





This newly built track parallels Cooke Rivulet down to the pebble-strewn North West Bay River. Wind your way through heathland, which nurtures the threatened pretty heath, then through black peppermint and black gum forest with a beautiful understorey of the cream-flowered bushmans bootlace in spring. The final stretch of track takes you gently down through a magnificent white gum forest to the water's edge. Here, water-tumbled dolerite boulders and carved bedrock pools are set beneath sheer cliffs. Platypus and trout live in the river. There's a great variety of native birds – superb blue wrens, yellow-throated honeyeaters, green rosellas and grey shrike thrushes. Children from Margate Primary School have helped to rehabilitate some areas of native forest.

 40 minutes return

 1.6 km return

 Ample parking at start of track

 Gravelled formal surface, then narrow bush track, some steps, undulating

 Please supervise children at the river – the boulders can be quite slippery

