

Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve

AT A GLANCE

Wheelchair Access:

Medium

Facilities:

Toilets, Picnic tables
and Car Park

Cost: Free

Please Note:

Remember to take
your binoculars to go
bird watching.



Overview

Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve is a great place for walking, picnicking, birdwatching and enjoying the tranquility of this wetland area. A Southern Highlands wetland sounds unlikely, but it does exist. When Bong Bong weir was constructed in the 1920s to supply water to Moss Vale, a lagoon and swamp area formed at that part of Wingecarribee River. Only 12 years later it was declared a wildlife sanctuary. Now, over 90 species of birds, a third of which are water birds, have made it their temporary or permanent home. Whether you're keen on birdwatching or just looking for a peaceful place to enjoy walking and a quiet picnic, Cecil Hoskins Nature Reserve awaits you. The land was originally part of 1,000ac granted in 1819 to Charles Throsby in recognition of his exploration of a route from the Southern Highlands to the Bathurst district. This area is also where Bong

Bong village, the first settlement in the Southern Highlands, once stood. Although the village no longer exists, you can view historic Throsby Park from the reserve, where colonial buildings remain intact.

Getting There & Parking

From Moss Vale:

- Head north on Argyle Street/The Highland Way
- Cross Bong Bong Bridge over Wingecarribee River, then turn right after 300m.
- Drive to the end of this road and stop at the reserve carpark.

Best Times To Visit

There are lots of great things waiting for you in Cecil Hoskins nature Reserve. Here are some of the highlights:

Autumn – when the weather is milder, hike from the reserve to the Bong Bong track.

Spring – Bring your binoculars for a spot of birdwatching and look for migratory bird species that sop over to feed and rest in the reserve.

Summer – enjoy a summer evening picnic and listen to birdcalls. By the time the sun goes down, they'll be in competition with the frogs.



Use Of The Reserve

- No domestic pets
- No firearms or traps
- Do not disturb the wildlife
- Camping, boating and swimming are not permitted
- Smoking is not permitted

so close, a world away

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