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MYALL LAKES NATIONAL PARK · UNOFFICIAL FREE PLANNER

Practical day & overnight planner

Access routes · four separate fees · Bombah Point ferry · packing · Mungo Rainforest day shape · Seal Rocks / Grandis · camping NPWS-only · official links. From **myalllakesnationalpark.com.au** — print this page or use the matching PDF (no email required).

Verify everything officially. Track status, entry fees, ferry hours, camping, fire bans and closures change. Always check NSW National Parks — Myall Lakes National Park, local park alerts and park alerts. This planner is independent and unofficial — not NPWS or the NSW Government. Official campgrounds book via NPWS only (or **1300 072 757**). Emergencies: **000**.

Ops facts re-checked Aug 2026 against official NPWS pages — still re-check before you travel. Day entry currently listed as **$8 per vehicle per day**. Bombah Point ferry currently listed **8am–6pm daily, cash only** (separate fee table). Generators prohibited. Limited mobile reception in the park — 000 needs reception; install Emergency+ before you leave town Wi-Fi.

Do not over-stack the day. Grandis + ferry + full Mungo Brush day + Seal Rocks + a late highway home is how plans fail. Pick **one main plan** (lake base, ferry circuit, Seal Rocks, or Grandis picnic). Unpatrolled beaches have rips. Turn back early if heat, wind or alerts look wrong.

1. Before you leave home

Status, weather & comms

- ☐ NPWS Myall Lakes park page checked this morning
- ☐ Local Myall Lakes alerts checked
- ☐ BOM forecast (Forster / Mid-North Coast), not only Sydney CBD
- ☐ One main plan chosen (Mungo / ferry circuit / Seal Rocks / Grandis)
- ☐ Plan B if ferry closed by wind, car parks full, heat or rain
- ☐ Emergency+ installed; offline maps / screenshots while you still have reception
- ☐ Someone knows your rough plan + return window
- ☐ Cash for Bombah Point ferry if you might cross

Packing (day pack / overnight base)

- ☐ Water — limited or no drinking water at many sites (2 L+ day; more if overnight)
- ☐ Snacks / simple lunch
- ☐ Sun hat + high-SPF sunscreen (lakes and beaches burn hard)
- ☐ Grip trail shoes / sand-friendly footwear
- ☐ Light rain shell / wind layer
- ☐ Insect repellent (warm months / rainforest loop)
- ☐ Phone + power bank; offline map / trailhead screenshot
- ☐ Fuel stove if camping (generators prohibited)
- ☐ Basic first aid / blister kit
- ☐ Card for Park'nPay / pay machine + spare cash for ferry

2. Pick your access route

A · Mungo Brush / lake + rainforest base

Pacific Hwy → Tea Gardens Road → Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest → Mungo Brush Road. Signature short walk: Mungo Rainforest (official ~1.5 km loop, Grade 3, 15–45 min). Best first-visit plan.

B · Bombah Point ferry circuit

Bulahdelah / Bombah Point Road (unsealed sections) → cash ferry 8am–6pm (wind can close) → Boolambayte / Bombah Broadwater / Mungo side. Ferry fee is *not* park entry. Dogs not on ferry or in park.

C · Seal Rocks / Sugarloaf Point (ocean chapter)

Seal Rocks Road → lighthouse headland, Shelley Beach, whale-season lookouts (roughly May–Nov). Treat as a separate day from a full Mungo camp day.

D · The Grandis picnic (low-walk stop)

Bulahdelah side · ~76 m flooded gum picnic stop. Good half-day or highway break — do not invent a full Seal Rocks finish after it without honest drive buffer.

3. Four separate fees (never merge them)

A · DAY VEHICLE / PARK ENTRY

- Official list: **$8 / vehicle / day** (re-check live)
- Day Pass or Annual Pass
- Pay: card machine at Mungo Brush, Booti Booti / Manning Great Lakes area office, or Park'nPay
- Annual passes do **not** cover camping

B · BOMBAH POINT FERRY

- **Cash only** (no EFTPOS on ferry — official)
- Hours: **8am–6pm daily**; wind can suspend service
- Official table (re-check): $2.50 walk · $5.50 moto · $6.50 car · $6.50 caravan/trailer · $10 (4 t+)
- Ferry ticket ≠ day pass · dogs not permitted

C · CAMPING / COTTAGES

- Book **NPWS only** (online or 1300 072 757)
- Do not invent nightly rates — check live booking
- Sugarloaf Point / Seal Rocks lighthouse cottages: official channel only
- NRMA Myall Shores: commercial booking; park entry still separate

D · OTHER

- NSW recreational fishing licence (statewide, separate)
- Beach driving: 4WD on designated sections only; possible MidCoast Council rules outside park
- Never affiliate park entry, ferry, fishing licence or NPWS camping

4. Half-day / full-day skeletons

Mungo Brush + Rainforest (≈ half–full day)

- **0:00** — Gateway buffer (Tea Gardens / Hawks Nest). Fuel, toilets, Emergency+.
- **0:20** — Enter Mungo Brush. Pay / display day pass. Valuables not visible.
- **0:40–1:40** — Mungo Rainforest loop (north end of campground). Grade 3 · ~1.5 km when open.
- **1:40–3:30** — Lake edge / picnic / optional short Tamboi link only if energy remains.
- **3:30+** — Exit with highway buffer. No late Seal Rocks invent-on-the-fly.

Ferry circuit or Seal Rocks (pick one)

- **Ferry day:** cash ready · confirm hours/wind · one lake stop only · protect return window or non-ferry road exit.
- **Seal Rocks day:** early parking · Sugarloaf Point on allowed paths · optional headland · no Grandis + Mungo stack after peak crowds.
- **Grandis half-day:** Bulahdelah services → picnic under the tall tree → back to highway.
- **Overnight:** NPWS booking confirmed · water self-sufficiency · generators off.

5. Safety realism (park-true)

Communications

- Limited mobile reception (official NPWS)
- 000 needs reception on a normal phone
- Emergency+ before arrival
- NSW National Parks app for offline maps
- Trip intention to someone reliable

Hazards

- Unpatrolled beaches — rips / currents
- Heat, sun, dehydration (highs can exceed 40 °C historically)
- Flood / road closures after heavy rain (wettest month often May)
- Slippery rock on steeper headlands (e.g. Yacaaba Grade 4)
- No crocs, no snow — temperate NSW coast
- Pets not permitted (except certified assistance animals)

6. Night-before ticks

- ☐ Local alerts + park page open/closed notes
- ☐ Vehicle pass / Park'nPay or machine plan
- ☐ Ferry cash if needed + backup if wind is high
- ☐ Camp booking confirmed if overnight
- ☐ Water + fuel + Emergency+ + offline maps
- ☐ One primary goal only for the day
- ☐ Return buffer set for holiday traffic on the Pacific Highway

7. Official links (bookmark these)

- Myall Lakes National Park (official)
- Visitor info (fees, ferry, safety)
- Local alerts

- **Camping & accommodation (NPWS)**
- **Mungo Rainforest walk**
- **Buy / manage park passes**
- **Park'nPay**
- **Emergency+**
- Contact centre: **1300 072 757** (7am–7pm daily — re-check live) · Booti Booti Office **02 6591 0300** (Mon–Fri 8.30am–4.30pm, closed public holidays — re-check live)

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