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**