

## Runners Track and Picnic Point Circuit

**Walk Signage Colour: Black**

**Length:** 3.0 km circuit

**Elevation Change:** 100 m

**Time:** 1 ½ hours

**Grade:** Easy/Medium

**Starting point:**

Mt Irvine Road. Just past junction of Farrer Road East  
About 4km after Cathedral of Ferns

**Walking conditions:**

- Generally well formed track.

**Highlights:**

- Lovely views from Picnic Point
- Good circuit walk

**Warnings**

- There are steep drops near Picnic Point



Heading by car from Mt Wilson towards Mt Irvine, about 4km after Cathedral of Ferns Camping ground and just after the junction of Farrer Road East you pass next to power lines. Park your car on the left hand side of the road about 30 meters past the power lines. The route can be done in either direction and the description below has been described following this track in a clockwise direction.

The track starts on the Mt Wilson side of the car siding about 30 meters past the power lines. The path is well formed. Head down the slope before following the contours of the hill.



This track is part of the Runners Track from the Willy2Billy Bush Run (Mt Wilson to Bilpin). This section of the walk has been made by Bill Ross who was a long kept long-distance runner. Bill worked out the 34.4 kilometre course that borders on, and passes through the World Heritage listed Wollemi National Park. The race was first run in 1995 and was run annually for the next 17 years. It was a great fund-raising event for the Rural Fire Brigade that ran the event. Sadly in 2012 the race had to be cancelled due to problems with the bridge across Bowens Creek. A landslide on Bowen's Creek Road in 2013 permanently closed the route forcing the RFS to cancel the race indefinitely.

The track is easy to follow and generally follows the contours round the valley until the track then heads up a short section sticking to the right hand side of the rocky outcrop before this reconnects with the power lines.

This is the steepest and trickiest part of the track. The track then follows along a fire trail towards Mt Irvine Road. The track crosses back under the power lines and branches off from the runners track that continues towards Mt Irvine. The track then rises up towards Mt Irvine Road before branching off to the right.

The track then meets Mt Irvine Road. Continue straight over Mt Irvine Road and the track continues directly opposite. You then start heading back towards Mt Wilson and your car on the Southern side of Mt Irvine Road. After about 80 metres you get to "Picnic Point" which offers lovely views to Berambing and Mt Tomah. This is a good spot to stop for a break but beware of the steep drop from this lookout.



Continue along the path below the fire trail. This follows the contours below Mt Irvine Road. The path is well marked and easy to follow. After about 500 metres you get to another hill. The track goes along the top of this hill and this offers lovely views to the rainforest and tree ferns below. Keep to the left hand side of the ridge line to meet up with the track that continues on past the hill.



The track then heads towards Mt Irvine Road and runs parallel to the road until you reach a fire trail. Turn right here and this takes you to Mt Irvine Road and back to your car.