

Allumbah Heritage Walk

1. Our Lady of Consolation and Saint Patrick Church was officially opened on 26 April 1913.

2. A large colony of Spectacled Flying-Foxes intermittently inhabit this area. The walking/riding track that crosses the Allumbah Walk leads to Peterson Creek.

3. In 1898 Henry Sydney Williams and his family purchased land on the left side of this ridge that was surveyed and included in the Allumbah Village plan. The first commercial venture was the Williams Hotel and distribution depot in 1904. It supplied European settlers, miners working the Upper Russell Goldfields, and packers travelling Robson's Track, which connected the Tablelands to the Cairns Inlet.

4. This is the site of the former Golf Club clubhouse, which is now a private residence. The golf course was a popular tourist attraction and was used by residents and visitors.

5. Williams Park was designated as a community parkland. In the early days a tennis court, football field and cricket pitch provided sporting recreation for local and rival sports enthusiasts.

6. It is hard to appreciate that this large area of gently sloping and vegetated land was once the place of a nine-hole course. This marker is near the first tee.

7. Led by a small group of dedicated Yungaburra residents, the Williams Park gardens were established in 2012 and are maintained by local volunteers and Tablelands Regional Council. The gardens have a range of native plants including callistemons, wattles and grevilleas, as well as a wide variety of exotic species.

From here you can choose a shorter walk along the unsealed roadway, locally known as Lyn's Lane after Lyn Williams, to Stewarts Gully Road. Turn right to return to the trailhead.

8. From the early 1900s railway travel was an important part of the Tablelands' regional development, and a branch line to Yungaburra was eventually established in 1910. When Lake Tinaroo was constructed in 1959, a new railway line was built to bypass the now-underwater township of Kulara. This cutting and the nearby bridge were part of this new line. About a year after the opening of the railway line, a tragic accident occurred on the other side of the bridge. A steam train derailed, trapping the stoker, who passed away from his injuries.



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From here, return to the road and turn left turn onto the Casuarina Walk. You'll walk through a cool forest of natural regrowth. Stop for a rest at the timber seat, placed by an early track pioneer David Leech.

9. In 1911 this land was surrendered by the Department of Education to the Department of Public Lands for use as a cemetery and the first known burial was held in 1914.

10. In 1909 the original Allumbah School was established on the portion of land that is now the local cemetery. In 1910, and coinciding with the opening of the new railway line, the school was moved to a new location on Maple Street, and its name changed to conform to the town's new name, Yungaburra.

11. This gently sloping section of the trail runs through a regrowth forest and is home to wallabies, pademelons, bandicoots, lizards, brush-turkeys and a plethora of other birdlife.

12. Turn right here to return to Yungaburra, or left to follow the route of the original rail line running parallel with the Stewarts Gully. This gully used to flow into Peterson Creek but the junction is now under Lake Tinaroo.

13. Follow the track onto the old railway line. Steam trains used to regularly run along this line between Yungaburra, Kairi and Tolga via Kulara.

14. In 1890 much of this area, approximately 80 acres, was settled by John Stewart. Over time the Stewart family established a successful mixed farming business, and their homestead became a staging post for weary travellers.

From here return along Stewarts Gully Road to the next point.

15. The junction of the new railway diversion around the lake and the older original line was in this vicinity. Both lines continued into the new township of Yungaburra.

16. The community tennis courts used to be located where the last residence on the right-hand side now sits.

17. Look down Penda Street and across Petersen Creek and you see Williams Lane in the distance. This was the original road into Allumbah.



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The Allumbah Heritage Walk starts at the Our Lady of Consolation and St Patrick Church on Mulgrave Road in Yungaburra.

Welcome to Country

We the Dulgubarra Yidinji people welcome you all to come here to Yungaburra. Today we all come together as one with a happy heart and we all walk together on this pathway. Welcome.

Background

Allumbah was the original name of the village in this area as laid out in the 1887 survey plan, just to the north of Yungaburra.

In 1910, coinciding with the opening of the new railway line, it was decided to move the village to its current location and renamed Yungaburra (see point 9). This name is taken from the local Yidinji word Jangaburru, which means Silver Ash.

Allow 2hr walking time for the 4.5km track, although there are shorter walking options at points 7 and 12. Wear appropriate footwear, hat and clothing, and carry drinking water. Take care near roads and along the track. Happy walking!

The Yungaburra Bicentennial Walking Track was created as part of an Australian Bicentennial Project in 1988. Landcare volunteers revisited the project in 2021 to renew interest in the local Aboriginal culture, early European settlement, and native flora and fauna.



1. Start of walk
2. Forest area
3. Site of original Allumbah Hotel
4. Site of Williams Golf Club clubhouse
5. Williams Park
6. Vicinity of first tee of golf course
7. Williams Park gardens
8. Railway cutting
9. Yungaburra Cemetery
10. Vicinity of Allumbah School
11. Wallaby Track
12. Original railway route
13. Original railway line
14. Stewarts Gully (now part of Lake Tinaroo)
15. Junction of old and new railway lines
16. Site of original tennis court
17. Penda Street aligns with Williams Lane across the creek

End of walk

- 4.3km
- 2.5km
- 1.6km

Map not to Scale