

# The Basin campground

## Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

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### Property information

<b>Property name</b>	The Basin campground
<b>Property type</b>	Campground
<b>Location</b>	Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

### Local NPWS office

<b>Office name</b>	Sydney North (Bobbin Inn, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park)
<b>Address</b>	Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Bobbin Head Road, Mount Colah NSW 2079
<b>Phone</b>	(02) 9472 8949 (9am - 3:45pm)
<b>Office hours</b>	10am - 4pm, 7 days 9am - 4pm, during summer school holidays (closed 12pm - 12:30pm daily and closed Christmas day)

#### Office email

[basin.campground@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:basin.campground@environment.nsw.gov.au)

#### Afterhours emergency contact

000 or Broken Bay Water Police  
(02) 9979 4044

#### Booking enquiries

13000PARKS (13000 72757)  
[parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au)

### Directions

The Basin campground is on the western foreshores of Pittwater in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

It's best to take the ferry which leaves from Palm Beach Wharf on the hour 9am - 5pm. For ferry times visit: [www.fantasea.com.au/palmbeachferries-timetable](http://www.fantasea.com.au/palmbeachferries-timetable)

Private boats can be anchored in the sheltered bay opposite the campground.

If you choose to arrive by car, please note that getting to and from the campground involves a steep 2.8km walk from the West Head Road carpark (West Head Road gates are locked between 8.30pm - 6am during daylight savings and 6pm - 6am at other times). It is not safe to walk down the trail after sunset.

### Accessibility

Medium - Assistance may be required to access this area.

Wheelchair access is by ferry only. A wheelchair-accessible toilet is available in the campground.

### Check in and check out

Check in 2pm, check out 10am.  
Day visitors - park open sunrise to sunset.

### Parking

There is limited parking available in the carpark on West Head Road, 2.8km from the campground.

### Park entrance fee

Motor vehicle entry fees and landing fees apply at The Basin campground and are not included in your camping fees.

#### Vehicle entry fees

If you're driving to the campground, vehicle entry fees are payable at the entry station at West Head.

Annual passes can be purchased online prior to arrival at [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/passes-and-fees/annual-passes](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/passes-and-fees/annual-passes)

#### Landing fees

If you're arriving at the campground by ferry or private boat, landing fees apply. Fees are payable at the campground wharf through an honesty box. Please note annual passes do not cover landing fees.

### Types of camping

Camping is only permitted in designated areas. Tents must be erected within the camping area, behind the row of white posts and clear of the marked emergency access route.

Campsites are unmarked, unpowered and suitable for tents only. The campground can accommodate up to 400 campers.

#### Groups

This campground is suitable for group bookings.

Bookings for up to 19 campers can be made online. Groups of 40 or more are required to book through the local office on (02) 9451 3479. If unavailable, please leave a voicemail and a member of staff will return your call.

### Number of guests

The property must only be occupied by the number of customers and guests specified and paid for in the reservation confirmation.

**Maximum number of guests:** 19 guests per booking (groups of 40+ see above).

### Facilities

- Amenities block with showers (cold), toilets (flush) and laundry basins
- Gas/electric barbecues (free)
- Wood barbecues
- Fire pits (bookings are not taken in advance - see campground manager on arrival for availability)
- Picnic shelters with tables
- Public phone (phone card only)
- Drink vending machine

### Facilities close by

This is a remote campground, so please make sure you arrive well-prepared.

Ice, bait, solar water bags and some firewood can be purchased from 9:45am - 10am and 2:45pm - 3pm, from the campground manager.

[Beechwood Cottage](#) is a historic property at the campground available for functions, (please book in advance, fees apply).

Educational talks by volunteers on a range of topics are available. Contact [Kalkari Discovery Centre](#) for more information.

### Power and water

Electricity is not available. Campers may bring solar water heating shower bags. Bags can be purchased at the campground from staff on duty.

Drinking water is available. No games or activities using freshwater are permitted (e.g. no water fights, filling pools or hoses attached to taps).

### Telephone/mobile service

There is a public phone (phone card only). There is limited mobile phone coverage.

### Mobile safety

Dial Triple Zero (000) in an emergency. Download the Emergency app before you visit; it helps emergency services locate you, using your smartphone's GPS. For more information, visit [www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/EmergencySmartphoneApp.aspx](http://www.triplezero.gov.au/Pages/EmergencySmartphoneApp.aspx)

### Fires

Fires are permitted in designated wood barbecues or fire pits. No heat beads are permitted. Some firewood can be purchased at the campground.

Please note fire pit bookings are not taken in advance – see campground manager on arrival for availability.

Fire hoses are for emergency use only.

### Total fire bans

During a total fire ban (minimum 24-hour period):

- All campfire and solid fuel (wood, heat beads, charcoal, briquettes, hexamite) and liquid fuel (petroleum, oil, methylated spirits, kerosene) barbecues and stoves are prohibited
- All visitor-owned gas and electric barbecues and cookers are prohibited
- Gas/electric barbecues installed by NPWS are permitted

For more information, please visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety/fire-safety/fire-bans](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety/fire-safety/fire-bans)

### Garbage

Rubbish bins are available.

### Noise

Please be considerate of others and keep noise to a reasonable level at all times.

Noise should be kept to a minimum from 10pm. Anti-social behaviour and excessive noise will not be tolerated.

### Pets

Pets and domestic animals (other than certified assistance animals) are not permitted. For more information, visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-policies/pets-in-parks](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-policies/pets-in-parks)

To find out which regional parks allow dog walking, visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservation-and-heritage/care-for-parks/dogs-in-parks](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/conservation-and-heritage/care-for-parks/dogs-in-parks)

### Smoking

NSW national parks are no smoking areas. For more information, visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety/no-smoking-in-national-parks](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety/no-smoking-in-national-parks)

### Not permitted

- Amplified music
- Chemical toilets e.g. porta potties
- Diving, jumping or fishing from the wharf
- Generators
- Heat beads
- Large free-standing shade structures (including tarpaulins) that are excessive in size (e.g. over 10m<sup>2</sup>)
- Spear-guns and hand-spears
- Shower, toilet or additional storage tents

### Other important information

#### Terms and conditions

Check out [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/accommodation-campground-booking-conditions](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/accommodation-campground-booking-conditions) to view the terms and conditions of the property.

#### Wildlife

Do not feed wildlife. Ensure food and rubbish is properly stored to prevent access by wildlife.

#### Bookings

Bookings can be made up to 12 months in advance.

#### Maximum stays

Maximum length of stay for any booking or person is two weeks.

#### Wharf

All vessels moored or anchored to the beach must ensure that anchors, chain and lines are covered, protected, or otherwise marked at all times for the safety of persons on the beach. Do not use rocks to hold anchors.

Occupants of boats moored to the beach and day visitors using The Basin beach must pay landing fees

Limit of 10 minutes for boat mooring at the wharf – ferry access must not be impeded.

#### First aid and emergencies

Persons needing assistance should see

the campground manager who is regularly onsite. After-hours emergency contact arrangements are in place.

The campground manager is trained in First Aid. An AE defibrillator and an Oxy-Viva are available onsite.

### Flora, fauna and Aboriginal heritage

As The Basin picnic and campground is within Ku-ring-Gai Chase National Park, the provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974) and the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation (2009) apply. All Aboriginal engravings and artefacts are protected – disturbing or damaging them is a serious offence. All flora and fauna are protected. Please do not disturb or feed the wildlife.

### General campground policy

The Basin is a family-friendly campground. Loud party groups and excessive alcohol consumption will not be tolerated. NPWS may terminate the reservation and ask you and your guests to leave the park immediately if you or any of your guests/visitors behave unacceptably (including drunken or uncontrolled behaviour, offensive language, malicious or negligent use of facilities, theft or any other form of behaviour deemed inappropriate by NPWS). Noise restrictions are in place after 10pm.

Persons under the age of 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Children must be supervised at all times.

If requested by a National Parks and Wildlife Service officer, visitors must produce identification providing details of age, name and address.

The area is open to day/picnic visitors from sunrise to sunset. Entry to the campground after sunset is for authorised (pre-booked) campers only.

### Lost and found

OEH does not accept responsibility for loss or damage of personal property that park visitors bring to The Basin. Lost property enquiries can be directed to [basin.campground@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:basin.campground@environment.nsw.gov.au)

### Safety

It's great to explore and experience NSW national parks. Naturally, we encourage you to see and do as much as possible. We also want you and your companions to stay safe. Remember that parks are natural environments and can be unpredictable. You should plan your journey for all weather conditions. For safety tips, visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety)

### Park closures and alerts

There will be times when, in the interests of visitor safety and environmental sustainability, national parks and reserves will either need to be closed, or have access restricted.

For up-to-date information, contact the local NPWS office for further information. Please observe any park and road closures in place. You can also visit [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts/Alerts-list](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/alerts/Alerts-list)