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Gibraltar Rock

20 mins 858 m Return **†**▲ 17m

Easy track

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This short walk starts near the Willow Tree Picnic Area (near Audley). The walk follows a short section of the historic Lady Carrington Drive to a large sandstone overhang called Gibraltar Rock. At the base of the overhang is a rare sandstone cobble section of road. At Gibraltar Rock, there are also good views along the Hacking River. This a nice way to stretch your legs whilst picnicking in the area.

Royal National Park

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Park

Lady Carrington

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 Lady Carrington Drive gate (Willow Tree) (gps: -34.0793, 151.0552). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

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

0 | Willow Tree

Willow Tree is a picnic area in the Royal National Park. It is found on the south side of Audley, between the old Lady Carrington Drive and the Hacking River. The picnic area has a large shelter with 4 picnic tables, an open grassy area, parking, BBQ's, tap water, garbage bins, recycling and toilets. The picnic area stretches along the river bank and provides a lovely spot to stop and enjoy the park.

0 | Lady Carrington Drive

Opened in 1886 by Lady Carrington, this road was formally named 'Lady Carrington Road' (later changed to 'drive'), and started on the southern side of the then newly constructed Audley weir. The road became popular among people exploring the region. The road follows the Hacking River's east bank and then Bola Creek to Sir Bertram Stevens Drive. Much history has been preserved, with several drinking troughs still filling with water and many sandstone retaining walls still standing. The brooks that the old road crosses have been named using the traditional names of birds, the following is a list with the English name in brackets. Mullion (Eagle), Wurrul (Bee Eater), Burowa (Bustard), Karonga (White Crane), Gorra Worra (Laughing Jackass), Buralga (Native Companion), Kobardo (Parrot), Birumba (Plover), Dirijiri (Wagtail), Murrindum (Quail), Dumbal (Crow), Tamur (Bronze winged Pigeon), Burunda (Swan), Karani (Duck), Palona (Hawk) Brooks.

0 | Lady Carrington Drive gate (Willow Tree)

(430 m 8 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lady Carrington Drive' sign around the locked gate and along the management trail (keeping the picnic area and river to the right). This walk winds along the trail gently uphill for about 400m to step onto the cobblestone section below the overhanging Gibraltar Rocks beside the picnic table.

0.43 | Gibraltar Rock

Gibraltar Rock, Royal National Park, is a sandstone overhang found near the northern end of Lady Carrington Drive. The old road passes under the rocks and is home to a small section of sandstone cobblestone. At this point, the old road offers great views of the Hacking River and across to Wattle Forest picnic area. These and many other sandstone formations, together with the history, make this old road quite interesting to explore. There is a picnic table under the overhang.





Accessibility Profile



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Parking: There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

Toilets: There are 0 toilets on this walk.

Seats: There are 2 seats on this walk. They are 420m apart.

Surface

Rough unsealed road, may be soft after rain. Section of cobblestone under Gibraltar Rock.

Steepness

Mostly flat or gentle slopes. Climb steeper than 1:12 if coming from Willow Tree car park.

This graph shows how steep the track is.









Accessibility Details



(40m)



1 Toilet (0m) Male and female toilet block. Entrance is 67cm wide, hand basins 90cm high, toilet seat 43cm high. Male toilet has a

urinal with 20cm step. No handrails. There's a bigger toilet at the back, entrance is 81cm wide, hand basins 76cm high, toilet seat 47cm high.



3 Trip Hazard (400m) An 8cm trip hazard between dirt and cobblestones.



Picnic Table

4 timber slat picnic tables and bench seats on a large concrete platform. The tables are 79cm high, 93cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 43cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).



4 Picnic Table (420m) A timber slat picnic table and bench seats. The table is 79cm high, 91cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 40cm high, 30cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest).