

7. Walk across park, cross River Street and turn left into Holland Street.
8. Walk along to **Wardrop Street**, turn left and continue past the park to Stafford Street. Turn left into Stafford Street and then right into River Street.
9. Cross bridge on south side.
10. Return along **Wollumbin Street** past the Murwillumbah Returned Services Memorial Leagues Club (built in 1978), Presbyterian Church, Nursery and Sunnyside Shopping Centre (built in 1985).

HISTORY

Knox Park - named in honour of William Knox who was Chairman of the Colonial Sugar Refinery and the Commercial Bank in the late 1880s. The land was part of a large cane field which ran from Commercial Road to Nullum Street. Knox thought the growing town of Murwillumbah would benefit from a park.

The Caldera/Mt Warning/Wollumbin - was named Mt Warning by Captain Cook when he was nearly wrecked on reefs near Kingscliff. His escape warranted the naming of Mt Warning and Point Danger at Coolangatta. The mountain is a shield volcano, i.e. a volcano where lava spreads out when it erupts rather than rising to a peak. The mountain started erupting 23 million years ago and was last active about 20 million years ago.

Semi precious gemstones and thunder eggs are found in many of the creeks running from the rim of the caldera due to this volcanic activity. There is a collection of these in the local museum.

Mt Warning National Park -

Mt Warning/Wollumbin is surrounded by World Heritage listed National Park. The walk to the summit is 4.2km and begins in spectacular rainforest. The summit (1156m) is the first part of the Australian continent to receive the sun's rays at dawn. Many walkers climb the mountain before dawn to catch the breathtaking sunrise.

Flora and Fauna of the Park - on the lower slopes of Mt Warning the trees of the subtropical rainforest form a canopy which almost completely excludes light. There are giant stinging trees, figs, Bangalow Palms and Red Cedar. Higher on the slopes, the vegetation changes to temperate rainforest, with Brushbox, Mountain Walnut and Mountain Wattle. Mosses, ferns and orchids are common in the area. The floor of the rainforest provides a habitat for brush turkeys, lyre birds and pademelons (small wallabies). Possums and gliders may also be seen.

Mt Nullum - the large flat topped mountain to the east of Mt Warning/Wollumbin, is the most easterly outcrop of granite in northern NSW. (Granite outcrops are more common in the New England Ranges.) Granite boulders can easily be seen on the Kyogle Road between Byangum and Uki.

The Murwillumbah Bridge - the first bridge was built in 1901. Prior to that a ferry took passengers from the railway and adjacent businesses on the south side across to Ferry Road, the site of the present Coolamon Cultural Centre (old Art Gallery).

South Bank River Walk



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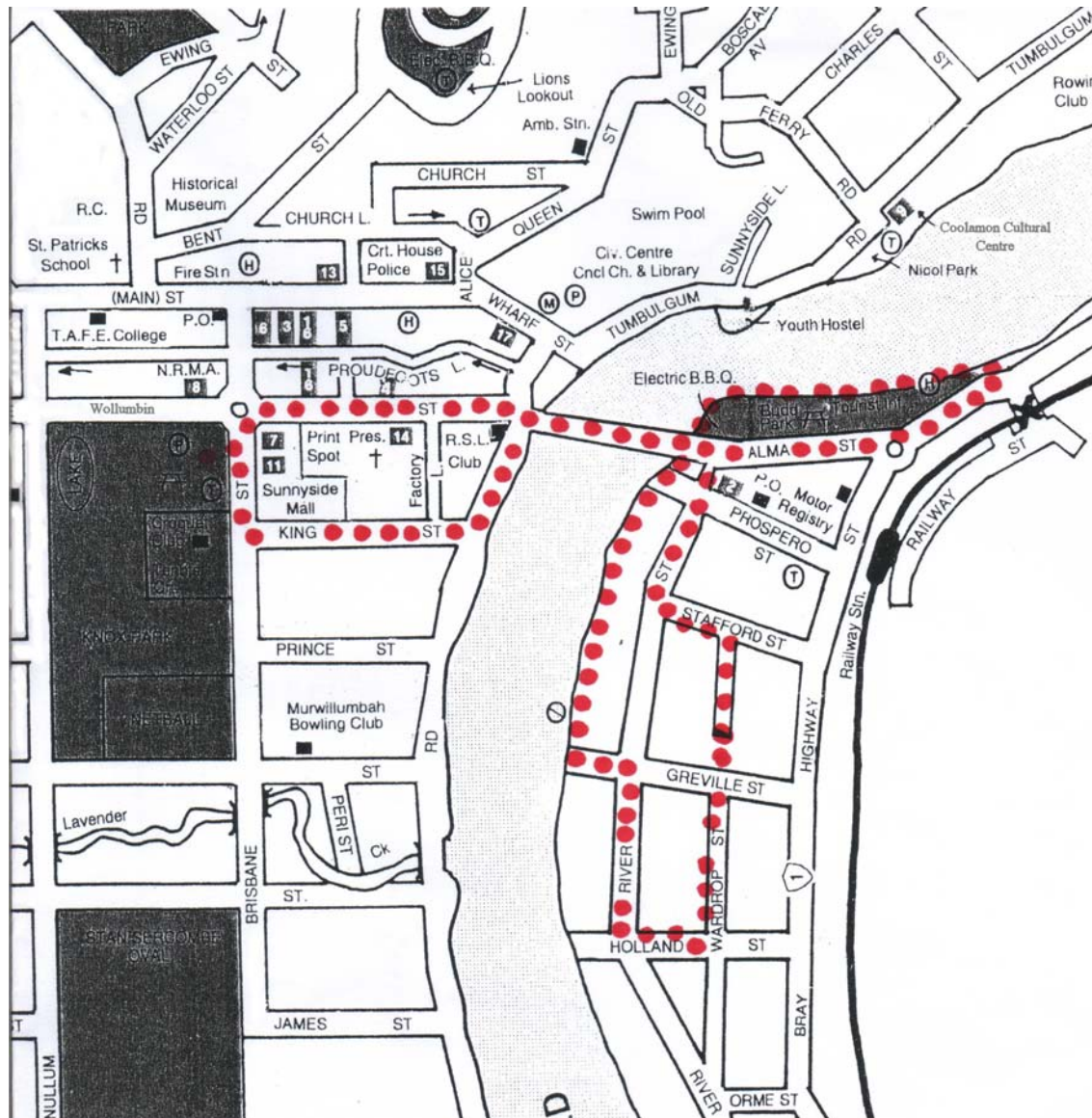


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SOUTH BANK RIVER WALK

Grade: Easy Distance: 3.2km (return)



DIRECTIONS

1. Start at Knox Park Rotunda in Brisbane Street Murwillumbah opposite Sunnyside Shopping Centre car park entrance (playground, tennis, netball, toilets).
2. Cross Brisbane Street and turn left into King Street. Many Edwardian houses now house professional and business offices.
3. Levee Wall. Enter through flood gates opposite King Street. Turn left and proceed under the bridge.
4. Bridge. Cross bridge on the north side. Capture beautiful views across the Tweed River to Mt. Warning/Wollumbin, Mt. Nullum and the Caldera.
5. Budd Park. Named after a prominent Murwillumbah family, it was previously the site of the North Coast Steam Navigation Company, store houses and wharves. Walk along the river bank in Budd Park to the World Heritage Rainforest Centre. Wonderful views across the river to Youth Hostel/Backpackers, Rowing Club, Coolamon Cultural Centre (old Art Gallery).
6. Turn back and walk along the footpath near the WHRC (tourist office), cross road under bridge and turn left along the levee bank. Enjoy views of town, river and mountain. The levee wall has been raised several times to stop flooding.