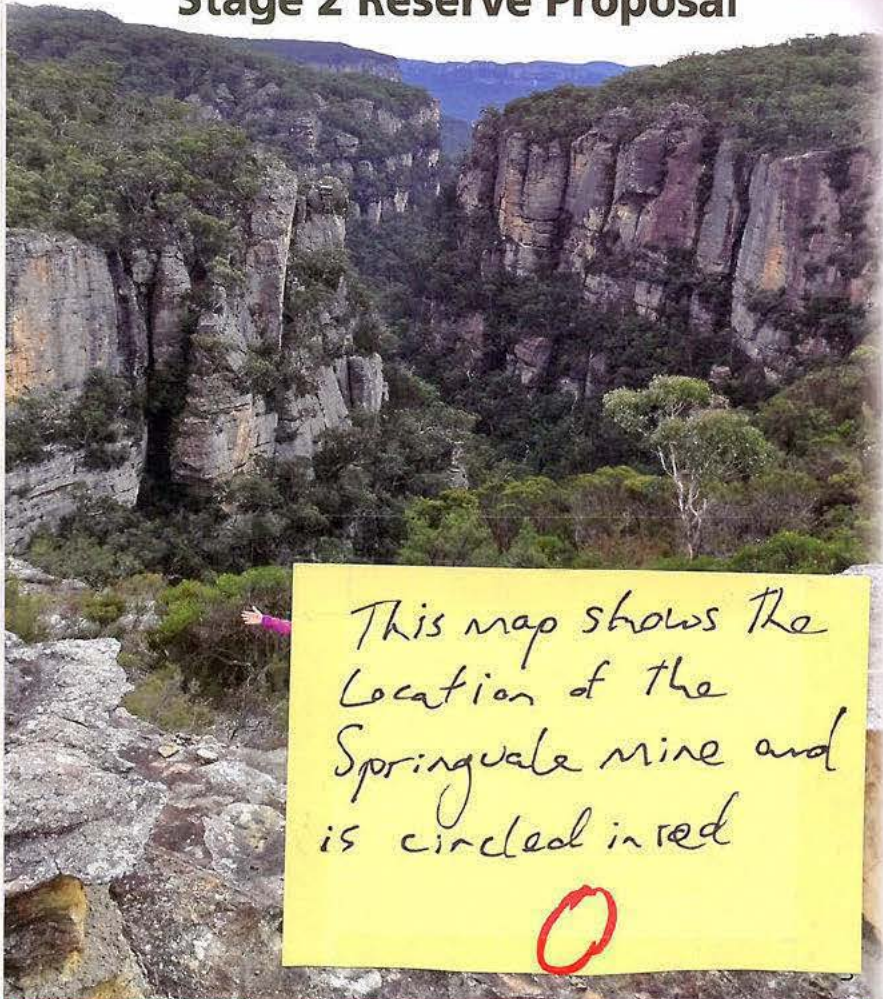


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GARDENS OF STONE PROPOSAL DIVISION AREAS

Listed from north to south

Note: For detailed descriptions of Proposal areas see the other side of the map.

- Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area, reserved March 2011 (a future extension to Gardens of Stone National Park)
- Other land (for protection as extensions to Wollemi and Gardens of Stone National Parks)
- Ben Bullen State Forest and Wolgan State Forest, on the Great Dividing Range (for protection as Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area)
- Newnes Plateau (for protection as Gardens of Stone State Conservation Area)
- Wollangambe Wilderness and other Identified Wilderness, NPWS 1997 (for protection as Gardens of Stone Conservation Area)
- Western Escarpment (for protection as extensions to Blue Mountains National Park)
- Western Escarpment (for protection as Western Escarpment State Conservation Area)
- Crown Reserves included in the Proposal

- Highway
- Main road - sealed
- Other road - sealed
- Other road - unsealed
- Walking route - may be a fire trail, walking track or off track
- Touring route - not shown along main roads
- Railway
- River
- Main creek
- Other stream
- Boundary between adjoining State Forests
- Boundary between Newnes State Forest and Crown Land
- Boundary between adjoining National Parks

Note: due to the map scale, easement boundaries are not shown.

- Peak
- Coal mine, quarry
- Power station
- Towns and villages
- Locality
- Locked gate
- Barrier
- Lookout
- Camping area
- Picnic area
- Toilet
- Information
- Historic ruins



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Looking down the end section of Carne Creek from Fire Trail No.5

NOTES ON USING THIS MAP AND VISITORS SAFETY GUIDE

This guide to the Gardens of Stone region has been produced to promote its heritage and natural attractions. Beyond the mining and other disturbance can be found an unspoilt natural wonder.

The condition of all unsealed roads on Newnes Plateau and adjacent areas changes frequently. All such roads usually require a 4WD, and may be impassable altogether at other times.

- Not all roads and trails are shown on this map.
- Roads and localities are not always signposted.
- Drive carefully. Vehicles, including motor bikes, must keep to formed public roads.
- If you are going off the main roads it is essential that you use the appropriate 1:25,000 topographic maps (see map index below).
- If you are not competent at bush navigation and using topographic maps do not leave the main roads.
- Do not walk alone. Tell a friend or a relative where you're going and when you expect to return. When you complete your trip, let them know you have returned.
- You are in the mountains so be prepared for sudden weather changes; take warm and water proof clothing as well as plenty of water and a first aid kit.
- If you see an area damaged by coal mining, such as crevasses and broken rocks, it is best to keep away. Obey all warning signs.
- Cliffs and obstacles are not shown on this map. Do not go close to cliff edges.
- TREAD LIGHTLY.** Please take care not to tread on the platy edges of pagoda formations as these can suddenly break off, injuring you (and the rock). Once damaged, the pagoda is damaged forever.
- Use minimal impact camping techniques. Camp 100 metres away from any road or swamp and consider using a fuel stove.
- Wildfire can destroy lives and property, so be careful to put out any camp fires, especially during the bushfire danger period (October to March). Observe total fire bans.

PLACES TO VISIT IN THE GOS2 PROPOSAL AREA

Below are general descriptions of some of the many wonderful places to visit in Ben Bullen, Wolgan and Newnes State Forests (Newnes Plateau).

As detailed above in the Safety Guide you must have 1:25,000 topographic maps and navigation skills to find these lookouts.

Note: Shown in brackets is the 1:25,000 topographic map name and the abbreviated MGA grid coordinate (GDA datum) for the locality.

Ben Bullen State Forest

Banner Drop Lookout (Cullen Bullen 265,097)
This lookout was named after a large, later successful protest was held in 2011 to stop a coal mining company from destroying over 950 hectares of the Ben Bullen State Forest by open cut mining. Unfortunately in 2016 it is again under threat.
Park at the side of the Gardiners Gap Trail at (266,097). Walk west along a narrow rough track for approximately 100 metres.

Lookout south of Mount McLean (Ben Bullen 303,186)
Park at (306,175) at the side of the road to Cape Horn. Walk north along the narrow track and veer off to the left near the lookout. There is a spectacular view of various shaped rounded pagodas on the south side of Mt McLean.

Wolgan State Forest

Cape Horn (Ben Bullen 315,175)
Park at the side of the Baal Bone Gap Road at (Cullen Bullen 298,162) or drive a bit further on the side road.
Walk northeast to Cape Horn Lookout at (Ben Bullen 315,175). Breathtaking views of the peak of Cape Horn and the Wolgan Valley.

Wolgan Gap Lookout (Cullen Bullen 311,099)
Park at the grid reference shown above where there is a clearing on the east side of the road, just before the road narrows and goes left around corner. More breathtaking views of the Wolgan Valley.

Newnes Plateau

Bald Trig (Lithgow 434,958)
Park at the turn off on the Old Bells Line of Road and walk about 1km along the road to the trig. Spectacular views over the Wollangambe and Bungeboori wilderness to Mt Corandudgy (north) and Mt Yengo (east).

Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamp (Lithgow 423,033)
Park at the side of the road next to the shrub swamp on Carne Creek. Walk along the edge to see many rare plants including *Boronia daniellii*, *Grevillea acanthifolia* and *Persoonia hindi*.

Bungeboori South Lookout (Wollangambe 453,980)
Park near the mine vent and walk along the road on the ridge to the northeast, to the end of the road (approx. 1km). Scramble onto rocky pagodas, taking care not to damage formations for a panorama of spectacular rocky country, next to Bungeboori Creek.

Carne Creek Lookout (Cullen Bullen 428,069)
Park at grid reference shown above and you can walk a short distance down the track for magnificent views over Carne Creek, or for a longer walk park at the start of Fire Trail No. 1.

The Lost City (Lithgow 371,990)
Park at the rock barrier for views over the Lost City and surrounding thick heath. Walk a couple of hundred metres down to the pagodas at the end of the road.

Fire Trail No. 3 Lookout (Cullen Bullen 423,092)
Walk or partly drive along the fire trail to the lookout at (423,092). Great views of cliffs along Carne Creek.

Western Escarpment

For more details of visiting the Western Escarpment there are maps and bushwalking guides available from National Parks offices, book shops, Blue Mountains City Council or online at www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au and www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au.

Mugii Murum-ban State Conservation Area (Airly/Genowlan), declared March 2011

The oil shale ruins can be accessed by driving along the Airly Gap Road. You can then walk along the old road through the ruins and on to Saddle Lookout for those more adventurous. Contact a National Parks office for more details.

Note on National Parks Wilderness Areas and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area

Wilderness boundaries and the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area boundary are not shown on this map. For access to Capertee National Park through locked gate, contact NPWS Mudgee Office.

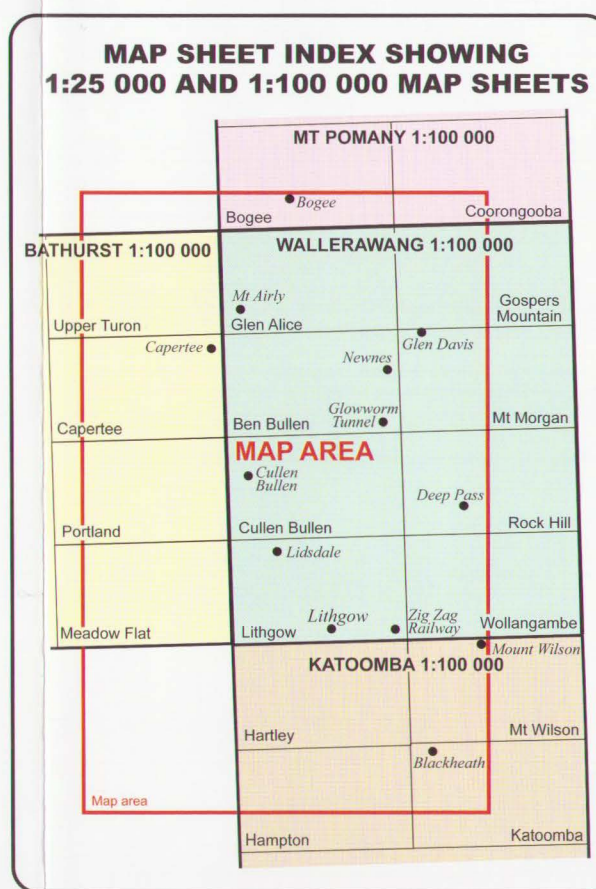
For more details of visiting these areas there are numerous maps and bushwalking guides available from National Parks offices, book shops or online at www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

"Tread lightly and leave no trace"

Scale 1:100 000

1 Centimetre = 1 Kilometre

Transverse Mercator projection on the Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA)



Gardens of Stone, on the western side of Newnes State Forest

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