

# Blue Gum Hills Regional Park



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## ABOUT BLUE GUM HILLS RP

Blue Gum Hills RP is near Minmi, only 3 minutes from the F3 and 14 km west of the Newcastle CBD. It's an ideal location to enjoy a picnic or barbecue in a bushland setting with large open spaces for the kids to enjoy.

A themed playground reflects the mining history of the Minmi area. Seating and shelters allow parents to watch the children while they play, and an observation deck overlooks the large maze.

A number of easy-grade walking tracks provide pleasant strolls as they wind their way to historic Minmi Cemetery and Minmi Heritage Garden. Dogs are allowed on a leash in this regional park.

Opening hours: 7.30 am to 8.00 pm (daylight saving) and 7.30 am to 5.00 pm (other times).

## HERITAGE WALKING TRACK

(2.5 km – easy)

This walk commences at the remains of the 1870s ashlar stone bridge abutments and follows the original Minmi–Back Creek rail embankment to Brown's Colliery No. 2 Mine; it ends at a ventilation shaft which dates from the 1870s. Some of the original underground coal mining infrastructure remains (engine foundations and ventilation shaft), as well as open cut mining remnants.

## VILLAGE GREEN PICNIC AREA

A large open grassed area with picnic shelters, tables and free gas barbecues provides an ideal location for families and large groups to enjoy this peaceful bush setting. With great spaces for children to cycle, this picnic area is only 500 m from the main entry gates.

## BACK CREEK PICNIC AREA

You'll find picnic facilities set in open bushland which provide a peaceful spot for your enjoyment. Explore the nearby playgrounds and the maze. You can enjoy an easy stroll to the historic Minmi Cemetery and the cemetery lookout.

## TREETOP ADVENTURE PARK

This award-winning adventure park is a great way to actively enjoy the surrounding bushland. Move from tree to tree across the tree canopy through a network of rope bridges, flying foxes, trapezes and a Tarzan jump. This private park is located within the Blue Gum Hills Regional Park. For more information phone 02 4026 7617 or email bluegumhills@ttap.com.au.

## CARING FOR YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

- Please respect Aboriginal sites and places, they are protected.
- All native plants and animals and rock formations are protected.
- Fires are not permitted in coastal parks. Free gas barbecues are available at a number of areas.
- Leave dead wood and rocks where you find them, they provide important habitat for many animals.
- Please use rubbish bins where provided, otherwise take your rubbish with you when you leave.
- Please leave your pets at home – they are not permitted in national parks, state conservation areas or nature reserves.
- Please do not feed native animals as this may make them sick.

- Drive carefully. Vehicles, including motorbikes, must keep to formed public roads. Unregistered vehicles, including motorbikes, are not permitted.

## DISCOVERY PROGRAMS

To find out about guided Discovery Activities phone (02) 4320 4205 or visit our website:

[www.nswnationalparks.com.au](http://www.nswnationalparks.com.au)  
or [www.wildwildworld.com.au](http://www.wildwildworld.com.au)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

NPWS Newcastle Office: Hunter Wetland Centre, Sandgate Road, Shortland, phone (02) 4946 4100

## GENERAL INQUIRIES

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