

## Natural Landforms

Spectacular features such as waterfalls play an important part in shaping the natural environment. The precipitous drop of Minyon Falls is the dramatic result of thousands of years of erosion. Exposed rock pinnacles such as the 'Sphinx', which is visible from Lismore and surrounding areas, are probably the result of wind erosion.

## Things to see and do



**Camp in the forest at Rummy Park.** Take a short walk up Boggy Creek to Minyon Falls. Camping fees apply. bookings essential. phone: 1300 072 757 or book online: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)



All **picnic areas** have barbeques, toilets and picnic tables with shelters and information.

**Mt Nardi Picnic Area** is accessed from Nimbin by a 12km narrow sealed road. Numerous walking tracks start from Mt Nardi including a link track to the Historic Nightcap Track.

**Terania Creek Picnic Area**, the scene of historic protests to save the rainforests of NSW from further logging, is located at the end of the Terania Creek Road. The narrow twisting dirt road is 14km in length, originating in The Channon. This area is subject to temporary closures at certain times of year.



**Minyon Grass Picnic Area** is accessed from Minyon Drive and offers the most spectacular views of Minyon Falls from a wheelchair accessible platform.

**Minyon Falls Picnic Area** is situated on Minyon Drive above Minyon Falls. On clear days there are views to the ocean from the waterfall's edge, which is accessed from a wheelchair accessible platform. For your own safety please stay on the walkway and platform. No abseiling or rock-climbing permitted.

## A changing view of the land

The parks are located within the Widjabul clan of the Bundjalung Nation. Evidence from recorded sites suggests Aboriginal use of the Nightcap Range for at least the last 4000 years. This area is of major significance to the local Aboriginal people and is respected for its rich tradition and value. Minyon Falls are part of a greater cultural landscape that includes other major landmarks such as Mount Warning (Wollumbin) and the Pinnacle, in the Border Ranges.

## Caring for the park

- Leave your pets and firearms at home, as they are not permitted.
- Enjoy the wildlife but do not disturb plants, animals, bushrock, Aboriginal sites or historic places. All are protected.
- Be careful with fire and use only fireplaces provided. Bring your own firewood.
- Drive carefully and keep to public roads.
- Keep the park clean and safe for wildlife. Take your rubbish home.
- Observe all signs, as they are there for your safety and to help you enjoy your visit.
- Keep to walking tracks, as they are designed to have minimal impact.
- Be considerate of other park users - keep your noise to a minimum.
- Please do not feed the wildlife.
- Drinking water is not provided. Please bring your own.



**For updates on fires, floods and park closures please contact National Parks & Wildlife Service, Alstonville: 02 6627 0200**

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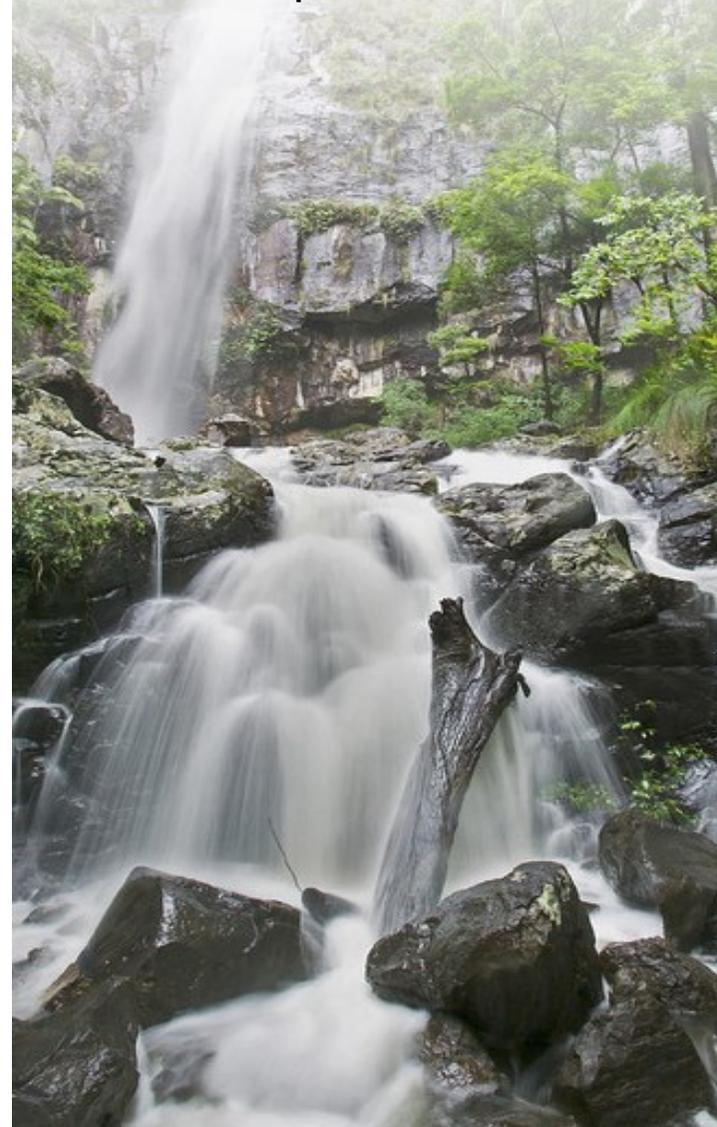
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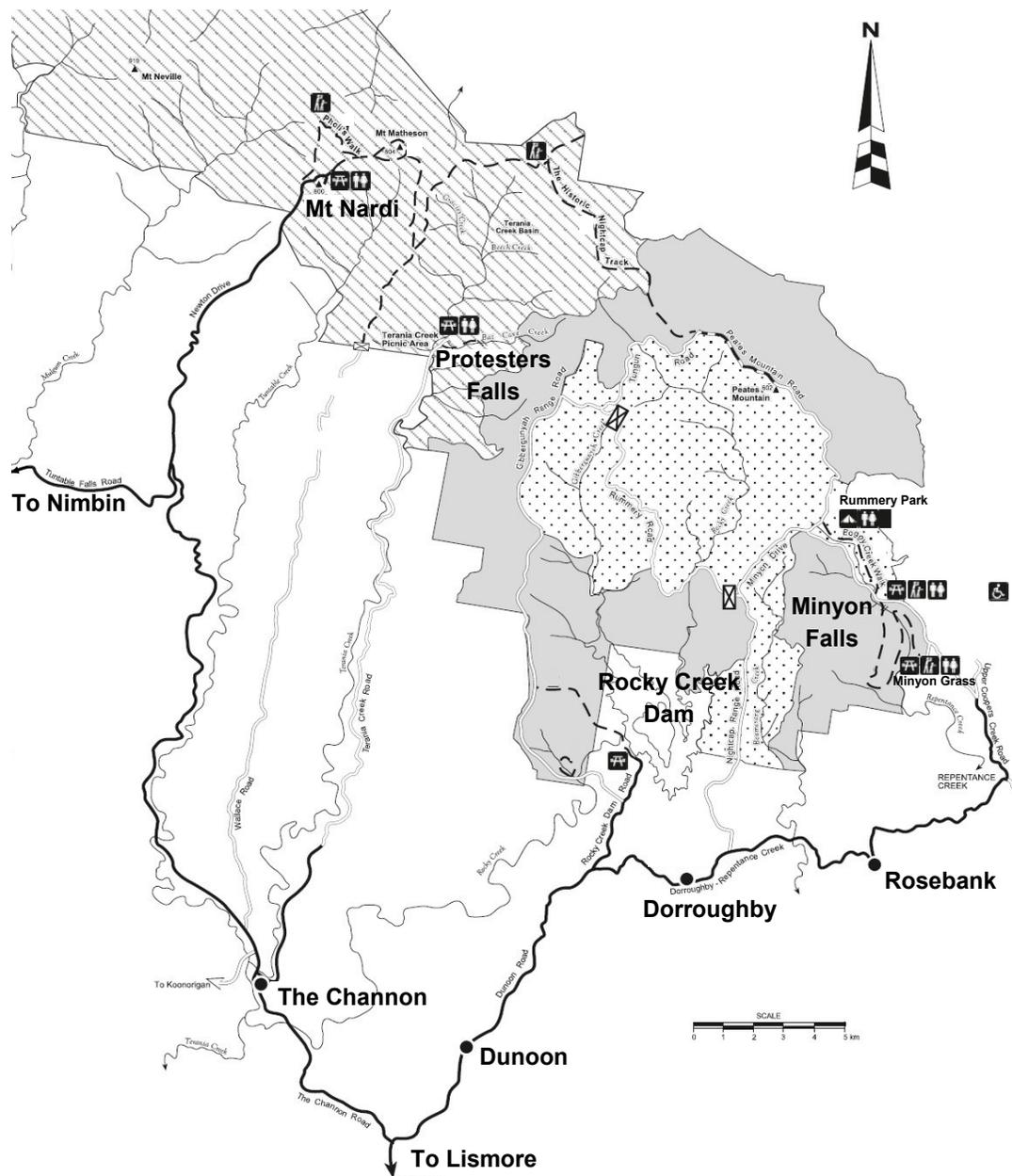


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**History**

Lured by the chance for employment in the difficult times, timbergetters began logging in the Whian Whian area in the 1830's. The rainforest giant, Red Cedar, was particularly sought after for its beautiful glowing red timber.

Due to the actions of the Terania Native Forests Action Group

**MT NARDI**

**Mt Matheson Loop (3km, 1.5 hours, easy-moderate)**

Originating at Mt Nardi, the Mt Matheson Loop heads out through the lush rainforest encircling Mt Matheson. Drier vegetation communities are found near cliff edges. The Pholis Gap and Historic Nightcap tracks split off from this walk.

between 1976 and 1979, national attention was focused on the extent of logging in the Nightcap area. Nightcap National Park was declared in 1983, with significant additions in 1999. Whian Whian State Conservation Area was created in 2003.

Almost 5,000 hectares of Nightcap National Park was given World Heritage status in 1989 when it was added to the Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves of Australia (CERRA) group.

**Walking Tracks**

**TERANIA CREEK Protesters Falls (1.4km return, 45min, easy)**

Visit Protesters Falls at Terania Creek Picnic Area. This easy walk winds its way through Bangalow Palms to the base of the falls. Swimming is not permitted in the area as it is home to the endangered Fleay's Barred Frog.



**Pholis Gap (4km return, 1.5 hours, moderate)**

The track was named after Athol Pholi who was killed by a tree fall while working in the area. Beginning at Mt Nardi the track meanders through rainforest for a kilometre before splitting off the Mt Matheson Loop and descending towards the escarpment edge. Drier vegetation dominated by grass trees and New England Blackbutt typify the walk to Pholis Gap which offers views of Mt Warning and surrounding valleys.

**Historic Nightcap Track (over 20km one way, hard)**

This walk is recommended for professional bushwalkers who have proper gear including topographical maps. We strongly recommend you advise the national parks office (ph: 02 6627 0200) of your whereabouts and expected time of return.

This walk goes between Mt Nardi and Rummery Park and overlaps parts of the original trail used by travellers and postal workers between Lismore and Murwillumbah in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Bush camping is permitted on this walk but visitors must use portable stoves and carry out their own rubbish.

**MINYON FALLS**

**Boggy Creek (2km one way, 45 mins, easy)**

Starting at Rummery Park, this track leads to Mynyon Falls along beautiful Boggy Creek. The track starts in Blackbutt forest and includes a series of small waterfalls and pools along the quiet creek.

**Mynyon Loop (7.5km return, 4.5 hours, moderate - hard)**

Beginning at either Mynyon Grass or Mynyon Falls picnic areas this walk takes visitors through changing vegetation to the base of the falls past a large unlogged Brushbox stand and along the escarpment edge. For visitors wishing to walk only to the base of Mynyon Falls the walk begins at Mynyon Grass and is a 4km return walk taking around 2 hours. Both walks have steep climbs out.

For reasons of public safety and threatened species conservation there is no access to the top of Tumble Falls. Access to the bottom of the falls is also not possible as it is through private property.

*NB: Please observe all warning signs for walking tracks.*