

# PILLIGA POTTERY AND BARKALA FARM CLIFF WALK

**LEGEND**  
 4WD tracks - - - -  
 Walking tracks .....  
 Lookout   
 Feature   
 Check point [3]  
 Elevation 460m  
 Cleared land   
 asl = above sea level



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 ~ Pilliga Pottery & Barkala Farm for their support in providing this walking opportunity.  
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## CHECK POINTS

(Notes read clockwise from start.)

- [1] Start & finish on track to Pine Park
- [2] Track junction, veer right for Vine Canyon, turn left for Cliff Walk
- [3] Track junction, turn right for Meat Ant Lookout, turn left for Cliff Walk
- [4] End of cliff, steep descent after Pine Park Lookout
- [5] Track junction, veer left for Vine Canyon
- [6] Track junction, turn right for Vine Canyon (dead end) or left to finish walk.
- [7] Track junction, turn right (North)
- [1] Start & finish

A 3.1 km double loop walk featuring 5 lookouts and a small canyon.  
 Allow 2 hours for both loops.

Elevation change of about 110m.  
 (start of walk 420m asl - lookouts 530m asl)

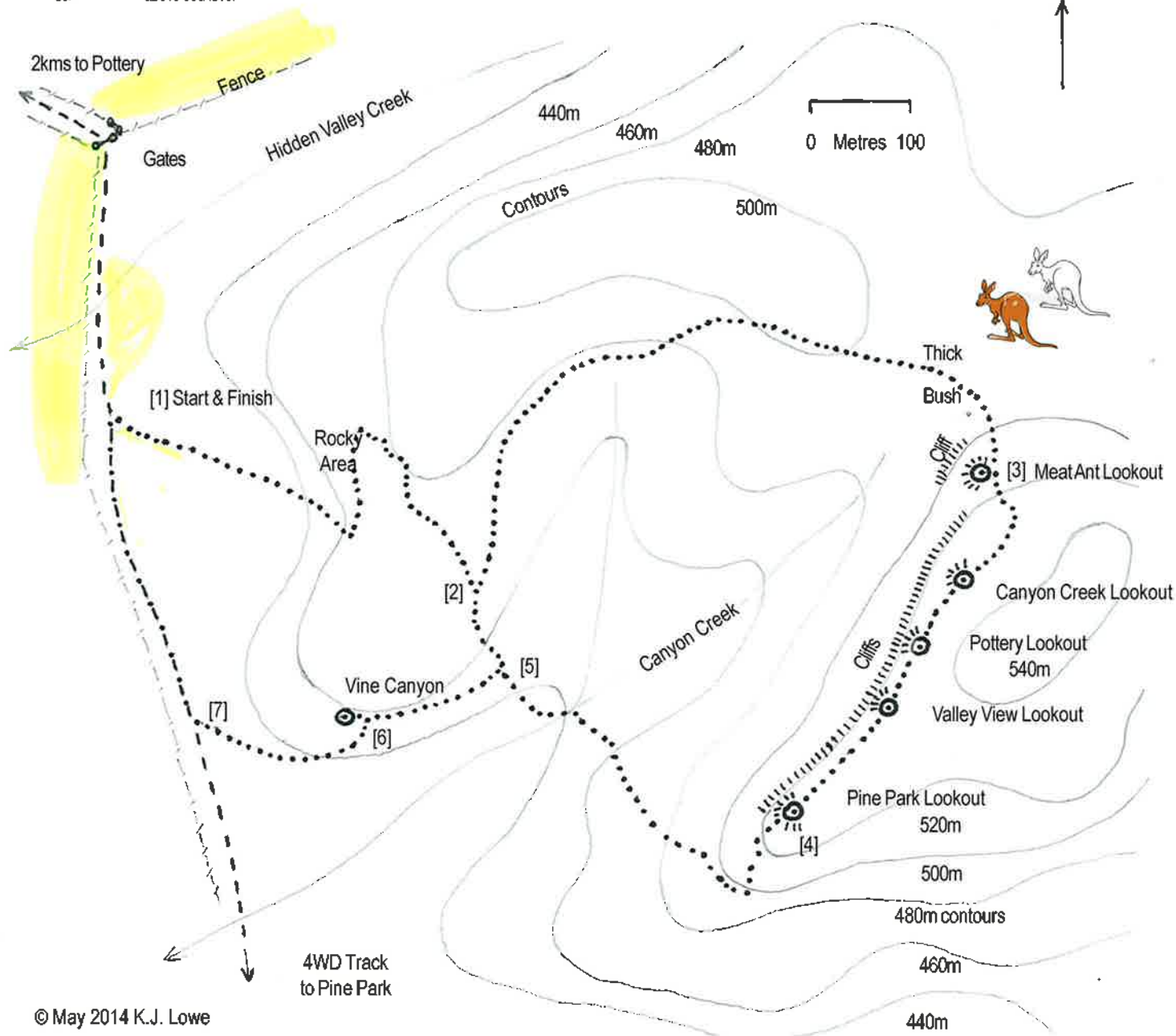
Grades are gradual with some steeper sections before [3] and after [4]

## MAP USERS PLEASE NOTE :-

To simplify map details, all distances and locations are approximate only.

## CAUTION:-

This walk has steep sections with loose rocks and some slippery rocks when wet (which is not very often). There are unfenced cliff edges.  
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## CLIFF WALK NOTES

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0.0 [1] Start and finish at a large burnt out stump about 280m south of double gates. Head in a SE direction through Cypress pines and multi-stemmed White Box trees. The track then goes up a rocky slope with a sharp turn left which takes you under a small cliff line for about 100m. Go up some stone steps and turn right on to a rocky platform with views over the Dandry Creek Valley. Pass through a Calytrix thicket and continue in a SE direction to check point [2]. 0.60 km

0.60km [2] Track junction. Veer right for the short loop to the Vine Canyon, (Note: check point [2] to check point [5] is about 100m, mostly level with a steeper drop just before [5]) or take a sharp turn left for the longer loop to check point [3]. The track to [3] goes through an Ironbark and Cypress Pine woodland and curves to the NE, eventually levelling out around the 500m contour. This section has grass trees, Casuarinas, Geebung and Mallee Eucalypts. Pass through another Calytrix thicket before zig zagging up to check point [3] 0.80 km

1.4km [3] Track junction. Meat Ant Lookout is a few metres to the right. The Warrumbungles are visible to the SW. Turn left to continue up the ridge and onto the 400m long cliff top and 4 lookouts above the 520m contour. From the Canyon Creek Lookout you can see the terrain that you just walked through. From the Pottery Lookout you can just see the roof of the Pottery Complex about 3km to the NW. The Valley View Lookout gives good views over the whole valley and a large section of "Barkala" while the southern section is visible from the Pine Park Lookout. 0.50 km

1.9km [4] End of cliff line. There is a steep drop down the ridge into Canyon Creek Valley through Ironbarks and Wattle thickets. Continue across the flattish valley floor and rise up the other side to check point [5]. 0.50 km

2.4km [5] Track junction. Here you meet the track from [2] (the short loop). Veer left and follow a small cliff line and pass some interesting rock formations and rock overhangs. 0.20 km

2.6km [6] Track junction. Turn right for the Vine canyon (no through walk). About 50m on you enter the Vine canyon. A narrow section with a Cypress Pine tree being strangled by a large vine. Look for other vines and ferns in this sheltered location. At the end of the canyon, poke your head into the "prison cell". Retrace your steps back to check point [6] and turn right (S) for an easy downslope section to [7]. 0.20 km

2.8km [7] Track junction. Here the Cliff walk meets the 4WD track to Pine Park. Turn right (N) and go back to the start. 0.30 km

3.1km [1] Start & Finish.



Southern Boobook Owl  
Illustration by Neville W. Cayley

**FLORA - Trees** - broad & narrow leaved ironbarks, brown bloodwoods, white box, river red gums, rough barked apples, white & black cypress pines, western scribbly gums. **Shrubs** - watties, heaths, casuarinas, pea bushes, hop bushes, daisy bushes, hakeas.

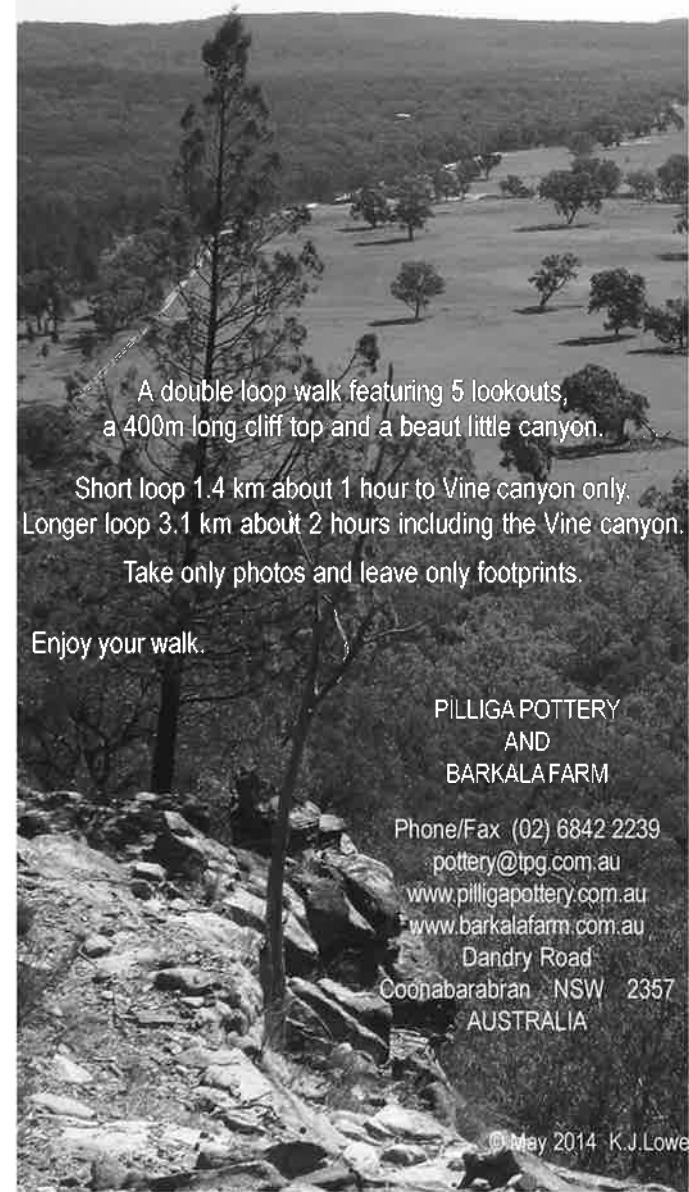
**FAUNA** - Grey kangaroos, euros, emus, echidnas, wombats, eagles & hawks, rosellas, honeyeaters, ground parrots, wrens & finches to name a few.

**CLIMATE** - Rainfall varies widely from year to year but averages around 600mm. Summers are hot, mid to high 30's, Winters are cool, mid teens to low 20's (centigrade)

**GEOLOGY** - Mostly Pilliga Sandstone with lenses of conglomerate formed from large delta sediments during the Jurassic Period about 150million years ago.

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## CLIFF WALK



A double loop walk featuring 5 lookouts, a 400m long cliff top and a beautiful little canyon.

Short loop 1.4 km about 1 hour to Vine canyon only.  
Longer loop 3.1 km about 2 hours including the Vine canyon.

Take only photos and leave only footprints.

Enjoy your walk.

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