

Dawn Mist - Liz Millen



Morning ride - Liz Millen

Angophora costata - Deb Little

From Campsie to Bexley North via the valleys of the Cooks River and Wollie Creek



Girrahween Park - Deb Little

A thirteen-kilometre walk
in Sydney's inner South-West

Two Valley Trail



Volunteer Mudcrabs - working to reinstate Cooks River vegetation - Liz Millen

Many hours of work by community volunteers go into maintaining and improving the Trail and its environment.

Please don't make their work harder. Take your rubbish with you and leave the plants as you find them.



Darter - Voren O'Brien



Volunteer bush regenerators restoring Wollie Creek bushland



On the track - Deb Little

Guided Walks along various sections of the Trail are available from time to time. For information on these please contact the Wollie Creek Preservation Society.

Education Resources have been created so that the Two Valley Trail can be used as an outdoor classroom. Teachers' notes and activity sheets cover both the natural and built environments and a wide range of issues, including biodiversity and historical themes. For information on these contact the Cooks River Valley Association or the Wollie Creek Preservation Society or access the materials online at www.wolliecreek.org.au/activities/school

Volunteers and new members are encouraged to join the Two Valley Trail groups (contact details overleaf). Volunteers help to maintain and enhance the Trail and surrounding bushland. Volunteers are also involved in bird surveys, bat counts and turtle protection in the area.

Wollie Creek Regional Park is under the management of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and Regional Park rules apply:

- Dogs must be on a leash and droppings collected and removed
- No bicycles or motorised vehicles are allowed
- Please keep on the track
- Do not cut, remove or trample any plants, even weeds
- Help by removing litter on or adjacent to the Trail



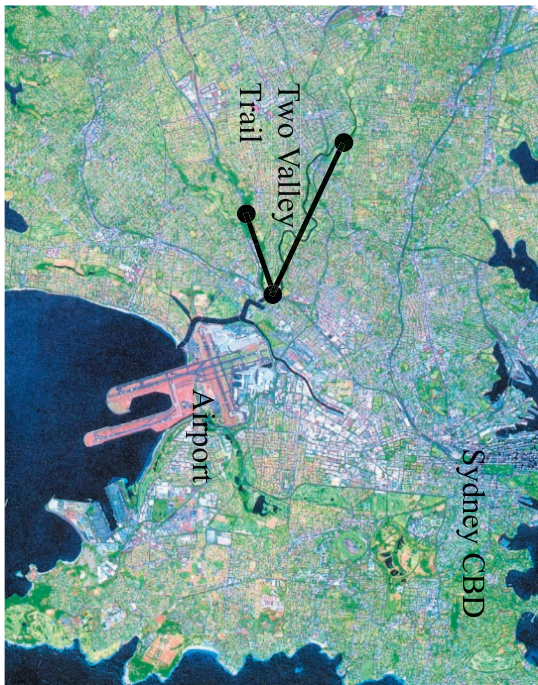
Egret wading - Kate Ryder

Train lines and bus services in both valleys give access at a large number of points. See map inside.

The Two Valley Trail explores two very different inner-city valleys and their waterways:

The **Cooks River Valley** is part of Sydney's multicultural heartland. Although the area is densely populated, the river frontage provides a welcome corridor of green space, flanked in sections by mangroves and native vegetation. Here the Trail runs on a shared bicycle path through attractive parklands, revegetated areas and playing fields, close to the river.

The **Wollie Creek Valley** includes the 50 ha of the Wollie Creek Regional Park, with its remnant bushland and rugged sandstone escarpments. A combination of native heath and forest provides shelter for many native birds, insects and lizards. The Trail runs along easy bush tracks and across grasslands, and gives occasional glimpses of the creek.



Two Valley Trail

Airport

Sydney CBD



Red-browed Finch - Voren O'Brien

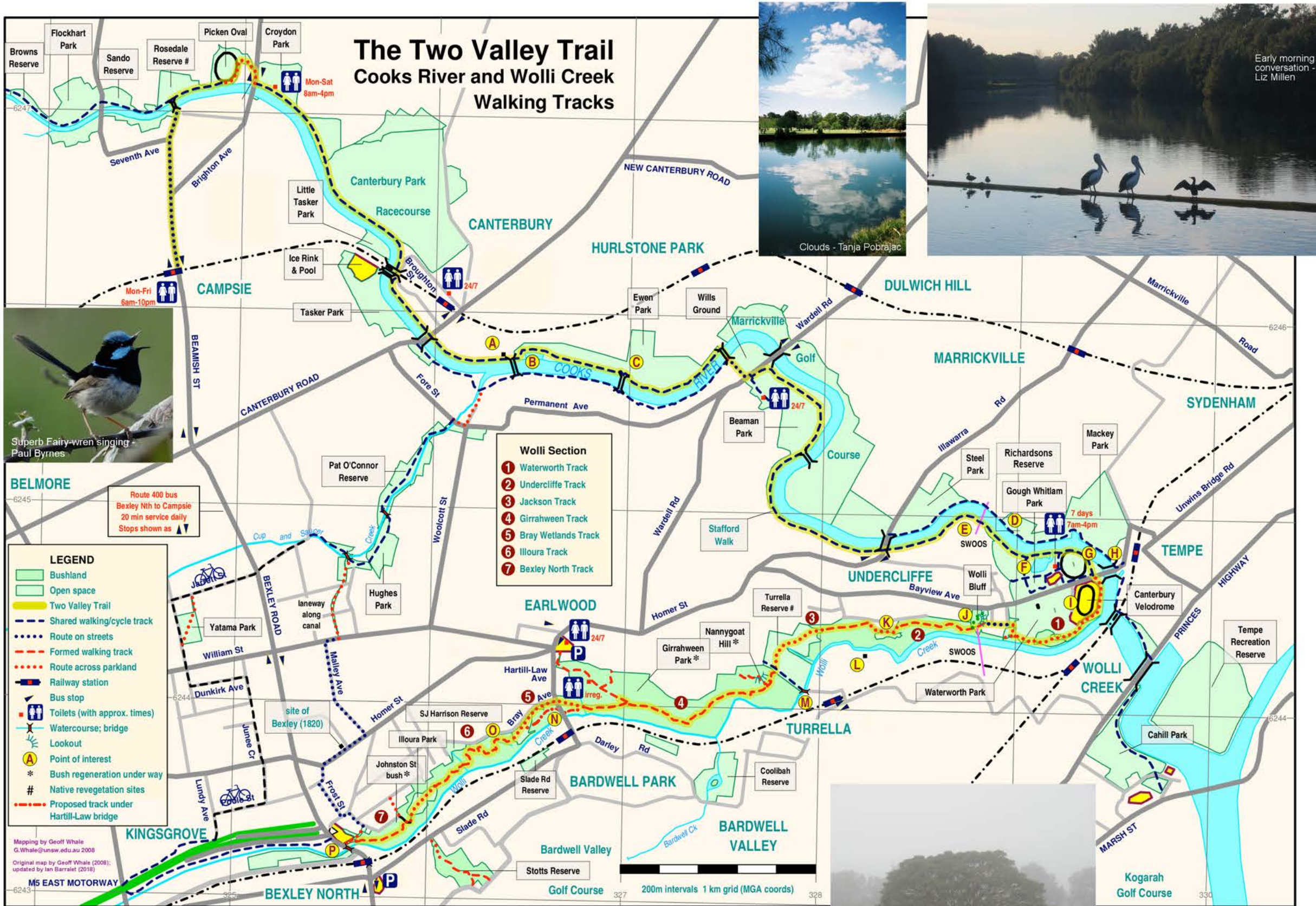
Corridors of Green

The Two Valley Trail forms a vital vegetation corridor of regional significance. Such vegetation corridors are important for the survival of native plants because they provide the continuous or closely-spaced tree and shrub cover needed by native insects, birds and bats, which in turn pollinate many of the plants and spread their seeds.

Because of their extent and continuity, the foreshores of the two waterways are key elements in creating a 'Green Web' to link up the various isolated pockets of remnant bushland in the wider Cooks River catchment, which covers 100 square kilometres of densely populated inner-suburban Sydney.



Gone fishin' - Adam O'Morrisey



Some points of interest

A. The **Sugar House** was originally built as a sugar mill in 1840-42, and converted to residential units from 2002.

B. The **Boat Harbour** was built in 1964 for use by Sea Cadets, but silted up within five years.

C. **Ewen Park** is a popular picnic area, situated on one of the most beautiful bends in the river.

D. **Richardson Reserve**. Former site of historic mansion, The Warren. Indigenous Talking Poles outline the site's significance.

E. The **South-West Ocean Outfall Sewer (SWOOS)** was built in 1896; the decorative brickwork is heritage listed.

F. **'Gardens of the World'** was constructed in 2006 by the then City of Canterbury as a multicultural celebration.

G. **Flood zone**, constructed by the City of Canterbury in 2007/8 to reduce erosion and promote native saltmarsh growth.

H. **River Canoe Club**. The 1976 building replaced an older wooden boatshed built much earlier and occupied by the Club in 1955.

I. **Canterbury Velodrome** opened in 1982, but there appears to have been a cycling venue here since at least the 1930s.

J. **Wollie Bluff** is a prominent landmark and the eastern end of Wollie Creek Regional Park.*

K. **Jackson Place's** historic stone cottages from the 1920s are heritage listed and built into an old quarry.*

L. The **M5E tunnel ventilation stack** pumps out unfiltered emissions from around 140,000 vehicle movements a day (2018)

M. The weir across the creek at **Turrella Reserve** created a fresh water reservoir for market gardens on the flats. The fishway at the weir, designed to improve access for fish to spawn, was completed in 2009.

N. **Bray Avenue wetland** was created as a billabong when the creek was straightened under Hartill-Law Avenue in 1949.*#

O. **Paperbark Creek**: channel reconstructed in 2007 and 2018.

P. **Bexley Road bridge** over the creek (built 1930s) is subject to flash flooding in heavy rain.

