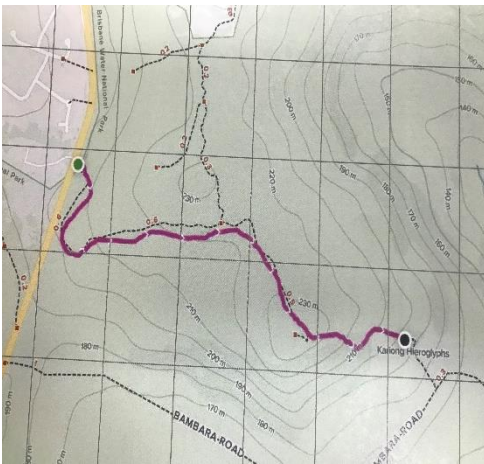


# The Gosford Glyphs

## Trip and Track Notes



Map of route to the Glyphs



The Kariong Fire Centre

### Trip Notes

#### Introduction

The Gosford Glyphs are an extensive set of rock carvings located in sandstone crevices, within Brisbane Waters National Park, close to Kariong, NSW.

There has been much conjecture over the authenticity of the site, with the balance of thought being that the carvings are not authentic.

However, it is still a very interesting and enjoyable place to visit.

#### Access

There are two primary access points to commence at trip to the site. The lower access point starts at the Bambara Track Carpark on Woy Woy Rd (Ref -33.4520836, 151.2913718).

The other access point is via the National Park Gate, opposite the Kariong Fire Station on Woy Woy Road (CP 1 -33.4484128, 151.2930860).

Our adventure starts from the second access point. – “The Road Less Travelled”.



Parking Location on Woy Woy Rd



Track entry off Woy Woy Rd



National Park entry Gate (CP1)



Track Parallel to Woy Woy Rd

### Parking

It is best to park on the verge on the west side of Woy Woy Rd (Ref -33.448638, 151.292523) just south of the Fire Station and then cross the road to reach the National Park Gate.

Be VERY CAREFUL crossing Woy Woy Rd as it can be very busy and vehicles tend to travel at high speeds.

If you do park on the Access Track (Ref -33.4482399, 151.2928969), please DO NOT BLOCK the gate. In times of emergency, the Services need quick and easy access to these gates.

### Facilities

There are no Facilities in the course of the trip or at the destination area. Please ensure you DO NOT leave RUBBISH behind. Take it with you.

“Leave only footprints and take only photos”

### Water

There is no drinking water available in the area, so you need to ensure you carry sufficient water. For suggestions on water usage and other handy items, please refer to the “Equipment Section” of the website.

### Modes of Travel

Walking – the trip is suitable for walking.

Mountain biking – the first section of the trip is suitable for mountain biking. However, bikes will need to be left (and secured) at the end of the first section before commencing the foot tracks of the subsequent sections.

### Navigational Requirements

The second and third sections of the trip are across country along formed foot tracks. However, these tracks can become overgrown and less obvious over time.

The use of a “Navigation App” is very strongly recommended for these sections. Suggestion on suitable “Apps” and their applications can be found in the “Resources Section” of the website.



Top of the long straight (CP3)



The end of the 4WD Track (CP4)



The Trigg Point (CP5)



Northern Ft Tk – easier route (CP6)

It is also highly recommended that a map and compass be carried as a backup. At the very least, a basic understanding of navigation is highly recommended for anyone venturing into the bush. Further information regarding “Bush Navigation” can be found in the “Skills Section” of the website.

#### Specialised Equipment.

There is no specialised equipment needed for this trip. However, a suggested list of “standard” equipment and other information can be found in the “Equipment Section” of the website.

#### General Safety

The “bush” is a foreign and uncontrolled environment in which you need to use common sense and due care to ensure your own safety, the safety of those with you and the safety of those with who you may come into contact.

By being alert but not alarmed, you will make your trip safe and enjoyable for all concerned.

There are a number of hints and ideas contained in the “Safety Section” of the website that can help ensure a safe trip into the bush.

Remember the emphasis for safety is ON YOU ... if you can't accept it, don't go!!!

### **Track Notes**

Approximate Return Distance – 2.8km

Approximate Return Travel Time – 3.0 hours  
(very easy pace)

#### Degrees of Difficulty:

1. Overall – Easy (3)
2. Sections :
  - Section 1 – Easy (3)
  - Section 2 – Easy (5)
  - Section 3 – Moderate (1)

Start Point : National Park Gate off Woy Woy Rd at Kariong (CP 1 -33.448413, 151.293086)

End Point : Back at the Start Point



Southern Ft Tk – more challenging



Junction of foot tracks (CP 7)



Area of descent from CP 7



Top of rocks near the Glyphs (CP 8)

Course:

**Section 1 – 4WD Track – Approximately 1050m**

- A. From the Start Point, follow the Lyre Trigg Fire Track (4WD). The track runs pretty much parallel to Woy Woy Rd for about 200 metres.
- B. The track then turns to the east (to the left) in a long bend, before commencing a straight section that runs for about 450 metres.
- C. At the end of the straight (CP 2 -33.449171, 151.297972), the track turns almost due south (to the right) and continues for about another 300 metres to the track end (CP 3 -33451354, 151.299707).
- D. The track ends in a large sandstone area, where the Trig Point (CP 4 -33.451459, 151.299074) is located.

**Section 2 – Foot Tracks – Approximately 450m**

- E. Approximately 50m from the end of the 4WD track, two small foot tracks can be seen on the north side (right hand side).
- F. Both of these lead across to the top of the Glyphs.
- G. The first of these, being the northern track (CP 5 -33.451275, 151.299724) is more defined and provides an easier walk across the area.
- H. The second, more southern track (CP 6 -33.451354, 151.299707) is less defined in places, slightly more challenging and involves a section of rock scrambling at the end.
- I. Both tracks head almost due east through the bush for about 100m. They re-join each other at the end of the large rocks (CP 7 -33.451217, 151.300514). The track then takes a slow, easy descent for 200m, across a large area of bush covered sandstone to the top of the rocks (CP 8 - 33.451744, 151.302311) near the Glyphs.



The North track on top of rocks



The Warning Sign (CP 9)



The climb down to the crevices



The Destination (CP 10)

### Section 3 – Foot Tracks and some Rock scrambling – Approximately 200m

- J. At the top of the rocks (CP 8) the track turns to the north (to the left) and follows a line along the top of the rocks. EXTRA CAUTION needs to be taken over this section as steep drop offs are present in the area of the rocks.
- K. The foot track continues for about 100m, at which point (CP 9 -33.451483, 151.302463) a warning sign is reached. The track continues past this sign for about 30m before starting the final climb/scramble down through the rocks to the crevices that contain the carvings (PC 10 -3.451383, 151.302674)

#### Return.

The return journey follows the same course as travelled but in reverse.

#### Further Information.

If you would like to further clarify any of the Trip or Track information, please email your questions to [Aussieoutdoorkids@mail.com](mailto:Aussieoutdoorkids@mail.com) and we will endeavour to answer as quickly and efficiently as we can.

#### Summary of Check Points

A summary of check points providing Longitude and Latitude Coordinates is provided below.

These can be used with applications such as Google Maps to assist in navigating the route out and back to the Glyphs.

Please be aware that the points these co-ordinates identify may vary slightly from the exact location. They are provide as a guide only.

Further information on how to use these coordinates is provided in both the “Skills” and the “Resources” section of the website.

## Summary Of Check Points

<b>CP</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	-33.448413	151.293086	National Park Gate	Start Point
2	-33.449171	151.297972	End of the long straight on the 4WD track	Turning point
3	-33.4513540	151.299707	End of 4WD Track	
4	-33.451459	151.299074	Trigg Point	
5	-33.451354	151.299707	Start of the northern foot track	Easier foot track
6	-33.451275	151.299724	Start of the southern foot track	More adventurous foot track
7	-33.451217	151.300514	Junction point of foot tracks	Start of slow descent
8	-33.451744	151.302311	Top of the rocks near the Glyphs	Turning point
9	-33.451483	151.302463	Warning sign on top of the rocks	
10	-33.451383	151.302674	The Glyphs	