

# Cumberland State Forest

Escape  
the everyday in Australia's  
only metropolitan State forest  
West Pennant Hills, Sydney



Forests NSW is a public trading enterprise within  
the NSW Department of Primary Industries

## Explore Cumberland State Forest...



### KEY:

- Information Centre and Forest Shop
- Cafe
- Cumberland Forest Nursery
- Community education shelter
- Picnic areas
- BBQ areas
- Toilets
- Disabled access
- Public parking
- Bus parking
- Library
- Buildings
- Reproth forest
- Arboretum
- Dam
- Creek
- Fire trail

- Seminary Trail - 350m loop (30 mins) easy grade
- Palm Gully Trail - 1 km (1 hour) moderate grade
- Forestry Trail - 1.3 km (1 hour) moderate grade
- The Great North Walk

### PLEASE BE AWARE:

- You are visiting a forest area which contains many unseen and unpredictable hazards that may be dangerous to you or your dog. Please be aware that you are entering the forest at your own risk.
- Dogs are allowed in Cumberland State Forest only on a leash.
- A 25km/h speed limit applies in Cumberland State Forest.
- Park in designated areas only.
- Please place rubbish in bins provided.



## Finding the forest...



Just 35 minutes from the centre of Sydney

**By car** – drive along the M2 Motorway. Take the Pennant Hills Road exit and turn right. Travel 2km, and then turn left onto Castle Hill Road. Follow the signs for Tourist Drive No.15.

**By public transport** – Catch the train to Pennant Hills station. Take bus no. 631- 635 to Cumberland State Forest.

**Street Directory** – Gregory's Map No. 249 ref. E2 or UBD Map No. 171 ref. Q2

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*Normal gate opening times (weekdays and weekends):*

8.30am - 5.00pm

8.30am - 6.00pm (daylight savings)

Entry is free.

Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

*Escape the everyday in Australia's only metropolitan State forest...picnic and barbecue areas, forest walks, wildlife, education programs, a nursery and gift shop...*

**Escape the everyday** in Cumberland State Forest. This 40-hectare oasis of green in Sydney's north western suburbs beckons you to explore scenic walking trails, enjoy a family picnic, cook up a tasty bush barbecue or relax with a cappuccino.

Originally privately-owned land, the forest was cleared for agriculture in 1908. In 1938, Cumberland's management was taken over by the then NSW Forestry Commission with one third of the land planted as an arboretum and the rest allowed to naturally regenerate – creating the perfect urban forest for all Sydneysiders and visitors to enjoy.

Uncover the hidden secrets of this 60-year-old regrowth forest and learn about forest management at the **information centre** and **forest shop**.

Free publications and statewide recreation information are available, in addition to an extensive range of giftware including woodturned bowls, handcrafted jewellery, wooden toys, books and distinctive native timber furniture. Open seven days.

Enjoy a stroll on one of Cumberland's **forest walks**. Meander through our tall eucalypt forest and discover how native forests are managed in NSW by walking the Forestry Trail; explore moist rainforest on the Palm Gully Trail; or touch, hear and smell your way along our stroller and wheelchair-friendly Sensory Trail. Guided forest walks are also available.

Cumberland offers four leafy **picnic areas**, including two **barbecue areas**, so you are sure to find the perfect place for a family get together or social gathering. There's plenty of room for ball games or frisbee, and walking trails for the whole family to explore.

Dogs are welcome on a lead to explore the forest with you. To preserve the beauty of the forest, please place rubbish in bins provided.

A surprising diversity of **wildlife** frequents the forest, including a rich population of **birds**. Of the 60 breeding species, the more unusual include the eastern whipbird, satin bowerbird and scaly breasted lorikeet. Other animals include the ringtail possum, sugar glider, **powerful owl** and boobook owl. Amphibians in the forest are the **bleating tree frog** and striped marsh frog. Keep your eyes and ears open and you may catch a glimpse of Cumberland's special inhabitants.

There's **something for everyone** at Cumberland State Forest. Pick up a copy of our quarterly Activity Program as we offer an extensive range of programs for community groups, families and individuals. Activities include guided walks, bush tucker tastings, **school holiday activities** for 5 to 12-year-olds, **spotlighting tours** and audiovisual presentations. Ask our rangers to design a program for you. Bookings are essential for all activities.

Would you like to meet new people and take on a new challenge? Why not become a **volunteer ranger** and join in bush regeneration, guided walks and forest maintenance. Call in at the information centre for details.

Forest-based **education programs** for years 3 to 12 have been developed for many different curriculum areas, with self-guided packages also available for K to 2. Our education officer can also bring the forest to your classroom. For information packs Ph: (02) 9872 0105.

**Forests NSW Nurseries** are specialists in Australian plants for the home gardener and rural landholder. Cumberland nursery's experienced-horticultural staff will advise you on all your plant needs, with the nursery open seven days. Ph: (02) 9871 3222.

Forests NSW **library** has a comprehensive reference collection on Australian trees, flora and fauna, forest conservation and timber production. It's open to the general public from Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm. Ph: (02) 9872 0110.

Enjoy indoor and outdoor dining at **Café Saligna**. Open for breakfast, lunch, hot and cold drinks, freshly made cakes and biscuits, Monday to Sunday. Also catering for school and community groups, and private functions. For bookings Ph: (02) 9873 2955.

*Enjoy eating outdoors at Café Saligna*

## Escape into adventure!

Forests NSW manages more than 700 State forests for a range of values including water, wildlife, recreation and timber production. Four-wheel driving, bushwalking, camping, canoeing, mountain-bike riding or just relaxing – the opportunities are endless. Key forest destinations include:

- The tableland forests of the **Barrington Tops** and **New England** with their clear mountain streams
- The spotted gum forests of the south coast near **Batemans Bay** and **Narooma**
- The river red gums forests of the **Murray** and **Murrumbidgee Rivers**
- The sandstone plateaus of the **Watagan mountains** on the central coast
- The exotic pine plantations near **Oberon**, **Bathurst** and **Tumut**
- The cypress pine woodlands of western NSW near **Baradine**
- The tall eucalypt forests of the north coast near **Wauchope** and **Coffs Harbour**.

Pick up brochures or purchase maps from the Cumberland Information Centre.

