



MOUNT KAPUTAR NATIONAL PARK – NORTHERN NSW



The Nandewar Range in inner northern New South Wales is host to the little renown Mount Kaputar National Park.

Barely an hour's comfortable drive from the nearby township of Narrabri, this park boasts numerous fantastic vantage points. They can be found both along the single main road which traverses it (varied sealed and unsealed) and from undertaking any number of differently graded but altogether rewarding hikes.

The local topography of the park is incongruous to the sweeping expanse of plains which surround it and lie at the foothills of the Nandewar Range which rises jarringly amidst otherwise agricultural land.

Indeed, the main lookout situated on Mount Kaputar itself offers a view equivalent to approximately a tenth of NSW! This is achievable on any average day in which the outlying landscape appears so flat as to afford such a magnificent and almost all-encompassing view of a seemingly interminable horizon.

It is a well established park which exists only because of past volcanic activity, creating its sheer cliffs and unique landform.

Three sanctioned camping sites exist within the park with varying levels of amenities. Dawsons Spring even has three self-contained cabins available for hire. Be warned of their popularity and book months in advance. Although the park can not allow caravans due to the road being steep or narrow in parts, they will permit trailers.

The park is declared a wilderness and is home to some rare and threatened plants and animals. There is evidence of past Aboriginal habitation as well as a history of once containing a logging site at Bark Hut.

A bushwalker's domain, but prepare for sudden changes of weather!

Location

You would be advised to consult regional maps of northern and north-western NSW to mark your journey.