

Mount Burringbar - Red Cord Hike - V1.0

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MAP: Burringbar NP-9541-2S

Grid Ref Zone: MGRS 56JNP.

Hike – Mount Burringbar from Wabba Road to Cooradilla Road

An interesting hike up Mount Burringbar. The summit has views of the ocean, and an interesting summit cairn. The descent down Cooradilla road has great views of the valley leading to Murwillumbah.

This is a one-way hike so requires a car shuttle.

Total distance is around **9Km** with 400m ascent and descent.

- Start at the junction of Cudgera Creek Road and Wabba Road (4734 5662). There is limited parking (4 cars max).
Important – Originally Wabba Road started at (4729 5655). Unfortunately the land owner built their house on the Road, leading to disputes over right of way. After negotiations with council a new track has been established, with starts about 100m NE of the original road. The track is fairly obvious (hugs the right hand side of the fence line. The track is **NOT** signposted.
- Follow the new track, which winds its way steeply up and downhill in a westerly direction, until you enter Mooball NP via the locked gate at (4675 5684)
- You are now on Wabba Road, pleasant forest track. Head North Westerly along Wabba Road until you meet Barandilla Road at (4597 5868).
- Turn left and follow Barandilla road to the obvious hairpin corner at Barook Road (4571 5894) – a useful landmark.
- Continue South Westerly along Barandilla Road, gradually climbing up-hill for a further 1km – until a short plateau at (4494 5853). This is where the track up Mount Burringbar begins.
- Look for a small path which heads off at a bearing of 108°, then steeply uphill. This is the path up to the summit of Mount Burringbar.
- The path is steep at first, and then levels out as it passes a small peak on the right.
- There is a short section of downhill at (4533 5844), before the final steep ascent to the summit at (4566 5860).
- Enjoy the views towards the East, the ocean and Byron Bay.
- Retrace your steps back to the plateau on Barandilla Road (4494 5853).
- Continue North West along Barandilla Road to the locked gate at the junction with Cooradilla Road (4457 5862). It is possible to park cars here (2wd access).
- Head South West along Cooradilla Road. **BEWARE** – there are cars on this road, but very infrequently. The excellent views towards Murwillumbah, and small detour to view the radio mast at (4433 5843) make this part of the hike worthwhile, despite the possibility of cars.
- Continue along Cooradilla Road, to the end of the hike where it meets the highway at (4403 5754). Avoid youth crossing the highway, by parking cars towards the end of Cooradilla road rather than in the picnic area on the other side of the highway.