FREE PRINTABLE ITINERARIES · THIS FOREST ONLY

Half day · full day · overnight

Operator estimates only — Forestry Corporation does not publish walk hours for Olney. From **Olney State Forest Guide**. Not independently walked.

Not a booking sheet. Forest camping is free and first-come. Closures and fire bans live on official pages. Check Forestry Corporation closures · RFS total fire bans. Independent unofficial — not Forestry Corporation, not NPWS.

Pick one job

Half day

The Pines Picnic Area + The Pines Walking Track (Dora Creek / rock pool in warmer months).

Full day

Pines precinct + Abbotts Falls Walking Track + a second named picnic (Old Mill or Olney HQ).

Overnight

First-come at a named camp. Stay generally capped at four weeks. Friday Plan B required in peaks.

Half day — The Pines precinct

1. Fill up in Wyong, Morisset or Cooranbong. Check closures and RFS before you leave the seal.
2. Aim for The Pines Picnic Area (Watagan Forest Road, Ravensdale NSW 2259 is the public address).
3. Picnic under the 1920s–30s slash pines. Wood barbecues off on Total Fire Ban days.
4. The Pines Walking Track follows Dora Creek — moist eucalypt / rainforest pockets and a rock pool. That's the official wording. Forestry Corp doesn't publish kilometres or a grade.
5. Leave daylight for the unsealed drive out. Do not add Abbotts Falls if time is already tight.

Skip if: you need a reserved pad, a graded national-park icon walk, or guaranteed wheelchair access across the forest.

Full day — Pines + Abbotts Falls

1. Same start: The Pines Picnic Area.
2. Abbotts Falls Walking Track (official sequence): dry eucalypt → moist bluegum / rainforest gullies → Abbotts Falls Lookout → climb back → return via German Point Road.
3. Second picnic: Old Mill (day-use only, no camping) or Olney HQ (toilets including disabled-access toilet).
4. Don't add Rock Lily / The Basin unless you have checked that inland road the same morning.

Official pages publish no hours. Downhill into gullies means a climb back. Protect daylight.

Overnight — first-come, not a reservation

Named camps

- The Pines Camping Area — shade, short walk to picnic and tracks
- Casuarina — vans / trailers mentioned officially
- Turpentine — families / small groups; toilets at nearby Pines or Casuarina
- Olney HQ — barbecues, tables, disabled-access toilet
- The Basin — large groups / grass; 16 km inland; check the road

If The Pines is full

1. Casuarina → Turpentine → HQ
2. The Basin if notices say the road is usable
3. Sister forests (separate domains)
4. Town bed: Wyong, Morisset, The Entrance, Cessnock, Newcastle

Old Mill and The Pines Picnic Area are not camps. Do not camp on picnic lawns.

Who should not use these shapes

- Anyone who needs a guaranteed pad on a Friday in school holidays
- Anyone who cannot accept unsealed roads, log trucks, or post-rain closures
- Anyone unwilling to BYO water and pack out rubbish
- Anyone who actually wanted Watagans National Park lookouts and a booked NPWS camp

Not Watagans National Park

This is **Olney State Forest** (Forestry Corp), not Watagans National Park (NPWS). Boarding House Dam, Monkey Face and Gap Creek are not Olney cards. Dogs: State forest yes (under control); adjoining park generally no.

Official

- Olney page: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visiting/forests/olney-state-forest
- Closures: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/visiting/closures
- Map PDF: https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/440183/olney-sf-map.pdf
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