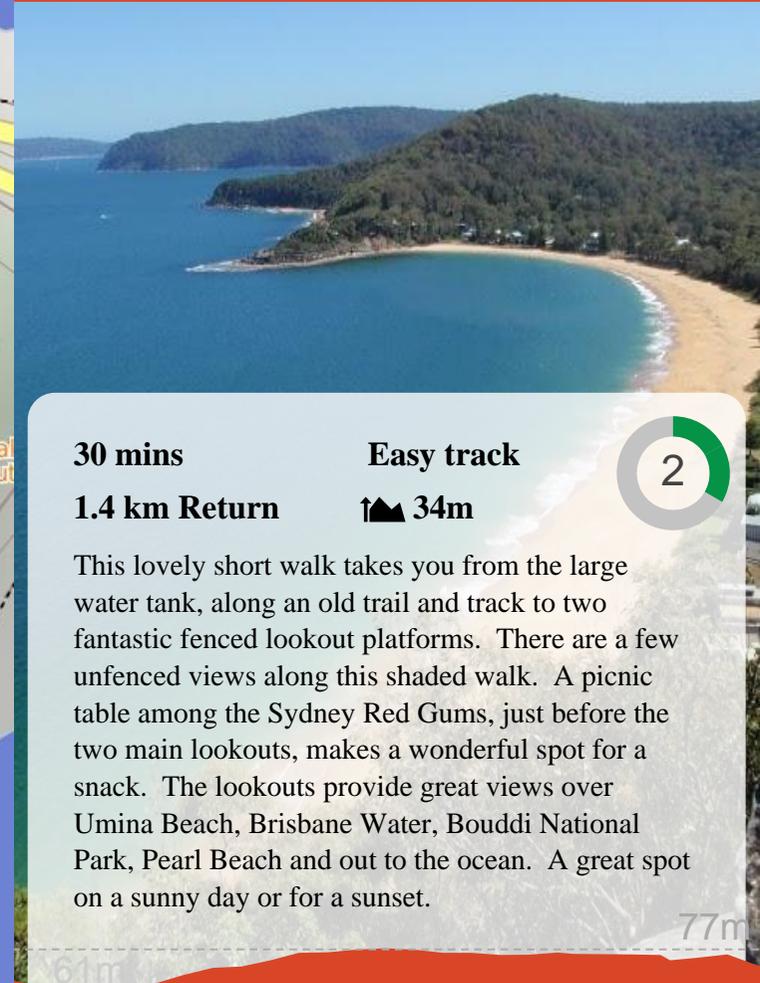


Mt Ettalong Lookout



30 mins

Easy track

1.4 km Return

↑ 34m

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This lovely short walk takes you from the large water tank, along an old trail and track to two fantastic fenced lookout platforms. There are a few unfenced views along this shaded walk. A picnic table among the Sydney Red Gums, just before the two main lookouts, makes a wonderful spot for a snack. The lookouts provide great views over Umina Beach, Brisbane Water, Bouddi National Park, Pearl Beach and out to the ocean. A great spot on a sunny day or for a sunset.



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 walk's 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 Mt Ettalong Water Tank (gps: -33.5363, 151.3061). 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/mel>

0 | Mt Ettalong Water Tank

(520 m 10 mins) From the car park (next to the large water tank beside Patonga Dr, 200m east of Pearl Beach Dr), this walk follows the management trail around the water tank and then around the locked gate. The trail then leads through the bush, passing a few painted 'Lookout' signs. The walk leads passed some lovely Sydney Red Gums and a few tracks off to the side (to informal unfenced viewpoints). The trail continues along the top of the ridge until coming to a turning circle and the end of the management trail, marked by a picnic table on the right.

0.52 | End of management trail

(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the management trail, this walk follows the track up the hill and over the rocky platform. The track continues along the top of the ridge until coming to the 'Lookouts' sign with two arrows.

0.6 | Optional sidetrip to Pearl Beach Lookout

(20 m) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the right-hand arrow on the 'Lookouts' sign to the fenced rock platform with views of Pearl Beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

0.6 | Pearl Beach Lookout

Pearl Beach Lookout is a fenced lookout on a sandstone platform, looking south from Mount Ettalong. The main view below the lookout is along Pearl Beach and the village. There is a great view to Lion Island sitting in the middle of the water. There are also distant views out the heads to the ocean, to West Head, Barrenjoey and up the Pittwater. The views on a

sunny day are amazing.

0.6 | Lookout intersection

(80 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the left-hand arrow on the 'Lookouts' sign, ducking under the Red Gum branch and heading along the top of the ridge. The track soon leads to a ramp and to the fenced Mt Ettalong lookout, with its fantastic views.

0.68 | Mt Ettalong Lookout

Mt Ettalong Lookout is found at the eastern end of Mount Ettalong and is a fenced lookout on a large sandstone boulder. A metal compass plaque helps visitors identify the major landmarks. From the left to right, there are great views along Umina Beach, up the Brisbane Water, across Brisbane Water National Park, Box Head, out the heads to the South Pacific Ocean, Lion Island, Barrenjoey and up the Pittwater. An amazing spot on a sunny day, well worth the walk.

