

## Description of places to visit

This map is for walkers familiar with using topographic maps for navigation. It is essential that it be used in conjunction with the appropriate 1:25,000 Topographic maps (see map index). Roads and places on the Plateau are not always signposted. Most roads are rough, 4WD recommended, particularly after rain. Not all roads are shown on this map.

Detailed walk descriptions are not given. All walks involve less than 100m descent/ascent.

**Please take care not to damage the pagoda formations and for safety reasons do not go close to cliff edges.**

**Note: Shown in brackets is the 1:25,000 topographic map name and the abbreviated MGA coordinate (GDA datum) for the locality.**

### 1 Bald Trig (Lithgow 434, 958)

Park at the turn off on the Old Bells Line of Road and walk about 1km along the road to the trig. Spectacular views over the Wollangambe and Bungleboori wilderness to Mt Coricudgy (north) and Mt Yengo (east).

### 2 The Lost City (Lithgow 371, 990)

Park at the rock barrier for views over the Lost City and surrounding thick heath. Walk a couple of hundred metres down to the pagodas at the end of the road.

### 3 Bungleboori lookout (Wollangambe 453, 980)

Park near the mine vent and walk along the road on the ridge to the northeast, to the end of the road (approx. 1km). Scramble onto rocky pagodas, (taking care not to damage formations) for a panorama of spectacular rocky country next to Bungleboori Creek.

### 4 Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamp (Lithgow 423, 033)

Park on the road next to the shrub swamp on Carne Creek and walk along the edge to see many rare plants including *Boronia deanei*, *Grevillia acanthifolia* and *Persoonia hindii*.

### 5 Lurlene Jack lookout (Cullen Bullen 426, 073)

Park about 1.5kms off the Glow Worm Tunnel Road, along Fire Trail No. 2. Walk a few hundred metres to the end of the road and on to the rock pillar lookout, with views of branches of Carne Creek. Take care not to damage the pagoda formations and do not go too close to the edge as there is an unfenced shear 50m drop.

### 6 Birds Rock (Cullen Bullen 387, 088)

Park at the side of the road close to the trig, and walk onto the rock formation for wonderful views into the Wollemi Wilderness with Mt Coricudgy to the north.

### 7 Wolgan Falls (Cullen Bullen 348, 101)

Turn right off the Blackfellows Hand Road at Fire Trail No.5. Park near the locked gate. Navigation skills are needed to get to near the falls (approximately 1.5km) where there are great views over pagoda formations and glimpses of the falls. Scrambling is needed to get down to the edge for a good view of the falls (tricky to find).

## Gardens of Stone Stage 2 Proposal

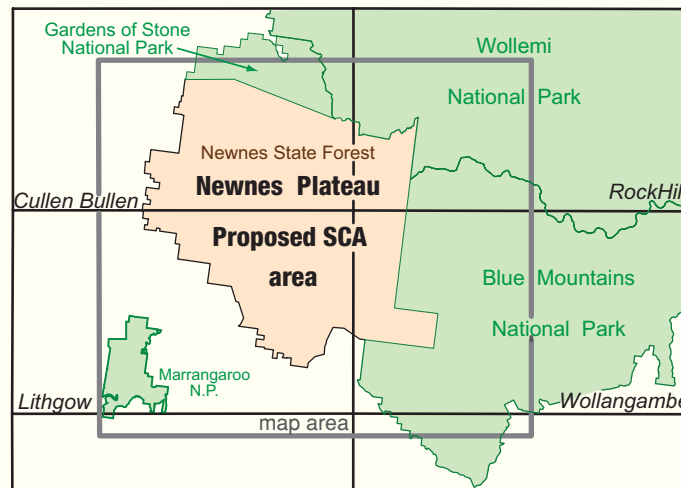
The Gardens of Stone Stage 2 proposal embraces the sandstone landscapes of the Newnes Plateau, the broken stone country to the west of the Plateau and the Airly-Genowlan mesa to the north in the Capertee Valley. The 40,000 hectares proposal contains the last unprotected part of 1934 Greater Blue Mountains National Park proposal compiled by Myles Dunphy for the National Parks and Primitive Areas Council. The proposal also includes the Blue Mountains Western Escarpment lands from Blackheath to Lithgow.

**Newnes Plateau** (22,000 hectares) This gently undulating plateau of 1100 metres rises to 1180 metres at Birds Rock and is the most northerly extension of the Blue Mountains Range. The botanical diversity and vast number of rare plants on the Plateau are related to its altitude, the intricate sandstone landscape and location at the western-most extremity of the Blue Mountains.

(Extract from the GOS2 Proposal document)

For ways to support the Proposal and more information :  
Blue Mountains Conservation Society, [www.bluemountains.org.au](http://www.bluemountains.org.au)  
Colong Foundation for Wilderness, [www.colongwilderness.org.au](http://www.colongwilderness.org.au)

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This leaflet has been produced to encourage greater appreciation of the little known scenic and natural attractions of Newnes Plateau. Located right at Lithgow's doorstep it has spectacular escarpments, curious pagoda rock formations, narrow canyons, beautiful forests and heathlands and endangered swamp communities. Beyond the rough dirt roads and other current disturbance lies an unspoilt world of natural wonders.

All of the places listed here for visiting are currently not protected in any conservation area.



**"Tread lightly and leave no trace"**  
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# Short walks on the Newnes Plateau



Part of the  
Gardens of Stone Stage 2 Proposal Area

