



This 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.

