



## THE ANGOURIE WALK

In 1987 and with some controversy, the NPWS blocked access by vehicle to Shelley Beach. The result was the creation of one of the northern NSW's most spectacular bushwalks - the Angourie Walk.

The walk commences at the Mara Creek Picnic Area just south of Angourie or from the Lake Arragan camping area. Total walking distance is 10 kilometres excluding side trips and the walk is rated as medium difficulty.

Start at Mara Creek and walk the 3.5 kilometres to the Shelley Beach camping area - a small, grassy site on the headland and flats between Little Shelley Beach and Shelley Beach. Even though this will only take you an hour or so, remember to bring water as there is no fresh water available on the way.

Take a short diversion to the Dirrangan Lookout on One Man Bluff. The view south to Brooms Head is reward enough.

From the Shelley Beach campsite the track crosses the headland and below you will see sea caves carved into the sandstone cliff face below. If you want a closer look, the caves are only accessible at low tide from Shelley Beach.

From Shelley Beach the track turns inland towards Lake Arragan, birdwatcher's paradise with pelicans, swans, brolgas, black necked stalks and white faced herons to mention a few.

A few kilometres on you'll emerge from the bush at the southern end of Plumbago Beach.



*The Angourie Walk near Shelley Beach*

There is a large camping area with good amenities at the southern edge of Lake Arragan and a short walk away at Red Cliff.



*Clockwise from above: Start of the walk near Mara Creek, Track above Back Angourie Beach, Dirrangan Lookout, The Shelley Beach camping area, Lake Arragan and Red Cliff*