

HOW TO GET THERE

From the New England Highway take the turn to Paterson at the roundabout by Maitland Station and follow the signs to Walka Water Works turning left at the traffic lights before the bridge over the Hunter River (High Street) then sharp right into Sempill Street. From here it is approximately two kilometres to the main gate. If you are coming from the Maitland Visitor Information Centre follow along High Street and Ken Tubman Drive which links with the way from the New England Highway.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Parking is only permitted on the sealed roads and the area in front of the pump house as shown on the map. All other roads and tracks are closed to visitor vehicles.
- No dogs allowed.
- Picnic tables are available.
- Gas barbeques have shelters and are located in the vicinity of the pump house.
- There are no catering facilities.
- Camping is not permitted in the reserve.
- The quality of water in the lake is not suitable for drinking, swimming or any water sports.
- There is a charge for the mini train rides and all riders must be wearing enclosed footwear.
- Trail bikes and motor bikes are not permitted beyond the car parking area.

BOOKINGS

For all events, booking and enquiries, call 02 4934 9700 or email info@maitland.nsw.gov.au
Maitland City Council is a Trust Manager for the reserve and the principal sponsor.

THE RESERVE

Extensive natural gardens and picnic areas border the lake and surrounding bush land with native fauna and flora. There are approximately 12 kilometres of mainly gravel trails for walkers and cyclists. A mini train track runs along the edge of the lake which is home to many species of water birds. Train rides operate on Sundays and by arrangement.

THE WATER WORKS

With its striking chimney and ornate brickwork, the pumphouse is part of one of the largest and most intact 19th Century industrial complexes in the Hunter Valley which also includes the settling tanks and the stone dam wall to the lake. The former boiler house and adjacent lawn can be hired for wedding receptions, parties and special events.



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Walka Recreation and Wildlife Reserve

Welcome to Walka Recreation and Wildlife Reserve. Offering 112 hectares of park, lake and bush land surrounding the historic Walka Water Works. Located only five minutes drive from central Maitland.

FREE ADMISSION

Open seven days a week

7.00am – 5.00pm

7.00am – 7.00pm (during daylight savings)





Features

1. Pump house building and chimney built in 1887.
2. Childrens playground area.
3. Walka Station. Mini train rides start here.
4. Former water filtration beds with large settling tank and circular clear water tank.
5. Reserve headquarters and cottage.
6. Train track for the mini steam train.
7. The Lake Trail is 3kms and goes all around the lake.
8. Snake Gully Junction.
9. The Bush Trail, goes around the top of the reserve with good views.
10. The Kangaroo Trail is one of the best places to see a mob of kangaroos.
11. The Nature Trail is mostly level with timber bridges, small ponds and log seats along the way.
12. Memorial seat under a fig tree with one of the best views of the lake.
13. Cedar Place. The mini train ride turns around at this stop.
14. Stan Parkes Memorial Grove. Ideal picnic and games area.
15. Pedestrian access only from the Water Works Road.
16. Model yacht launching pontoon and picnic table.
17. Stone dam wall to the lake. Part of the Lake Trail and good for watching water birds.

Scobies Lane. The approach from Oakhampton Road and Maitland.

The Main Entry Gate
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Daylight saving 7.00am - 7.30pm

-  Picnic tables and barbecues
-  Toilets including disabled access

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Walka Water Works

A recreation and wildlife reserve.

Explore and enjoy your stay.

