

CANYONLEIGH AREA

2 walks

[regional Satellite map](#)

Canyonleigh is a rural area on the southern highlands west of Moss Vale. Formerly state forest and crown land which has recently been transferred to become Bangadilly National Park. This park is formed by three separate sections of land on either side of the the lower Wingecarribee River. Two sections are easily accessible to the general public, however the tracks are not sign-posted as yet and you will need to take the latest topographic map and a compass and/or GPS with you. It is also advisable to let someone know where your going. Nevertheless, these areas are excellent for the experienced bushwalker / birdwatcher looking for somewhere new to explore.

Use 1:25,000 topographic maps, Canyonleigh 8928-4-N and Hanworth 8929-3-S

1.Mt.Penang trig- 4km return. Easy to moderate grade. From the intersection of the Illawarra and Hume Highways, head west along Canyonleigh Rd for about 9km and turn right onto [Tugalong Rd](#). Continue along this road for 21 km until you come to a property "Attunga " on the left side of the road. Almost opposite this property entrance is an unmarked track. Park here. Follow the main track for 1.5 km and it eventually scrambles up a sandstone bluff to the summit of Mt Penang (795m), there is a trig point marker here. Sweeping views of Wingecarribee valley. Return down the slope to an intersection and turn left, follow this in a southwesterly direction, eventually coming back onto Tugalong Rd. Turn right and walk back to where you parked your car. An excellent walk with a variety of woodland birds including Rockwarbler, White-naped and White-eared Honeyeater, Scarlet Robin, Gang Gang Cockatoo, Spotted Quail-thrush, Noisy Friarbird and Olive-backed Oriole.

2.Mt. Penang Rd. - 5km loop, easy grade. From the intersection of the Illawarra and Hume Highways, head west along Canyonleigh Rd for about 9km and turn right onto [Tugalong Rd](#). Continue along this road for 13.4 km. Watch for a series of three gates, the outside two of which go into private property, the one in the middle (an old steel mesh gate) leads down a "lane" ([Mt.Penang Rd.](#)) for about 1km until you reach the Bangadilly NP sign. Continue down the main track for 600m until you see an old track veering off to the right. Park your car here. Follow the track for 1.2km until you reach an intersection, turn left and follow this for 2 km, eventually coming out onto the main access track with a farm on the other side. Turn left and walk 1.5 back to your car. Another excellent walk through open woodland. Glossy-back Cockatoo are occasionally found in this section of the park while other birds encountered should include Buff-rumped Thornbill, Sacred Kingfisher, Tree Martin, Scarlet Robin, Spotted Quail-thrush, White-eared Honeyeater.