

Walking the Lake

My, My, My Myuna (Why, Why, Why Myuna)

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Overview and Track Information

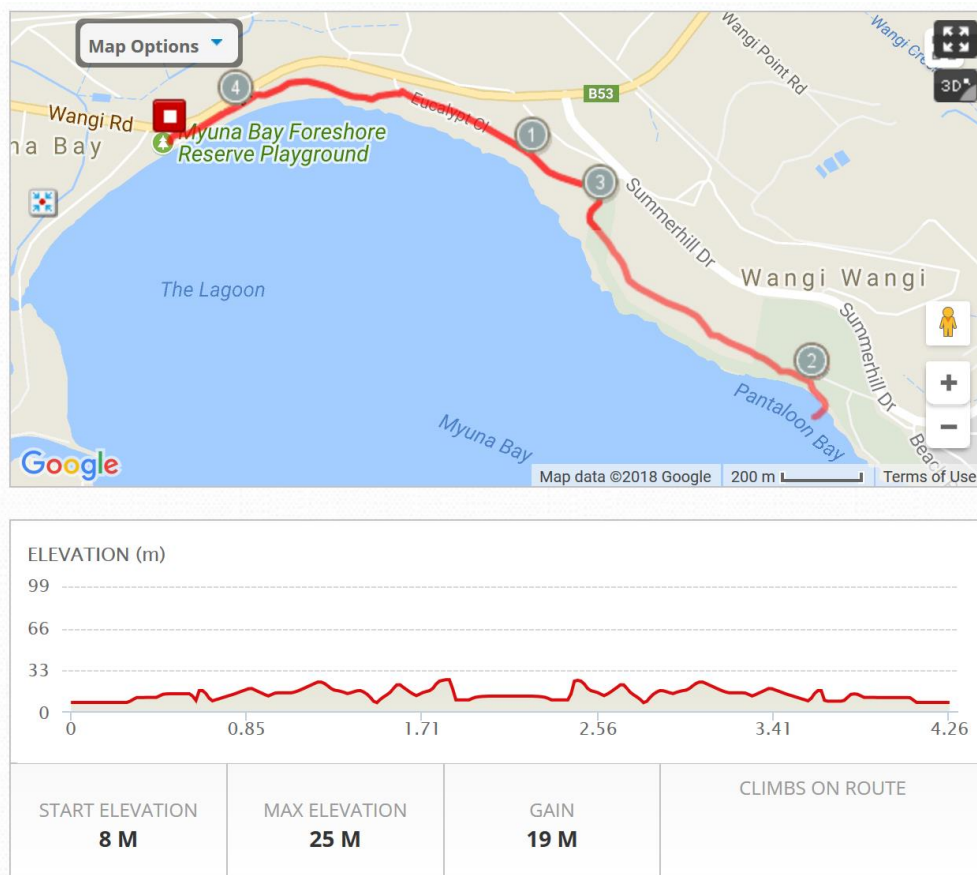
This moderate 4.2km out-and-back walk takes in the northern shore of Myuna Bay. From the lovely foreshore reserve picnic area the walk mostly follows a well-defined foot trail to the Pantaloon Bay jetty, with several short descents and climbs over dry creek crossings. There is one section of about 500m of roadside walking.

Meeting Point & Getting There

The meeting point is the playground in the Myuna Bay Foreshore Reserve, off Wangi Road. There is plenty of space in the reserve car park. There are public toilets at the beginning of the walk.

Map and Elevation Profile

The walk begins and ends at the meeting point, which is the red square on the map.



Background Information

Pantaloon Bay was an early name for Myuna Bay, although exactly why is lost to history. Myuna is an aboriginal word meaning “clear water.”

The concrete jetty is possibly the intake to the 577m horseshoe-shaped A tunnel for cooling water, part of the original infrastructure for the Wangi Wangi Power Station, built in the 1950s.

On 4 December 1943, Pilot Officer K.J. Dusting of 107 Squadron in Rathmines crashed his Vought Kingfisher aircraft in Pantaloon Bay just after take-off. The aircraft overturned, but was towed back to the slipway by the salvage unit. Apparently Pilot Officer Dusting escaped serious injury.



A RAAF Vought Kingfisher from 107 Squadron

Track notes

From the playground walk north up the car park area, keeping the lake on your right. At the end of the asphalt walk through the locked gate.

Keeping in the same general direction walk up the grassy slope towards the trees. Bear slightly left as the trees get closer and the hill gets steeper.

Directly in front of you you will see the beginning of a well-defined foot track. Follow the foot track into the woodland. In wet weather this section is very muddy.

Continue to follow the foot track for 400-500 metres until it goes through a pedestrian gate and joins Eucalypt Close. Turn right onto the road and follow it downhill, away from Wangi Road. As you pass the house with shed at street level containing several boats you are at the one kilometre mark.

Continue on the road to the end of the cul-de-sac. At the Lake Macquarie State Recreation Reserve sign pass through another metal pedestrian gate onto a well-defined but heavily eroded foot track. Follow the foot track downhill.

The track continues to wind through the bush and up and down several hills as it heads generally south-east for about 900m.

The track emerges onto an old asphalt driveway. Turn right onto the driveway and follow it down to the jetty. Take a moment to sit on the end of the jetty and enjoy the view across Myuna Bay to Rocky Point and the Eraring outlet canal.

Retrace your steps to the cars.