



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey Royal National Park, Sydney RNP5.1S Heathcote to Otford; 51kms, 3 days / 2 nights

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisors are qualified in First Aid, have Working with Children clearance and carry emergency communication equipment.

MEETING PLACE:

Heathcote Station
Princes Highway, Heathcote.
GPS: -34.088203, 151.008019

We will meet near the ticket office of the station, on the western side of the train line near the large carpark.

MEETING TIME: 9:00am

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Heathcote to Uloola Falls, via Waterfall

17km. Grading: moderate, some hard.

The track heads west and downhill from Heathcote on the Pipeline Track (management trail) and back uphill on the Bullawaring Track to your lunch spot at Kingfisher Pool. Water bottles can be filled and treated here before drinking. Swimming at Kingfisher Pool is permitted. You cross the bridge at Waterfall station onto Uloola Falls Track and to the remote campsite at Uloola Falls. This campsite has a non-flushing toilet and no tap water. Water bottles can be filled and treated at Uloola Falls.



Day 2: Uloola Falls to North Era, via Audley and Winifred Falls.

25km. Grading: medium, some hard.

This is the longest day of the journey. Make sure you aim to set out early.

Following the Uloola Falls Track along the ridgeline you'll enjoy panoramic views of Royal National Park and north to the city before dropping down into the valley at Audley. Continue to Winifred Falls to see some beautiful bush waterholes before following Mt Bass Fire Trail up to Mt Bass for lunch. Drop down the other side of the ridge along the Marley Fire Trail to meet the Coast Track just north of Wattamolla. Keep heading south to your campsite at North Era. Despite the length of this day the majority is on fire trails and relatively easy walking.

North Era has a composting toilets and spring water, which should be treated before drinking. Swimming is permitted at Era Beach, a short walk from North Era Beach.

Day 3: North Era to Otford

9km. Grading: easy, some moderate.

Enjoy a longer lie or a swim at the beautiful beach at North Era before departing camp. Following the Coast Track South and enjoy beautiful coastal views for your leisurely 9km hike to Otford Station.

Your journey ends here:

END POINT:

Otford Station
Otford train station
Otford NSW 2508

END TIME: approx. 1-2pm.

DRINKING WATER: We recommend drinking 3 litres of water per day plus 1 litre to cook with at night. 1 litre of water weighs 1 kg. Please keep this in mind when packing. After the first day you should adjust this up or down depending on your water intake.

We anticipate creek or tank water being available every day, but this is never certain. Creek and tank water should be treated before drinking, see briefing notes for more details. Tap water will be available at Waterfall on the afternoon of Day 1 and Audley on the morning of Day 2.

CREEK CROSSINGS: Creek crossings occur every day but the water level should be low enough to keep your feet dry. We do not anticipate high water on this hike but will keep you informed leading up to your journey and your hiking supervisors will make decisions on creek crossings in the field.

TOILETS: Composting toilets are available at our campsites on nights one and three and flushing toilets are available at our campsite on night two and lunch on day three. At all other times toilet waste must be buried and you should bring a small trowel.