

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Boarding House Dam Picnic Area (gps: -32.9985, 151.4055). Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at http://wild.tl/bhdl

0 | Boarding House Dam Picnic Area

The boarding house dam picnic area in the Watagans National Park offers a relaxed spot to have a picnic amongst large gum trees, combined with a walk to the dam and moss wall. The picnic area is surrounded by a wide, sleepy creek that has been widened by the dam. There are a number of sheltered picnic tables, barbeques, a toilet, and water (treat water before use - water maybe unavailable). The dam was built in 1952 for fire fighting and recreational use. The area was established in the 1850s as a logging camp, as part of the Barnier Timber Lease. Now it is a great picnic area,

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(100 m 2 mins) From the boarding house dam picnic area, this walk follows the track gently up timber steps, keeping the very large tree stump and dam on your right. This walk follows the track (with a concrete dam on the right) for about 45m, before descending gently on a track and timber steps for about 30m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a track (on the left) and footbridge (on the right).

0.1 | Int of Boarding House Dam loop

(360 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the track down steps and over the footbridge, crossing the creek. The walk continues through moist forest for about 50m then crosses a timber footbridge. The track continues gently downhill for about 180m, to find another timber track marker and footbridge (on the left).

0.46 | Moss Wall

This 120m-long stretch of moss-covered rock wall overlooks

Boarding House Creek (close to Watagans Forest Rd) and is well worth the walk. The moss wall and surrounding creek side is an enchanting spot to explore, particularly on a hot summer's day.

0.46 | Moss wall Bridge

(260 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track (at the base of the moss wall) north, with the moss wall on your right. After about 100m, the walk comes to the end of the moss wall. This walk continues to follow the track gently uphill (with the creek on the left and passing a timber track marker) for about 90m, until descending timber steps to a three-way intersection, with a bridge on your left. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the track gently up timber steps, with the creek and dam on your left. This walk follows the track (up timber steps at one stage) for about 30m, to find a high point and views into the dam. This walk continues gently downhill (with occasional timber steps) for about 45m, until coming to the boarding house dam picnic area and car park.

