

## WALKS AROUND NEVER NEVER PICNIC AREA

### Rosewood Creek Track

5.5km circuit; 2 hours

This circuit begins at Never Never Picnic Area, passing through warm-temperate rainforest of coachwood, crabapple and sassafras to Coachwood Falls. The walk is an easy grade, with gentle uphill sections. There is a link to Blackbutt Track.

### Red Cedar Falls Track

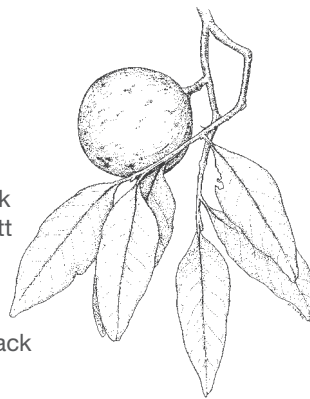
2.2km return from Rosewood Creek Track; 2 hours

Worth the steep climb down and back, being the highest falls in the park accessible by walking track.

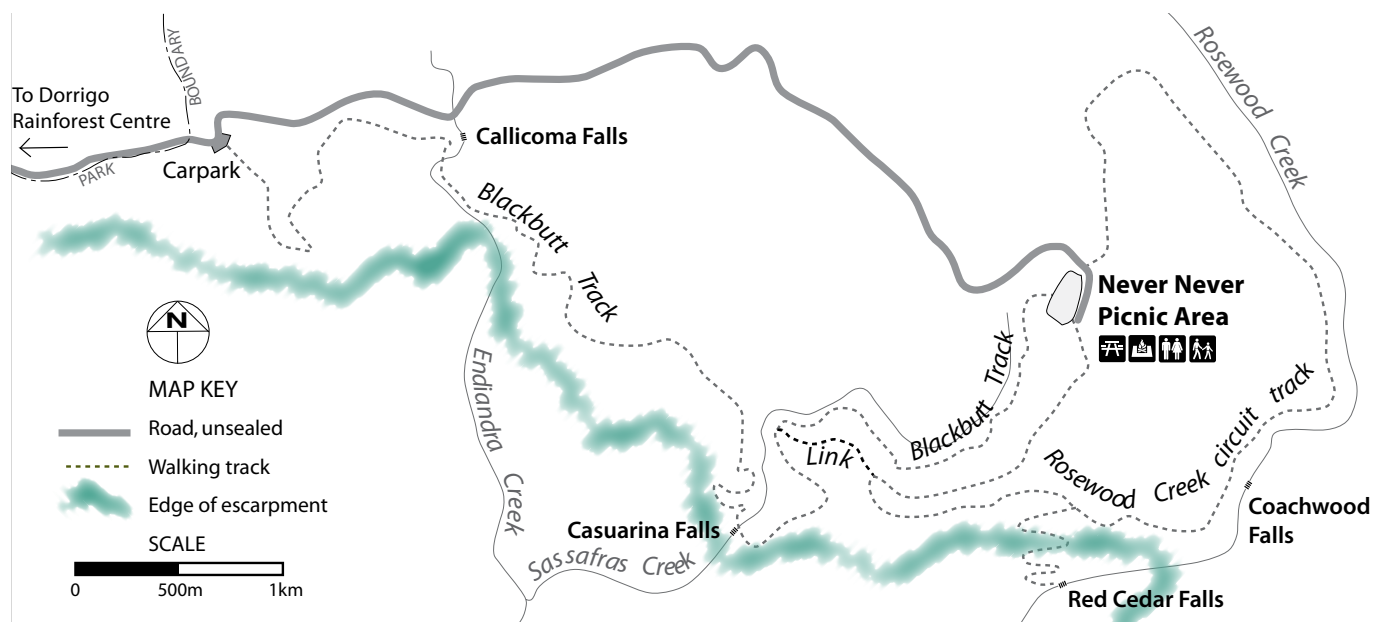
### Casuarina Falls circuit

4.8km return; 2 hours

A pleasant walk (some steep sections) via Rosewood Creek Track and the link to Blackbutt Track. Views of McGraths Hump and Dorrigo Mountain unfold from the top of the falls. Return via Blackbutt Track alongside Sassafras Creek.



Dorrigo plum  
*Endiandra introrsa*



### Blackbutt Track

6.4km one way; 3 hours

Best walked by starting at the carpark just inside the park boundary and walking to Never Never Picnic Area. Moist gullies alternate with wooded spurs, where enormous blackbutt, tallowwood and brushbox soar to more than 30 metres.

Return by road is 4km.

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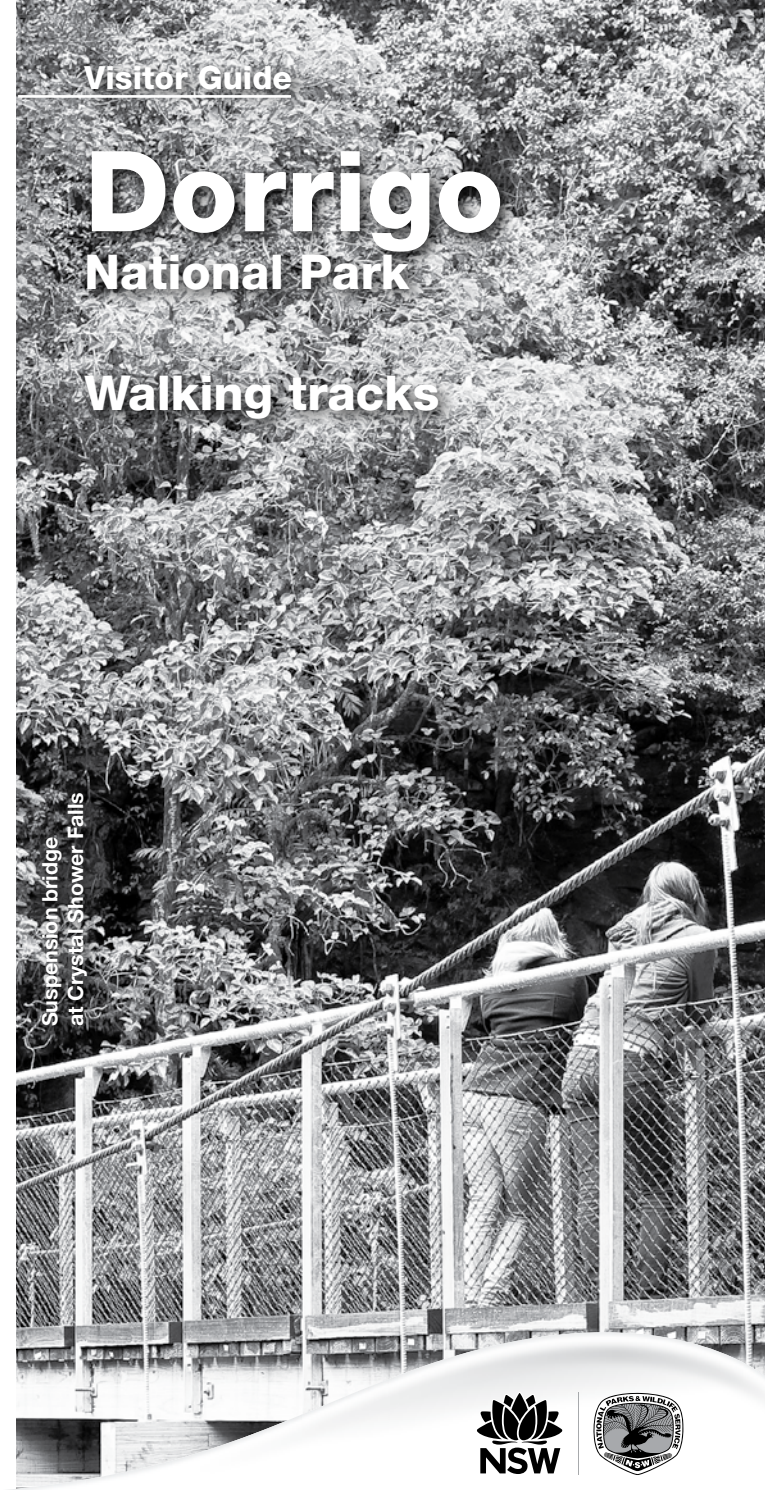
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## Visitor Guide

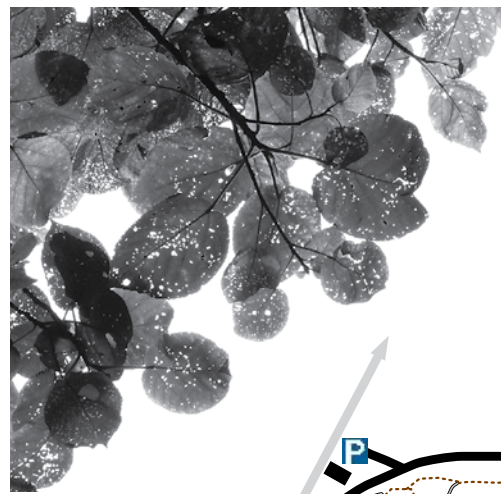
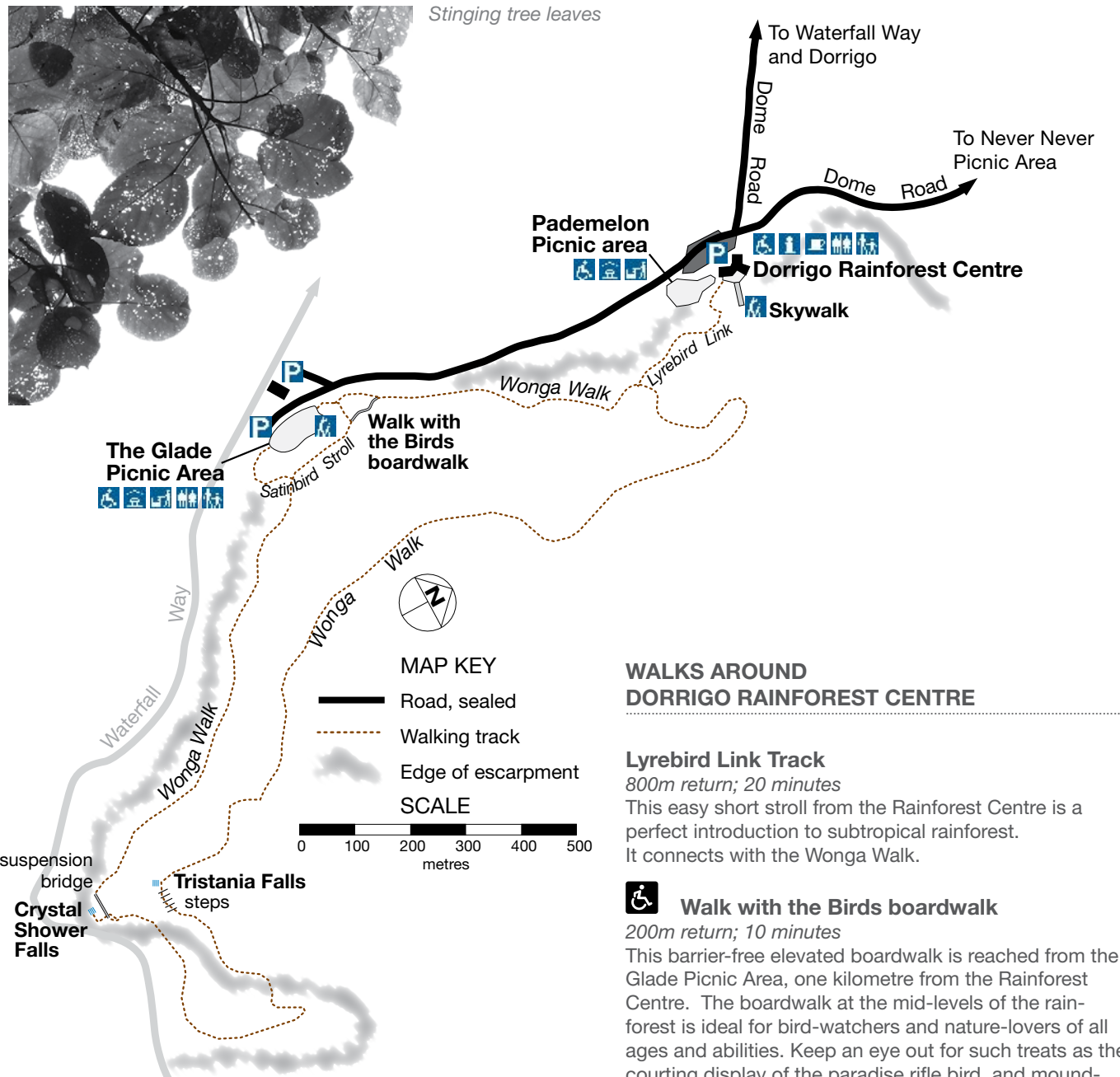
# Dorrigo National Park

## Walking tracks

Suspension bridge at Crystal Shower Falls

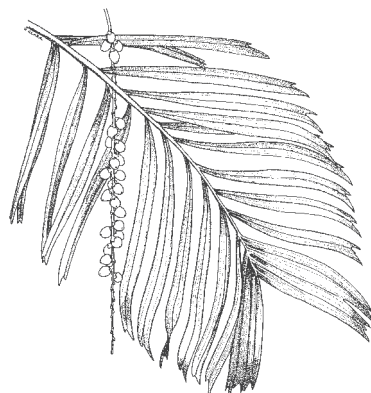


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Stinging tree leaves

Walkingstick palm



**WALKS AROUND DORRIGO RAINFOREST CENTRE**

**Lyrebird Link Track**

800m return; 20 minutes  
 This easy short stroll from the Rainforest Centre is a perfect introduction to subtropical rainforest. It connects with the Wonga Walk.

 **Walk with the Birds boardwalk**

200m return; 10 minutes  
 This barrier-free elevated boardwalk is reached from the Glade Picnic Area, one kilometre from the Rainforest Centre. The boardwalk at the mid-levels of the rainforest is ideal for bird-watchers and nature-lovers of all ages and abilities. Keep an eye out for such treats as the courting display of the paradise rifle bird, and mound-building by the male brush turkey.

Because the boardwalk snakes its way past some of the lower treetops in the canopy, flowers and seeds are easier to spot than from ground-level walks.

**Satinbird Stroll**

600m circuit; 20 minutes  
 For a more in-depth experience of sub-tropical rainforest, with its multitude of plant species, vines, epiphytes and buttressed roots, take this track from Walk with the Birds down into the forest and back to The Glade. There is a short uphill section on the way back.

**Wonga Walk**

5.8km circuit from The Glade; 2.5 hours  
 6.6km circuit from Rainforest Centre; 2-3 hours  
 Wonga Walk delivers all the treats of Dorrigo's sub-tropical rainforest, part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage site.

You also have the option to walk just the section from The Glade as far as Crystal Shower Falls (3.5km return).

The sealed track is shaded all the way by the tall, lush forest. There are some steeper grades, a few steps and boulder creek crossings, but the rewards include Crystal Shower Falls, Tristania Falls, colourful fungi, magnificent 300 year old trees and spectacular strangler figs. At Crystal Shower Falls a suspension bridge carries walkers across the valley in front of the falls and a turn-off track leads behind the waterfall to a water-worn cavern, where you can look through the veil of falling water. A footbridge takes you across the front of Tristania Falls, giving an excellent view.

The track follows terraces formed by successive flows of basalt, exposed by erosion on the edge of the escarpment. You will pass evidence of the dynamic rainforest ecology - rapid regrowth of vines and other colonising species such as stinging trees, after damage to the canopy. This can be caused by destructive storms, or attack by wood-boring insects.