



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

Bongil Bongil National Park

**Amendment to the plan of management: improving opportunities for access
and enjoyment**



Acknowledgement of Country

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We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Summary

Bongil Bongil National Park is reserved to achieve the objectives of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. These objectives are centred on conserving nature and cultural heritage values, and fostering public appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of these special values.

The *Bongil Bongil National Park plan of management* (DPIE 2021) describes how the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) intends to achieve the Act's objectives. All operations undertaken in the park need to be in accordance with this plan of management.

An amendment to a plan of management is required if there is a proposed change to the park's management that is not consistent with the current plan. Section 73B of the National Parks and Wildlife Act enables the Minister to amend a plan of management following public exhibition of a draft amendment.

This amendment to the Bongil Bongil National Park plan of management will further the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act by improving opportunities for people to access and enjoy the park.

The following points were considered in preparing this amendment:

- the 8 management principles for national parks listed under section 30E of the National Parks and Wildlife Act
- the matters listed under section 72AA of the National Parks and Wildlife Act.

The amendment replaces some of the existing plan of management's text, adds some new text, updates one table and replaces one figure. These changes should be read in conjunction with the adopted plan of management, specifically, the section and page numbers referred to in the amendment.

Where a change is proposed to an action in the body of the plan of management, corresponding changes will also be made to Table 8 'List of management responses' in Section 6 of the plan of management as required.

Background

Improving opportunities for access and enjoyment

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) proposes to establish a new multi-use track for walkers and cyclists. This will improve access to Bongil Bongil National Park for adjacent residents and the community. The proposed multi-use track would connect new and existing residential areas with Bonville Creek and Bongil Picnic Area. Providing an all-weather multi-use track is expected to limit the formation of informal tracks and trails into the park from growing adjacent residential areas. It is envisaged that a track head and car park would be established in a council reserve adjacent to the park.

The proposed new multi-use track would follow a park management trail which is currently unused and classified as dormant in the reserve fire management strategy. The track will be approximately 400 metres long. The precise details and siting of the new track will be subject to heritage, environmental and sustainability assessments, and detailed design. The indicative location of the proposed multi-use track is shown on the plan of management map.

The amendment also makes several minor corrections to identify the walking track at Bluff Trail (the Bluff Loop Track) which was omitted from the plan of management in error.

Amendments

Section 3.6 Visitor use

Plan reference: page 18

Replace the final sentence in the fifth paragraph:

NPWS is actively encouraging greater use of the national park by cyclists and a number of management and public vehicle trails are identified in the park as suitable for a variety of riders, including children.

With:

NPWS is actively encouraging greater use of the national park by cyclists. A multi-use track for cycling and walking and a number of management and public vehicle trails are identified in the park as suitable for a variety of riders, including children.

Section 3.6 Visitor use, Walking

Plan reference: page 19

Replace the final sentence in the first paragraph:

The park provides four walking tracks and one proposed track as outlined in Table 4.

With:

The park provides 4 walking tracks and one multi-use track – suitable for walking and cycling – as outlined in Table 4.

Plan reference: page 20

Add a new row 5 to Table 4:

Table 4 Walking tracks in the park

Walking tracks	Location	Setting	Distance	Walking track grade
Bilandarra multi-use track	North of Bongil Day Use Area	Wetland and forest. Connects Bonville Creek to urban areas. Sections of the track have raised boardwalks	0.8 km return	Multi-use track for walking and cycling

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Replace existing row 3 in Table 4:

Table 4 Walking tracks in the park

Walking tracks	Location	Setting	Distance	Walking track grade
Bluff Trail (proposed)	Bluff Trail, Tuckers Rocks	Views over Bundagaree Creek. Walk follows Bluff Trail and the southern part of the Bundagaree Rainforest Walk.	1.8 km circuit	Grade 3

With:

Table 4 Walking tracks in the park

Walking tracks	Location	Setting	Distance	Walking track grade
Bluff Loop Track	Bluff Trail, Tuckers Rocks	Views over Bundagaree Creek. Walk follows Bluff Trail and the southern part of the Bundagaree Rainforest Walk	2.2 km circuit	Grade 2

Section 3.6 Visitor use, Cycling

Plan reference: page 21

Add a new second last paragraph

A multi-use track may be established along a dormant park management trail between the park boundary and Bonville Creek (see Figure 1 and Table 4). The Bilandarra multi-use track would provide additional cycling and walking access to Bonville Creek and the Bongil Day Use Area for park neighbours, the local community and visitors.

Section 3.6 Visitor use, Issues

Plan reference: page 23

Replace issue 4

There are opportunities to provide a new cycling track in the west of the park (i.e. Sid Burke Trail).

With:

There are opportunities to provide a new cycling track in the west of the park (i.e. Sid Burke Trail), and a new track for cycling and walking to connect Bonville Creek with adjacent urban areas.

Section 3.6 Visitor use, Management response, Cycling

Plan reference: page 24

Replace management response 3.6.7

Permit cycling on park roads and management trails shown on Figure 1. Cycling is not permitted on walking tracks.

With:

Allow cycling on park roads, management trails and the multi-use track shown on Figure 1. Cycling is not allowed on walking tracks.

Figure 1

Plan reference: page 1

Replace Figure 1

With: Revised Figure 1 showing the proposed multi-use track and existing Bluff Loop Track (see below)

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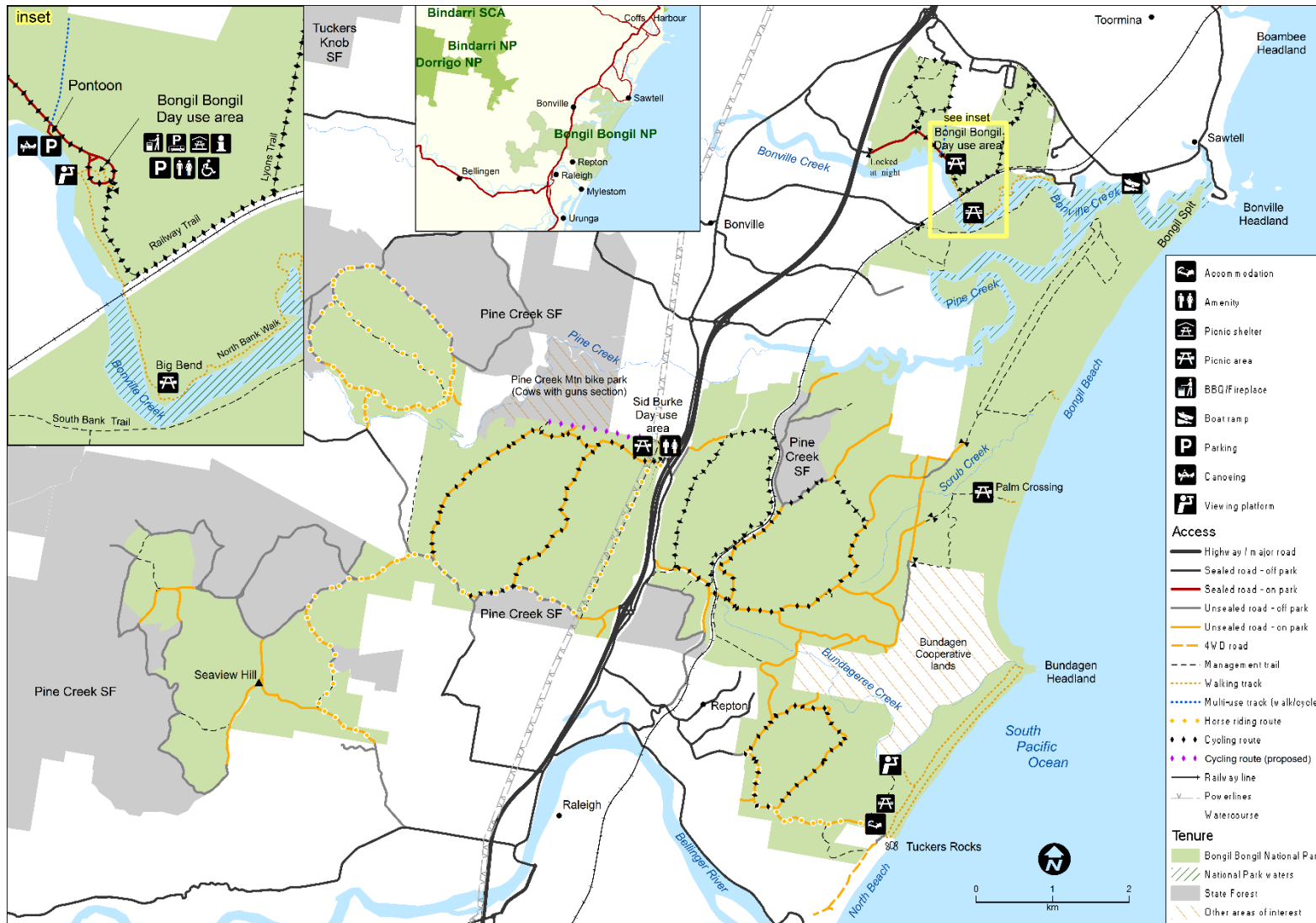


Figure 1 Map showing the proposed multi-use track (top left of inset map) and existing Bluff Loop Track (bottom right).

References

DPIE (2021) *Bongil Bongil National Park Plan of Management*, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Parramatta.

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