

**33. YENGO N.P.: MOGO CAMP
- MT LOCKYER - MT MANNING
ABORIGINAL ROCK ART SITE**

Yengo National Park protects some of the most rugged and forbidding sandstone country in the Sydney region. However, in the eastern section of the park, the Mogo Creek area has a good car-based campsite which offers opportunities for easy access to some great lookouts, a section of the historic Great Northern Road and an Aboriginal art site. This suggestion describes a car-based camp with two easy one-day walks.

From Sydney head north on the F3 Freeway, and take the Peats Ridge exit at Calga. Drive 38km NW via Central Mangrove, Kulnura, and The Letter A to Bucketty. Turn left onto Mogo Creek Road and drive for 6km and turn left to the Mogo Camping area (100m in from the road).

Day 1: Start off on a track which leads off from the SE corner of the campsite. It contours generally SSE. There are good views along the way, particularly of the cliffs to the east at about the 700m mark. The track ends after 1.3km. However, there is a negotiable route south. Climb up to the ridge top to the left and continue south till you meet a 4WD road at the 2km mark. Here, turn east (left) and walk for 300m to meet the Great Northern Road at Circuit Flat. Turn north (left) and within sight on this historic road are the remains of a convict-built bridge – abutments only remain. This makes an ideal place for a morning tea break.

From the bridge follow the Great Northern Road south for 4km to a 4-way road junction at Sampsons Pass, and take the SW trail. [The NE trail is obscure].

After 1km this trail joins a track and it's then but 200m to Mt Lockyer trig. Some rock hopping is required near the summit. Enjoy the 'wide screen' views with lunch.

Return the same way to Circuit Flat Bridge and continue north for 1.4km to a branch road bearing NW. Take this road for 700m to meet Mogo Creek Rd [the one you drove in on]. Turn left (west) and follow it for 500m to the Mogo Camping area turn off on your left, and walk the final 100m to the campsite.

Day 2: Start off by following Mogo Creek Road east for 500m to a trail junction. Turn SE (right) for 500m to meet the Great Northern Road. Turn north (left) and walk 300m to another trail junction. Here turn SE (right) and walk 700m to yet another junction, and turn north (left) and follow this trail for 1km. At a cairn find a track heading east. This 300m long track leads to the Mount Manning Aboriginal site marked by an NPWS sign. It is an overhang featuring a "Behini" mythological figure. Return the same way.

Grade: Day 1 Easy, 14km, 180m asc.

Day 2. Easy, 8km, 140m asc.

Total distance: 22km.

Suits all seasons.

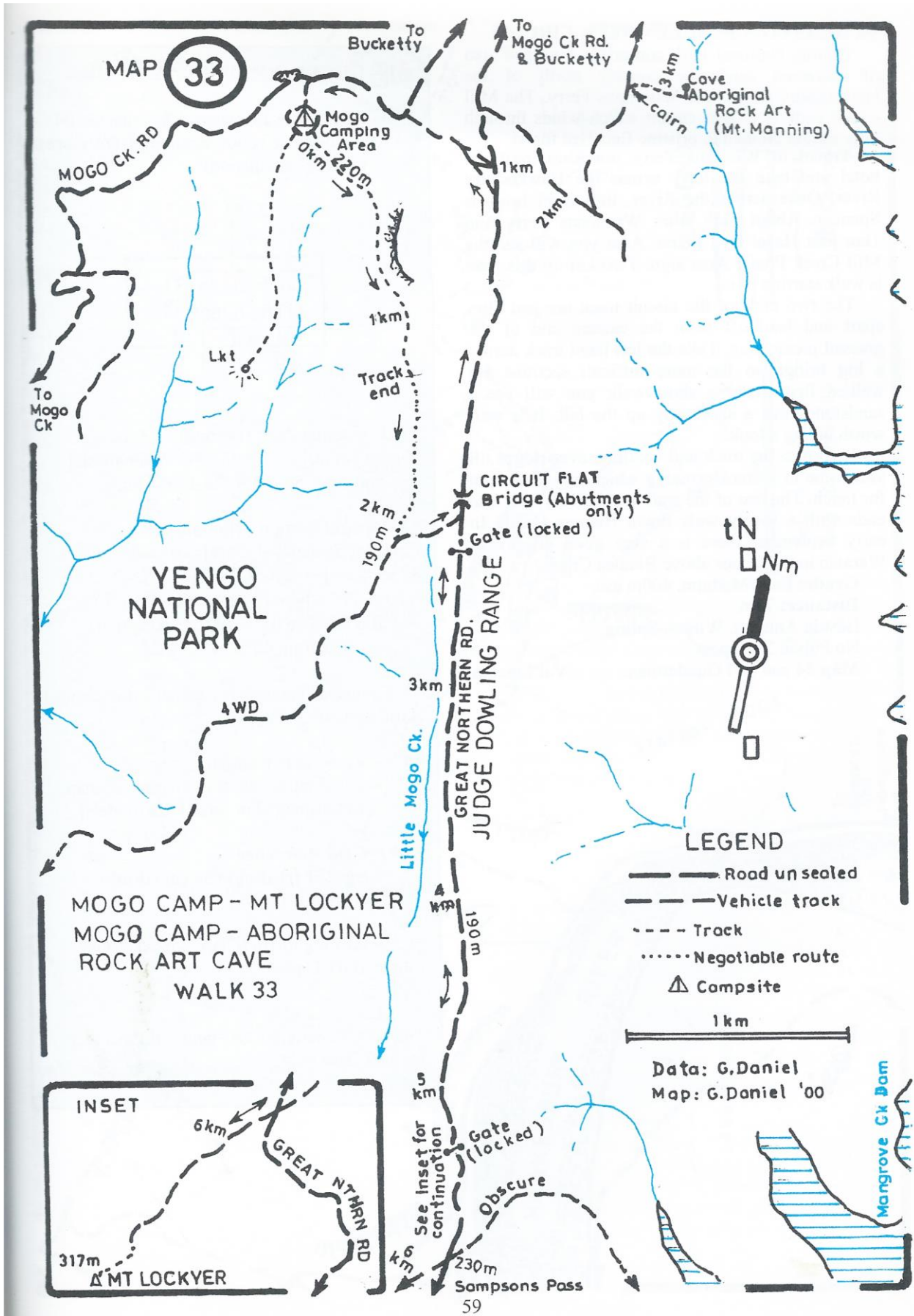
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Map 33 and LPI Kulnura.

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SPOT HEIGHTS

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