



Our reference: Berowra Valley National Park - Quarry Trail
Rifle Range safety plan implementation
notification
Contact: Valleys Area Office
8448 0400

Interested Stakeholder

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Closure of the sections of Berowra Valley Quarry Trail within the Hornsby Rifle Range danger area and contact point for requests for access

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service have been working with the North Shore Regional Target Shooting Complex Management Association to improve safety on the Berowra Valley Quarry Trail and Hornsby Rifle Range. In order to do so formal communication and detour protocols have been developed. The new protocols apply to:

- An 800m section of the Berowra valley Quarry Trail, 2km from the western trail entrance at the Quarry Road track head. The affected area is between the Quarry Trail/ Pogson Trig Trail intersection and Tunks Ridge Camping area. Refer to Enclosure 1.
- An 800m section of the Berowra Valley Quarry Trail, 300m from the eastern trail entrance at Simon Avenue, Hornsby in a westerly direction down the Quarry Trail. Refer to Attachment 1.

Detours and alternative route options are detailed below. The affected area is signposted on the trail and the location of the site can be seen in Attachment 1.

All visitors and personnel wishing to use the affected trail are required to Contact the North Shore Regional Target Shooting Complex Management Association on the 24 hour telephone number: 0417 201 606 to confirm shooting times and authorisation to access the Hornsby R.S.L. Rifle Range danger area, for their time of travel. If shooting is occurring the following detours and alternative routes may be used:

Walkers

Great North Walk

- Access will continue to be permitted without restriction along the Great North Walk because its location within local topography poses minimal risk from range firing activities.

Quarry Road, Dural to Hornsby via Fishponds

- There is no diversion from Dural to Hornsby
- A new link is currently being examined for inclusion from the Pogson Trig Trail to the Great North Walk via fishponds

Hornsby/ Hornsby Heights to Tunks Ridge and the Gorge Bridge

- Use a Hornsby Heights trail head, Simon trail and Tunks Ridge trail via Steele Military Bridge

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- See above or
- Use Manor Road and the Great North Walk via Fishponds

Cyclists

- Cycling is not permitted on the Berowra Valley Quarry trail within the Hornsby Rifle Range danger area
- Some alternative rides in the locality include:
 - Simon trail, Hornsby/ Hornsby Heights
 - Rowland trail, Dural
 - Mitchell trail, Dural
 - Bellamy fire trail, Thornleigh
 - Hornsby Mountain Bike Trail, Hornsby

Further information and updates are also available at:

- North Shore Regional Target Shooting Complex Management Association
<http://hornsbyrslrc.com.au>
- Great North Walk
- http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au/about_recreation/walking_tracks/great_north_walk
- NPWS
<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/berowra-valley-national-park/great-north-walk/walking>
- Hornsby Shire Council
http://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/my-lifestyle/sports-and_recreation/cycling/hornsby-mountain-bike-trail
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NationalParks/cycling.aspx>
<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/berowra-valley-national-park>

It should be noted that these protocols are a requirement and law enforcement patrols will be undertaken to ensure compliance.

For more information contact the Berowra Valley National Park Ranger on telephone 8448 0407.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure attached

Enclosure 1

Map of the affected area

