

Walking the Lake

Eraring Encirclement 2

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Overview and Track Information

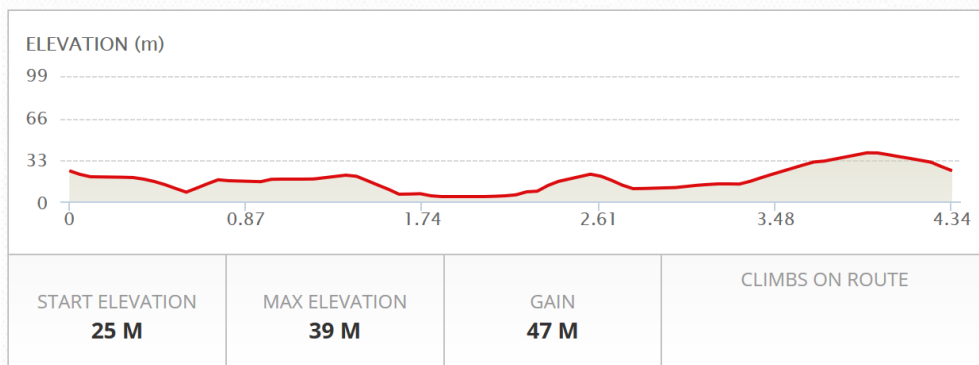
This easy 4.4km circuit is on a mix of road and foot trail surfaces. It encompasses some sweet views of Lake Eraring and a nice walk along the main lake foreshore. It also investigates Pipers Point, with its unique perspective looking into the mouth of Dora Creek.

Meeting Point & Getting There

The meeting point is on Rocky Point Road, Eraring, about 400m east of the Wangi Road bridge. Coming from Morisset, take the Rocky Point Road exit and turn right under the road bridge. The meeting point is on your left just after the south bound on-ramp. There are no public toilets on this walk.

Map and Elevation Profile

The walk begins and ends at the meeting point, which is just below the number 4 on the map.



Background Information

Lt Percy Simpson's E-ra-ring land grant passed through several hands before it was subdivided in 1840 as the town of Newport, with the first subdivision along the northern shore of Lake Eraring. A further subdivision in 1910 by the Excelsior Land Co. established Foreshore, Border, Cross and North Streets, and Point Piper and Rocky Point Roads.

The construction of the Eraring Power Station in the late 1970s effectively turned Eraring into an island. Although the peak workforce during construction was about 2,300 and at completion the station staff was about 600, it had little effect on local population numbers. The isolation meant that many roads fell into desuetude.

The Eraring Public School closed after 90 years in December, 2014, after its last 4 students finished primary school.

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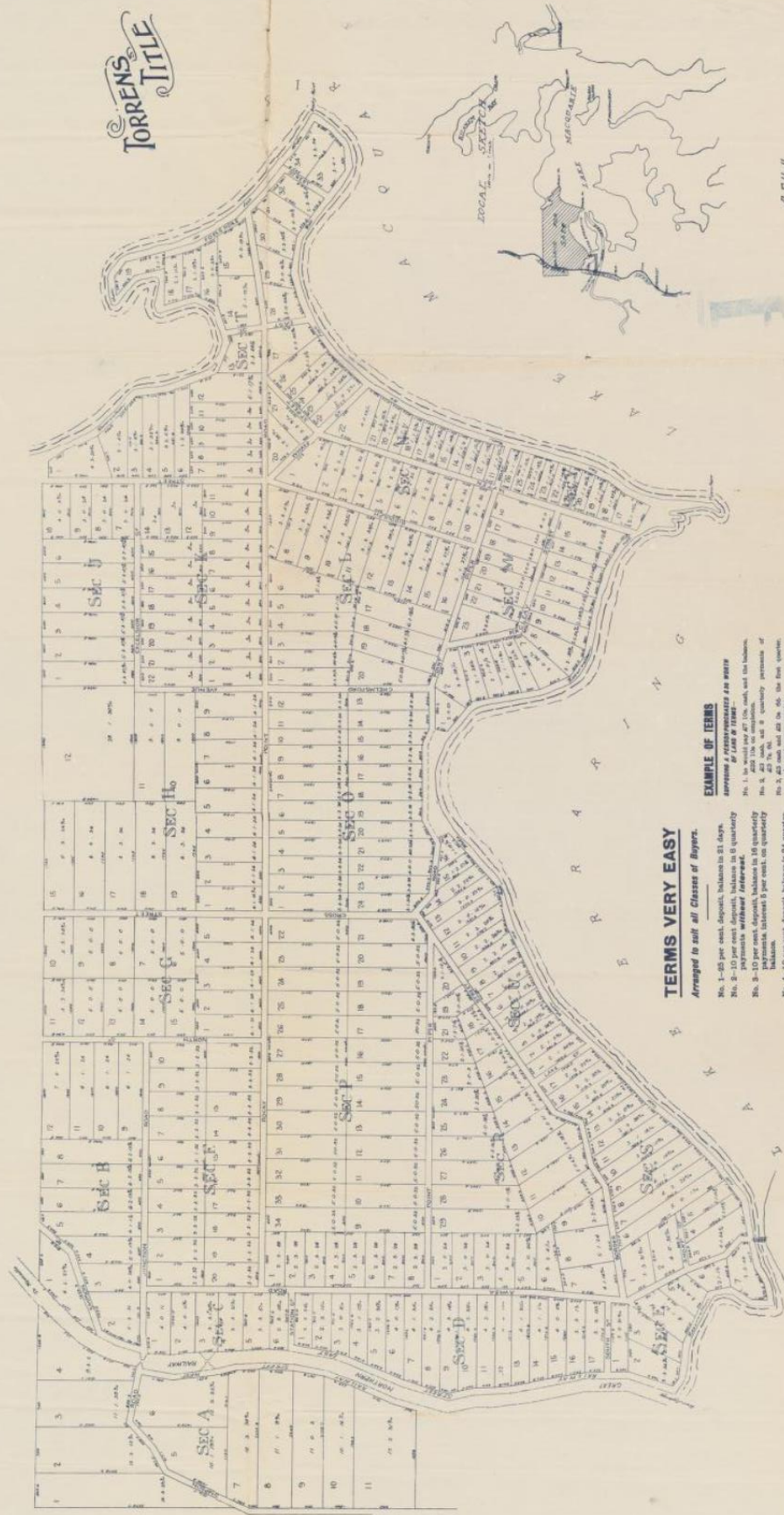
10 minutes walk from Dora Creek Railway Station -
 Midway between Gosford and Newcastle -
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 100 acres in one block - Splendid soil, very suitable for Orchard
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- All dimensions subject to Deposited Plan.
 - All measurements are in Links.

Track notes

From the meeting point cross Rocky Point Road. Opposite the end of the Wangi Road off-ramp is an unsealed vehicular track over a low hump. Take that track, heading south.

Follow the semi-tarred track, Chelmsford Road, for about 600m to the junction with Point Piper Road. Turn left onto Point Piper Road. The Eraring Public School buildings are at the top of the hill to your half left.

After about 100m turn right onto MacLeay Street; note the old Department of Lands walking track sign at the intersection. Follow MacLeay Street around the bend and over the small hill to the intersection with Payten Street. The bend is the first kilometre mark.

Turn right onto Payten Street and head downhill towards Lake Eraring.

At the end of Payten Street is a locked gate onto the foreshore reserve. On your left is a very large mustard-coloured house. Go past the locked gate and follow the vehicular track down the hill and around to the left.

The vehicle track runs parallel to the high ground through a narrow section of the foreshore with a boggy inlet on your right. There are some nice views across Lake Eraring from the shore here, but stick to the vehicle track to get past the boggy inlet. Turn right walk to the point.

You are standing on Pipers Point. Directly opposite is the mouth of Dora Creek, to your right is Lake Eraring. On the left, past the small island, is Stingaree Point. If you face Stingaree Point to your half left you can see Shingle Splitters Point with the tall Norfolk Island pines. Behind Stingaree point is Bonnells Bay.

You have come two kilometres.

Retrace your steps back up Pipers Point and follow the track parallel to the shore of Lake Macquarie. After about 400m the track crosses some rocks at the waterline. You will see another old Department of Lands track marker. Turn left and climb the stairs to the top of the escarpment. At the top of the stairs you will be behind the large mustard-coloured house. Turn right and follow the faint foot track north east.

After about 600m the track descends to the water between another old track marker and an old excavation on your right. The house on your left is the original farm house for a farm that once covered this whole peninsula. The house was built just before WWI for the Mobbs family. Sadly, the farm failed in the late 1920s and the land was subdivided.

Continue along the foreshore; the shoreline on your right is Simpson's Beach. In June 2007 a large portion of this shoreline was washed away in one of the most significant meteorological events in Australian history, the 'Pasha Bulker Storm'.

After about 400m the track passes the end of Point Piper Road and goes through an area of thick tussock. It then crosses a small creek on a sandy section right on the water. Continue along the grassy reserve past several large houses. You have come three kilometres.

In another 300m you will come to the fenced-off end of Wharf Street, with an old road cutting down to the water on your right. Turn left over the locked chain gate onto Wharf Street and follow the street up the hill.

After about 100m, at the top of the hill, cross Payten Street and continue along Wharf Street to the intersection of Wharf Street, Biddulph Street and Rocky Point Road. To the north across Rocky Point Road you can see the fenced-off inspection points for the Eraring Power Station outlet canal and the extension of Biddulph Street that is part of Eraring Encirclement 1.

Turn left onto Rocky Point Road. Follow the road across a small creek and over a steep hill to return to the meeting point. The foot of the hill is the four kilometre mark. Beware of cars on this section; the outlet canal is a popular fishing spot and cars frequently speed along Rocky Point Road.