1. **Meeting Point**
   (Grid ref L20, corner of Sir Christopher Ondaatje Way and Wally’s Walk)

If you haven’t been here before, take a walk around the Earth Sciences garden. There are several interpretive signs to tell you more about the garden and what you can see.

Then, proceed east along Wally’s Walk (away from the centre of campus) towards Eastern Road. Turn left onto Eastern Road and walk to the end (roundabout). The green space in front and to the left is the Eastern Grove.

2. **Eastern Grove**
   (Grid ref K21, corner Eastern and Science Roads)

This is the space that many people at Macquarie think is the Macquarie University Arboretum. In fact, the Arboretum covers the entire campus and includes all trees and shrubs, teaching gardens and remnant vegetation.

The Eastern Grove is an open park-like area of lawn and scattered trees. Many of the trees are native to Australia and some are native to Sydney. On National Tree Day in 2019, twenty new trees were planted in the grove. As you walk through the area you’ll see various sculptures. Macquarie University is also one of the largest sculpture parks in the southern hemisphere.

Continue walking towards the Chancellery (building E11A, 19 Eastern Rd).
3. **The Art Gallery and River Peppermints**  
(Grid ref J21/H21, 19 Eastern Road)

In front of the Chancellery, near Eastern Rd are several River Peppermints (*Eucalyptus elata*). These trees have pendulous branches with fine leaves and long sprays of dainty white flowers. The leaves have a strong smell of both eucalyptus and peppermint.

From here there is the option to cut through the MGSM carpark to the MGSM coffee shop and MGSM courtyard with its formal landscaping.

4. **MGSM café**  
(Grid ref H23, 5 Management Drive)

The MGSM café does good coffee when it’s open. There’s outdoor seating to enjoy the surrounding garden.

5. **MGSM forecourt**  
(Grid ref G23, 1 Management Drive)

This forecourt in front of the Graduate School of Management is a formally laid out garden dominated by box hedge and shaded by deciduous Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*). It’s an enjoyable place to wander in all seasons.

Retrace your steps to point 3 then continue to point 6.
6. **Chancellery sculptures and spotted gums**  
(Grid ref H21)

To the east of the chancellery building are a number of sandstone sculptures (*The Way of the Sage* by Antoine Bruinsma, 1994). Have a look then follow the informal track into the grove of slender Spotted Gums (*Corymbia maculata*). From here is a nice view of the lake.

7. **Lakeside near Chancellery**  
(Grid ref G20)

Take a walk by the lake. Are the water lilies in flower? There are a few different colours depending on time of year.

A number of trees have been planted in memory of past staff and students. One is a red cedar – one of Australia’s few deciduous trees.
8. **Big Scribbly Gum**  
(Grid ref H19)

On the lake side of the chancellery building is a large Scribbly Gum (*Eucalyptus racemosa*). Can you see any scribbles on the bark? These are created by the larvae of a native moth.

Still have some time? Continue across Mars Creek at the causeway for a different view of the campus.

9. **Remnant Vegetation**  
(Grid ref F18)

Can you see the interpretive sign? This tells you about the area of remnant vegetation on Macquarie University. It is the endangered vegetation community Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Read the sign and learn about this special place.

From here walk back towards campus and up the hill to the Learning Circle.
10. Learning Circle  
(Grid ref G17)

The learning circle is a place to come together to share stories and learn about Indigenous history. The centre of the learning circle has a fire pit for smoking ceremonies. The sandstone wall was engraved by Uncle Lexodious Dadd. The large trees behind the learning circle are Maiden’s Gum (*Eucalyptus maidenii*). These are native to the south coast of NSW and are named after Joseph Maiden, botanist, and director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens (1896-1924).

To complete the tour, retrace your steps to point 2 (Eastern Grove).

11. Macquarie University’s first trees  
(grid ref L20)

The first trees planted on campus included several Jacarandas, and these three trees: two Hill’s Weeping Fig (*Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii*) and a Chinese Elm (*Ulmus parvifolia*).

Arboretum: [www.mq.edu.au/arboretum](http://www.mq.edu.au/arboretum)  
Sculpture Park: [https://goto.mq9p](https://goto.mq9p)