

Whether walking or mountain bike riding, there is a variety of tracks and trails which provide opportunities to see wildlife and enjoy sweeping views of the dam and Queanbeyan escarpment.

Walks and Rides

S=walk is in southern section of Googong
N=walk is in northern section of Googong

Short Walks

1. London Bridge Walk, 3.4 km return, Easy (S)

The circuit starts at London Bridge car park, crossing the Burra Creek via the London Bridge Arch then takes you to the historic London Bridge Homestead. Return along the fire trail. Both the arch and the homestead are on the register of the National Estate. Refer to the London Bridge brochure for further details.

2. Black Wallaby Loop Track, 2.6 km return Easy (N)

Start at the Downstream Picnic Area and walk parallel to the Queanbeyan River to the dam wall. The walk provides lovely views of the river gorge known as the Cascades. The track climbs gently through thick patches of tea-tree and wattles, crossing a number of moist gullies before emerging into open grassland above the dam. It is a short walk back along the bitumen track to the car park.

3. Cascades Walks, 200 m, Easy (N)

The short river walk takes you down into the Cascades gorge where there are a number of large water holes. The Cascades Lookout and the Dam Wall Lookout are two scenic vantage points. These are both reached by walks of less than 100m from the car park.

4. Shoreline Walk, 4 km return, Easy (N)

This walk takes you along one of the most popular and accessible stretches of shoreline at Googong. It runs close to the high water mark between the Foreshores car park and Shannons Inlet. On still days you may see trout and Golden Perch swimming along the bank in search of food, or find waterbirds roosting and sunning themselves. The walk can be extended by returning via the Western Foreshores Walk (6).

9. Dhurrawarri Buranya Walk 4 km return, Easy (S)

The walk starts and ends at London Bridge Arch. Follow the Queanbeyan River Walk (5) branching off towards Washpen Crossing then north along the Queanbeyan River. Climb up a rocky, wooded ridge then down to the junction of the Queanbeyan River and Burra Creek. The return track follows the remains of an old boundary and 'vermin proof' fence along the ridge. If the river is low it may be possible to cross over the nearby Drawdown Crossing and return along the fire trail.

Long Day Walks and Bike Rides

5. Queanbeyan River Walk, 18 km return, Moderate (S)

The walk starts at the London Bridge car park, crosses the London Bridge Arch then branches onto fire trails, finishing at Flynn's Crossing. It passes through dry sclerophyll forest and roughly follows the Queanbeyan River, with three access points to the river—Washpen Crossing, Gelnignite Crossing and Flynn's Crossing. Return via the same route. No swimming permitted.

6. Western Foreshores Walk/Ride, 19.7 km return, Moderate (NS)

The walk can be accessed from either end of the Googong. The northern trackhead is near the upper Foreshores car park and the southern end is at Tin Hut car park. The track follows fire trails through grassland and open woodland providing many scenic vantage points of the dam and the Queanbeyan escarpment to the east.

7. Bradleys Creek Walk, 14.2 km return, Moderate (N)

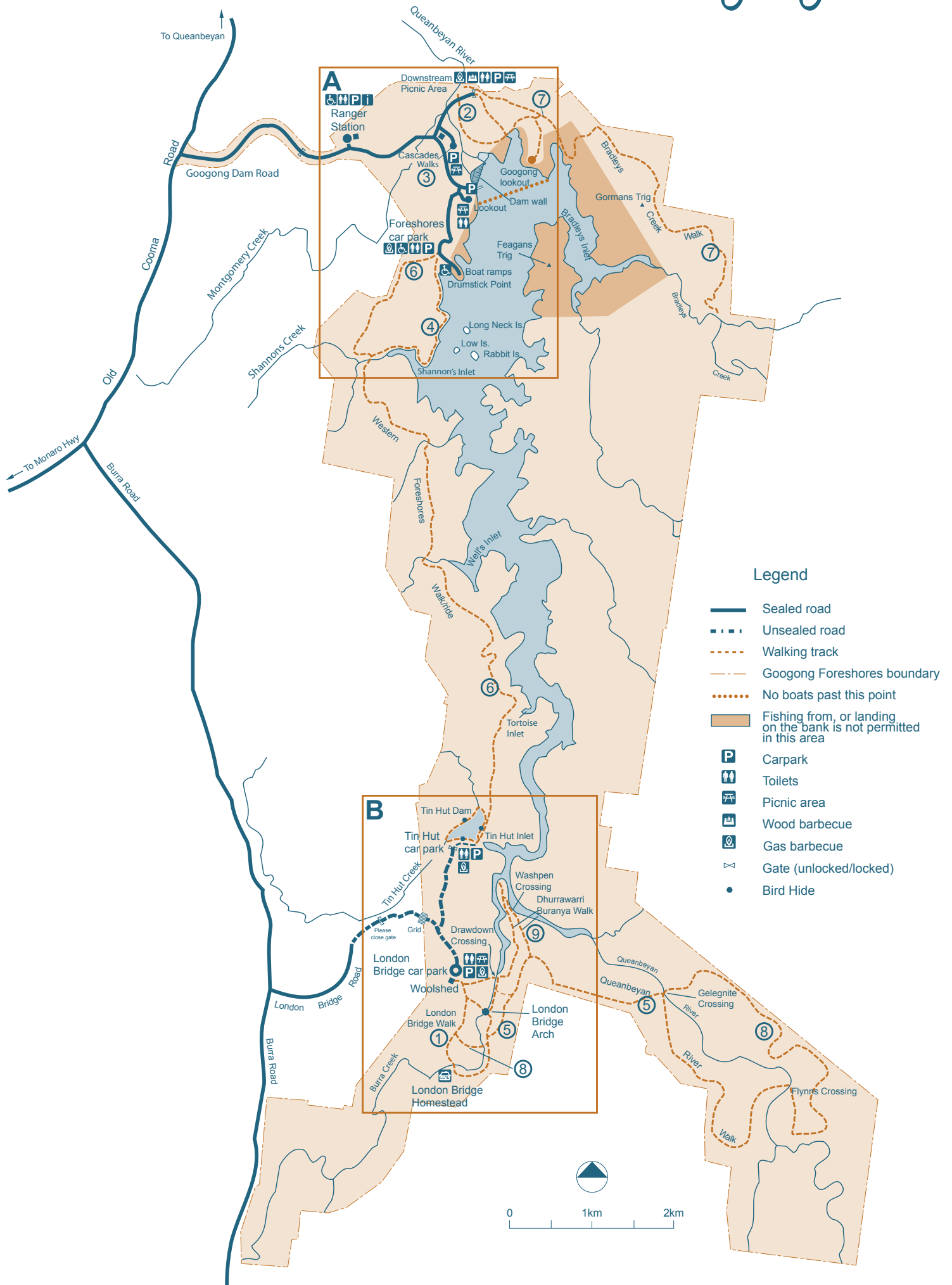
Starting at the Downstream Picnic Area the track initially follows a route marked by directional posts. The walk then follows fire trails, skirting the northern shore to the dam before climbing steeply up the Queanbeyan escarpment to Gormans Trig. From here it is a relatively easy walk to Bradleys Creek which is typical of the steep sided creeks bisecting the escarpment. The short detour to Googong Lookout on the way provides panoramas to the of the northern part of the reserve and dam.

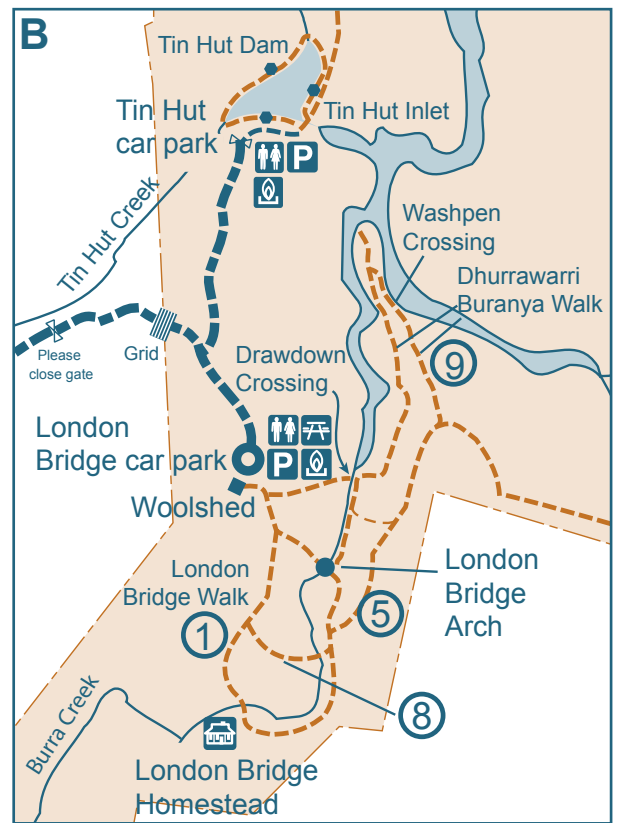
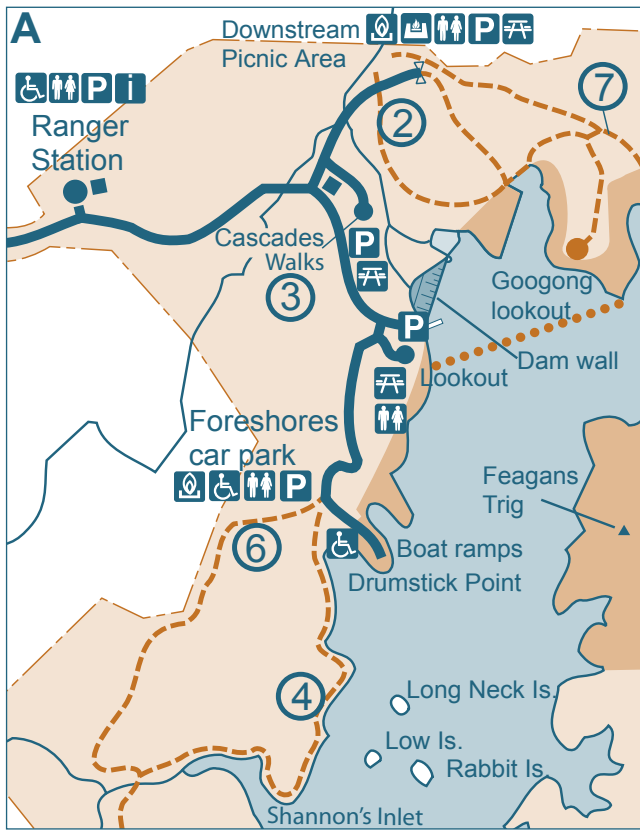
8. Queanbeyan River Loop Ride, 19.7 km return, Difficult (S)

This ride starts at the London Bridge car park and follows the fire trail to London Bridge Homestead. Before reaching Burra Creek, follow the fire trail branching eastwards and travel past Gelnignite Crossing to Flynn's Crossing. Then follow the fire trail to loop back to Gelnignite Crossing and then London Bridge car park. Track markers define the route. The loop involves some steep grades plus two crossings of the Queanbeyan River. See Queanbeyan River Walk for more details.



Out and about at Googong





Enlargements

