

## GREAT NORTH WALK – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**PLEASE BE AWARE** - The **Great North Walk** is managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

- You will need to contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service for information regarding Fires, Floods and Park Closures regarding Berowra Valley Regional Park and the Great North Walk. Ph 1300 361 967.
- **Crosslands Reserve may be closed without notice due to dangerous weather events or declared total fire bans. Council will endeavour to provide information about the closure of Crosslands on Council's internet page, but this may not always be practicable.**

1. While the Council will use its best endeavours to prepare grounds, the hirers of the ground is responsible for checking the condition of the grounds immediately prior to occupation and determine whether the ground is fit for intended use.
2. The hirer of the ground is responsible for ensuring that the behaviour of attendees at the event are respectful of the right to quiet enjoyment of other park visitors and park neighbours.
3. The hirer must comply with all Council requirements which may be displayed on notice boards erected at Council's reserves and it should be noted that penalties apply for breaches of such notices.
4. Campers are not to restrict access to shared facilities (e.g. toilets, fire pit, picnic shelters) for other users of the park.
5. Group bookings are to erect tents in a central area, allowing for other campers / users of the park.
6. The booking of a campsite does not automatically allocate any picnic shelters to that licensee. The large picnic shelter located at the southern end of the reserve can be booked through Council's Customer Service Unit. This shelter must be vacated if a valid license is produced by another park user. All other picnic shelters are available for use by park users.
7. No alcoholic beverage is to be consumed or taken into the reserve. Generally, Council does not favour the service and consumption of alcohol at events where children are present.
8. The use of generators or marquees or the operation of any amusement equipment such as jumping castles is prohibited within Crosslands Reserve unless with Council's prior written approval.
9. All damage to Council property will be charged to the hirer. Please ensure that Council's reserves are left in a clean and tidy condition.
10. Fires are to be lit only in the designated areas and not in open spaces. It is the responsibility of the licensee to adhere to any fire ban in force at Crosslands or any fire ban announced by the Rural Fire Service (RFS). Visitors are advised to monitor the RFS fire danger meter located to the right of the entry gate into the reserve.
11. In times of a total fire ban it is NOT permitted to use the following:
  - Campfires, gas barbecues, solid fuel barbecues, ovens and kettles (i.e. anything using wood, heat beads, charcoal or briquettes or that produces a naked flame)
12. Council does not guarantee that there will be firewood provided. For this reason it is advisable to bring your own supply or to bring a gas cooker or similar.
13. Council and the RFS reserve the right to evacuate the reserve in emergency situations and to close the reserve at any time due to extreme conditions (eg fires, storms or floods).
14. All campers at Crosslands reserve must comply with any directions given by council officers. Campers are limited to staying for a maximum period of ten consecutive days.

15. Council recommends that no tent be erected within 30 meters of any tree.
16. Council recommends that campers bring a trolley to transport their equipment to the area where they wish to camp. The most popular camping areas are between 150 and 200 meters from the car park.
17. Campers are reminded that dogs are NOT permitted in Crosslands Reserve.
18. The top gate at Crosslands Reserve must remain locked after 5:30 pm (E.S.T) and 7:30pm (E.D.S.T). Access after this time is permitted after obtaining a key on the proviso that the gate is re-locked immediately.
19. Bookings will only be taken from persons over the age of 18 years. An adult over the age of 18 years must be present at all times for the duration of the booking.
20. **Berowra Creek is susceptible to water contamination. Please check Council's website [hornsby.nsw.gov.au/swimmingconditions](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/swimmingconditions) for current swimming conditions.**
21. **"The Working with Children Check" (Office of the Children's Guardian).**

Council has a legal obligation to notify third parties hiring/leasing Council facilities for a child (under 18 years old) related activity, of their legal obligations under "Child Protection" Legislation.

All hirers who work/volunteer with children or provide a service to children under the age of 18 years old are required under legislation to complete a "Working with Children Check" (WWCC). If the hirer has multiple staff working/volunteering with children, all are required under legislation to complete a WWCC. **Hirers must verify the WWCC** with the *Office of the Children's Guardian*. The WWCC is valid for 5 years.

For further information contact: [kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) or email: [check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](mailto:check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au) .

22. Camping is restricted to the southern end of Crosslands Reserve. Crosslands Reserve is not suitable for campervans, trailers or caravans.
23. The booking cancellation policy for Hornsby Shire Council is:
  - More than 14 working days notice - 100% refund
  - 7-14 working days notice - 50% refund
  - less than 7 days notice - no refund

(No refund is issued for poor weather conditions unless Council closes the facility).

**NOTE:** The person to whom this Licence is issued must ensure that all persons under their control using a Council reserve are aware of Council's "Licence to Use a Public Reserve" conditions.

**FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE ABOVE CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF FUTURE BOOKINGS.**

## Risk warning

Use of this area may be hazardous. Use caution at all times.



**Bushfires**



**Flooding**



**Tree branch dropping**



**Dogs prohibited**



**Fires prohibited,  
except in authorised  
firepit**



**Swimming not  
recommended after  
heavy rainfall**

- Crosslands Reserve is subject to flash flooding, bushfires and strong winds.
- Trees may fall or drop large limbs resulting in serious injury or death.
- Please do not camp under the trees.
- Berowra Creek presents a drowning hazard. Children must be supervised at all times.
- This water body is susceptible to pollution. Swimming should be avoided for three days after heavy rainfall or if the water is discoloured.