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YURAYGIR NATIONAL PARK · UNOFFICIAL OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Practical planner

Three access zones · $8 vehicle entry vs camping · coastal-walk boats and tides · Pebbly Beach 4WD · packing · official NSW National Parks links. Print this page or save as PDF from your browser.

Verify before you go. Fees, boats, tides, track status and closures change. Always check NSW National Parks — Yuraygir and local alerts. Facts on this sheet were checked 13 Aug 2026 (NPWS alerts last reviewed Thu 13 Aug 2026, 10.03am). This is an independent unofficial guide — not NPWS.

Vehicle day entry is $8 per vehicle per day (motorbikes included; pedestrians and cyclists free) on the official park page. Camping is a separate official booking. Annual passes do not cover camping. Snapshot (verify live): All Parks $190 / $335 · Multi Parks $65 / $115 · Country Parks $45 / $75 · Single Country Park $22 / $40 (1 year / 2 years).

1. Before you leave home

Status & weather

- ☐ Yuraygir local alerts checked this morning
- ☐ One access zone chosen — not all three
- ☐ Tide chart saved (Yamba for the walk / north; Red Rock for Pebbly)
- ☐ Boat numbers confirmed with Grafton 02 6641 1500 if walking through rivers
- ☐ Someone knows your plan and return window
- ☐ Emergency+ installed; NSW Parks app maps downloaded offline

Packing (day pack)

- ☐ Water 2 L+ per person (taps are not everywhere)
- ☐ Sun hat + SPF + wind layer
- ☐ Grip shoes that can handle sand and rock
- ☐ Dry bag if any creek or boat crossing
- ☐ Snacks / extra food if swell can stall a beach
- ☐ Phone + power bank + printed tide window
- ☐ First aid / tick awareness
- ☐ Cash/card for vehicle entry and village food

2. Pick one zone (do not collect all three)

Northern

Yamba / Maclean → Angourie, Lake Arragan / Red Cliff, Brooms Head, Sandon.

- Coastal-walk start at Angourie Surfing Reserve
- Grey Cliff is part of Lake Arragan / Red Cliff — not a separate booking
- Cliffs unstable — stay well back

Central

Pacific Hwy south of Grafton → Minnie Water / Illaroo / Wilsons / Wooli.

- Wilsons Headland: 3 km one-way, Grade 3, 45 min–1 hr 15 min
- Illaroo listed with drinking water
- Wooli is the smart mid-walk reset

Southern

Coffs north → McPhillips Road / Barcoongere. Station Creek 2WD-typical. Pebbly is 4WD + low tide.

- Pebbly Beach here is Yuraygir — not Murramarang
- McPhillips Road has logging trucks (no end date on 13 Aug 2026 alerts)
- Station Creek canoe launch / viewing platform is removed until replaced

3. Day-shape decision tree

First visit / one solid day from Yamba
Angourie + Lake Arragan from a safe setback. Do not start a 18 km coastal-walk day.

Best easy walk
Wilsons Headland. Picnic, whale window in season, turn around at the picnic area.

Weekend camp
Book Illaroo or Boorkoom officially. Vehicle entry still required on top of camping.

Family / low energy
Village edges and picnic areas. Park beaches are unpatrolled — check Beachsafe for flagged beaches outside the park.

4–5 day coastal walk
Only if every camp and the Sandon + Wooli boats are booked. Wooli is a valid finish if Corindi cannot be crossed.

Southern 4WD
Pebbly only with high-clearance 4WD and a Red Rock low-tide window. Otherwise Station Creek or Red Rock village.

4. Fee systems (keep separate)

- **A. Vehicle day entry** — $8 / vehicle / day [VERIFY live]. Pedestrians and cyclists free. Annual pass ≠ camping.
- **B. Camping** — official NPWS booking only, extra nightly fee. Check-in 2pm / out 10am at Lake Arragan / Red Cliff and Pebbly.

- **C. Walks / fishing / marine park** — no walk permit on the current official baseline. Trip Intention Form recommended. NSW fishing licence is statewide. Solitary Islands Marine Park zoning is separate.

5. Coastal walk — boats, tides, segments

Official river-crossing alert (still posted 13 Aug 2026): Wooli 0439 409 909 · Sandon 0429 520 255 · no commercial boat at Corindi / Red Rock. The Brooms Head–Illaroo track page still lists Sandon as 0407 362 118. Confirm both numbers with Grafton NPWS (02 6641 1500, Mon–Fri 8.30am–4.30pm) before you walk.

- Official walk: 65 km one-way, 4–5 days, Grade 4. Start Angourie Surfing Reserve. Finish Red Rock. Best north to south.
- Angourie–Brooms Head 18 km Grade 4 (6–7 hrs) · Brooms Head–Illaroo 18 km Grade 3 (7–8 hrs) + Sandon boat · Illaroo–Wooli 14 km Grade 4 (4.5–5.5 hrs) · Wooli–Red Rock 15.5 km Grade 5 (5.5–6.5 hrs).
- Rock platforms at low tide only. Incoming tide for rivers. Extra food if swell closes beaches.
- Tides: Yamba (walk / north) · Red Rock (official Pebbly link) on tides.willyweather.com.au

6. Pebbly Beach (Yuraygir) — 4WD

- ☐ High-clearance 4WD only, low tide, via Bacoongerie Road (campground spelling) / Barcoongere Way
- ☐ Red Rock tide chart — not a Yamba guess
- ☐ Check-in 2pm / check-out 10am
- ☐ Park-wide visitor-info does not list Pebbly drinking water; the campground page does — pack a full backup
- ☐ McPhillips logging trucks — drive for oncoming heavy vehicles
- ☐ Unpatrolled beach. Station Creek is the 2WD-typical neighbour

7. Communications

- Official: limited mobile reception. Triple Zero needs a signal.
- Download Emergency+ before you leave town.
- NSW National Parks app for offline maps.
- Payphones: coastal villages, caravan parks, Sandon River campground.
- Optional PLB / sat messenger for the multi-day walk or Pebbly / Shelley Head.

8. Alerts snapshot (13 Aug 2026 — not live)

- Angourie Backbeach drone spray 11 Aug–11 Sep 2026 — periodic coastal-walk / Angourie track / Shelley Head closures; day-use stays open.
- Western aerial shooting 24–28 Aug 2026 — coastal camps, day-use and walking tracks stay open.
- Sandon–Rocky Point spray through 30 Aug 2026 — short closures; camps unaffected.
- Station Creek canoe launch / viewing platform removed until replaced.
- McPhillips Road logging trucks — no end date.
- 1080 still listed (program window on the alert is 1 Jan–31 Jul 2026; alert posted through 31 Dec 2026). Pets banned.
- Pigeon Gully spray ended 30 Jul 2026 — do not treat as current.

9. Safety non-negotiables

- Lake Arragan / Red Cliff: stay well back. Do not stand or sit on the rock. Supervise children.
- Park beaches are unpatrolled. Strong rips.
- Do not invent a Corindi / Red Rock boat. Finish at Wooli if the last river is unsafe.
- **Emergency: call 000.** This PDF cannot help with rescue.

10. Official links (verify live)

- **This guide:** www.yuraygirnationalpark.com.au — visit, itineraries, trails
- Park: **NSW National Parks — Yuraygir**
- Alerts: **Local alerts**
- Coastal walk: **Official walk page**
- Camping search: **Official bookings**
- Pebbly Beach (Yuraygir): **Campground page**
- Passes: **pass.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au**
- Grafton office: **02 6641 1500** · Mon–Fri 8.30am–4.30pm · 1300 072 757 contact centre

11. On-site itineraries (full timelines)

- **One day: Angourie & Lake Arragan**
- **One day: Wilsons Headland**
- **Weekend: Illaroo / Boorkoom**
- **Family beaches**
- **4–5 day coastal walk**
- **4WD: Pebbly Beach (Yuraygir)**

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