



Some helpful information for your stay at Pittwater YHA

Pittwater YHA is in a unique location of natural beauty and is reached by water access. Enjoy the adventure of travelling with the locals when you take the ferry or water taxi from Church Point to Halls Wharf - please note that you cannot drive directly to the property. Navigation aids that show road access to the hostel are incorrect.

To help with your stay, the following notes add to the information you have already seen on Pittwater YHA's web pages or other web sites. So please refer to these notes for "what to bring", "how to get there" and other advice related to your stay.

The most scenic trip from the city is by catching the Manly ferry from Circular Quay and then the 199 bus from Manly to Mona Vale, then changing to the 156 from Mona Vale to Church Point. You can do your shopping for supplies at Manly at Aldi located within the wharf building, or at the various supermarkets in Mona Vale.

Print or write down what you need from the following information page and use the attached Locality Map for your walk up from Halls wharf.

And don't forget:

- Bring your food supplies with you
- Allow for the 15-minute walk uphill on the bush track to the hostel. So best to pack lightly, preferably using a backpack.

Arrivals are from midday onwards. Arrivals after 8.00pm by prior arrangement.

See you at Pittwater!

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PITTWATER YHA

Information for guests booking online

WHAT TO BRING

Bring your food supplies as there are no shops in the national park. There is a good shopping centre at Mona Vale, which is nearby. The small shop at the Church Point wharf has limited supplies. Herbs and spices, cooking oil, margarine and sugar are supplied at the hostel for guests other than groups.

Also bring suitable clothes for bushwalking and paddling: walking shoes, hat/sun screen, insect repellent, swimming clothes, binoculars and so on. Bring warm clothes for the winter months.

We ask that you bring bed linen (top + bottom sheet and pillow slip), plus towel. This is to conserve our limited supply of tank water from rainfall. Linen hire is available at \$4pp if you do not have this (not available for group bookings). YHA hostels do not permit the use of sleeping bags, so best not to bring these.

The alcohol policy at the hostel permits beer and wine in moderation. Spirit and spirit-based drinks are not permitted. Best to pack lightly, preferably using a backpack.

HOW TO GET THERE

To reach the hostel you travel to Church Point from where you catch the ferry/water taxi.

- **From Sydney Airport** take the train to Wynyard Station.
- **From the city**, Wynyard (Carrington Street, Stand B), take a B-Line or L90 bus and change to 156 bus at Mona Vale to reach Church Point.
- **From Manly wharf** take 199 bus and change to 156 in Mona Vale, alighting at Church Point.
- **From Church Point wharf** take ferry or water taxi to Halls wharf then 15 minute walk on bush track uphill following YHA signs to hostel. If arriving after dark, bring a torch to see sign posts and reflective markers. Last ferry 7 pm weekdays and 6.30 pm weekends and public holidays. Water taxi until 10pm. Arrivals after 8 pm by prior arrangement.
- **By car** there is a public, pay-and-display car park at Church Point. Note that some portions of this car park are reserved for residents only for overnight parking. Free parking is also available further away on side streets but are still within walking distance of Church Point. On page 4 of this guide we've included a parking map clearly indicating both the paid carpark and the streets with free overnight parking. However, check carefully for any signage that indicates whether a space is, or is not, available for overnight parking before leaving the car there.

Note: car parking space is limited at Church Point so taking the public transport option is recommended to avoid the difficulty of finding a parking space.

- **Other arrival options** include walking in or mountain bike access through the national park.

HOSTEL FACILITIES

The hostel kitchen is very well equipped including a commercial fridge, cook tops, oven, microwave and all the pots pans and utensils needed for making homely meals. We have an outdoor gas barbeque.

The bedrooms all have duvets. Blankets are supplied during the colder months. Bathroom facilities are shared. The hostel has a wood fireplace in the common lounge room for the colder times

ACTIVITIES

There is a selection of games for guest's use, a Roland electric piano, acoustic guitar and ukulele.

Apart from the activity of enjoying doing nothing, there are bushwalks to spectacular lookouts, aboriginal engraving sites and coves around Pittwater. Native animals and birds are abundant and easily seen from the hostel and on walks. Scenic ferry rides can be taken to reach further destinations including Palm Beach.

There are 6 double kayaks (can easily be paddled as singles) available for guest's hire to explore the national park shores, nearby mangrove inlet and surrounding bays. Sailing can be arranged through the local sailing school. Bring your mountain bike to explore the national park.

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See following Locality Map
that shows the walking track to the hostel

Morning Bay — Lovett Bay

locality map



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