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# **Terrys Creek Waterfall**

This is a small waterfall on Terrys Creek, and makes a good spot to break from the walk.

# **Before You walk**

Bushwalking is fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our natural places. Sometimes things go bad, with a bit of planning you can increase your chance of having an ejoyable and safer walk. Before setting off on your walk check

- 1) Weather Forecast (BOM Metropolitan District)
- 2) Fire Dangers (Greater Sydney Region, unknown)
- 3) Park Alerts (Lane Cove National Park)
- 4) Research the walk to check your party has the skills, fitness and equipment required
- 5) Agree to stay as a group and not leave anyone to walk solo

# Think before you TREK

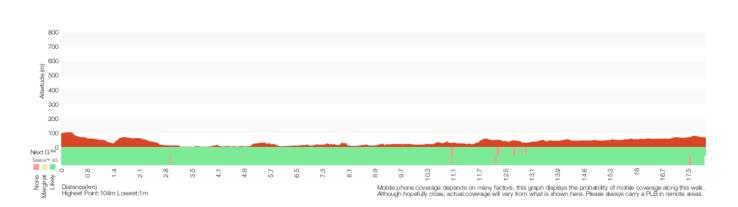
The 'Think before you TREK' program developed by NSW Police & NPWS promotes the benefits of planning ahead for your bushwalking trip by using an easy to remember acronym:

- $\mathbf{T}$  Take adequate supplies of food, water, navigation and first aid equipment.
- **R** Register your planned route and tell friends and family when you expect to return.
- **E** Emergency beacon (PLB's) should be carried on walks with ignificant core in mobile coverage (sheal terrain anofile)
- **L** significant gaps in mobile coverage (check terrain profile).
- **K** Keep to your planned route and follow the map and walking trails.

# **Topo Maps**

The maps provided on wildwalks are helpful, but there are times where you may need maps covering a broader area. Maps that cover this walk include;

**1:25 000 Map Series**:91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER **1:100 000 Map Series**:9130 SYDNEY



# Grade

This walk has been graded using the AS 2156.1-2001. The overall grade of the walk is dertermined by the highest classification along the whole track.

4	Grade 4/6 Hard track
Length	18.1 km One way
Time	6 hrs 45 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)

#### Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

**Getting there** You can get to Chatswood Station (gps: -33.7971, 151.1804) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Eastwood Railway Station (gps: -33.7901, 151.0823) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information inlcuding; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <a href="http://wild.tl/ctesxx">http://wild.tl/ctesxx</a>

# 0 | Chatswood Station

(620 m 13 mins) From Chatswood Train Station, this walk exits the station onto Victoria Ave. The walk then continues up Victoria Ave, passing Chatswood RSL on the left. This walk continues to the Pacific Highway where it crosses over the at a pedestrian crossing or the foot bridge near by. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north up the Pacific Highway, to turn left onto Western Way. The walk continues down Western Way through a dogleg, turning right onto Jenkins Rd then quickly left back onto Western Way. The walk heads down Western Way to turn right onto Edgar St and to the Edgar Reserve Park with green gate.

### 0.62 | Int. Edgar St and Edgar St Reserve Trk

 $(340 \ m \ 6 \ mins)$  Turn left: From the intersection, the walk passes the gate, then the playground on the right, and continues through the clearing. The track continues for approximately 150m to an intersection marked by a memorial bench.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads between the tennis court fence on your right and the houses on your left for approximately 150m. The track then comes to an intersection with Park Ave, and a 'Rail to River Walk' sign.

#### 0.96 | Int. Park Ave and Edgar St Reserve Trk

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the road for approximately 30m to the next signpost.

#### 0.99 | Int. Park Ave and Rail to River Trk

(500 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signpost past the 'Ferndale Park' sign, down the management trail. The walk continues along the trail for approximately 60m to a large grassed clearing. The walk then continues away from the clearing along a bush track, which soon comes to some steppingstones across the creek. Approximately 50m later, the walk comes to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the creek (which remains on your left) down the gully for approximately 100m to the signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads along the creek (which remains on the left) for approximately 60m to turn up the steps to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign up the hill. The track zigzags up through mossy rock outcrops to a house on the left. This walk continues up the stairs to the intersection with the road.

#### 1.49 | Harnett Pl sign post

(1 km 20 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the road

and heads right, up the hill. The walk continues up the hill to Lowanna Park gate on the left.

Turn left: From the gate on Greville St, this walk passes through the park diagonally, past the play equipment and BBQs, to the gate on the Fullers Rd side of Lowanna Park.

Turn left: From Lowanna Park, this walk heads along Fullers Rd towards the mechanics, initially keeping the park on the left. The walk continues along Fullers Rd, as Millwood Ave breaks off to the right. The first left is the signposted intersection with Bellevue Ave.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signs down Bellevue Ave for approximately 500m, tending right to the signposted intersection.

#### 2.51 | Int. Hawthorne Ave and Bellevue Ave

(50 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill for approximately 30m to the telegraph pole with 'Rail to River Walk' sign.

## 2.56 | Int. Rail to River Trk and Hawthorne Ave

(70 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill between the fences. The walk comes to the end of the laneway and descends the stairs, down through rocky outcrops to the O.H. Reid Memorial Oval.

### 2.64 | Eastern side of O.H. Reid Memorial Oval

(130 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads across the oval to the car park to the left of the toilet block.

#### 2.77 | O.H. Reid Memorial Oval car park

(380 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the O.H. Reid Memorial Oval car park, this walk heads along the road with Chatswood Golf Course below on the left. The walk continues along the road for approximately 200m, passing a street on the left, to the intersection opposite house No. 17.

# 3.15 | Int. Rail to River Trk and Reid Drive

(350 m7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection opposite No. 17 Reid Drive, the walk heads down the stairs tending left down the hill to the signposted intersection behind the 8th tee.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the golf course, following the Lane Cove River (on the left of the track). The walk continues under the river bank's shady vegetation for a short time to the intersection of Delhi Rd and Lady Game Dr.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads down (away from the road) and under Fullers Bridge, then comes up the other side to meet the footpath next to Lady Game Drive, opposite Fullers Park.

# 3.5 | Lady Game Dr opp. Fullers Park

(250 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads up Lady Game Drive and turns left into Lane Cove National Park. The path continues past the toll booth to the other side of the bridge, where there is a 'Great North Walk' signpost.

### 3.75 | Max Allen Drive Bridge

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk heads gently uphill along the road to the intersection with the visible concrete stairs just below the National Parks Office.

# 3.8 | Int. National Parks Office Trk and Max Allen Dr

(210 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath to the intersection in the middle of the clearing, above the weir. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the road

following the signs to the toilets. This walk continues to the point where the track splits.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the clearing and past the toilet block on the right. The walk heads across and up the hill for approximately 50m to the intersection with the road.

# 4.01 | Int. Max Allen Dr and Jenkins Hill Trk

(330 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill with the river below, on the left. The walk meets a clearing on the left marked as '28 Turramburra Flat'. This walk passes a parking area on the left, and toilets on the right. The road then comes to a signposted intersection, on the right.

# 4.34 | Optional sidetrip to Baker's Cottage

(120 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs tending right, up the hill. The walk passes a sign about native grasses before continuing right, to Baker's Cottage. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

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# 4.34 | Int. Opposite Bakers Flat

(370 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road, with the water below to the left, for a short time to a right-hand bend. The road comes around to the entrance of the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Depot, on the right, with the Schwartz Homestead a short distance up the hill.

# 4.71 | Schwartz Homestead

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#### 4.71 | Schwartz Homestead

(260 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the depot, this walk continues up the sealed road, with the water below, to the left. The walk continues to a cul-desac at the end of the sealed road, where a picnic area is marked '33 Thistlewaytes' picnic area.

# 4.97 | Thistlethwaytes Picnic Area

(1.1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the cul-de-sac at the northern end of the Thistlethwaytes picnic area, this walk leads up the hill, away from the picnic area and river flats. The walk climbs up the hill steeply to tend right. The track contours for a short time to come to the signposted intersection. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the upper arrow on the historic walk sign post, gently uphill along the wide trail. The trail leads through the casuarina forest for about 30m then passes the 'Scribbly Gum' information sign. The trail then bends left and leads downhill, narrowing significantly. Here the track heads down a series of timber steps to pass a 'Sydney Red Gum' information sign. The track then crosses the ferny gully and passes the 'Sandstone Gully Community' and then the 'Sydney Peppermint' information signs. From here, the track leads across another gully then up and along the side of a steep hill (with an unfenced cliff to your left) for about 70m, coming to a rock platform with a 'Blackbutts' information sign. Here the walk leads down the staircase and stone path for a short time and crosses the 'weedy' creek on a short timber boardwalk. The now flat track leads for another 50m to a signposted intersection (with some steps on your right), where a 'Visitor Centre Loop' sign points back along the track.

# 6.12 | Fiddens Wharf Oval Trk

(1.6 km 32 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Blue Hole' sign across the flat timber boardwalk bridge, keeping the river to your left. After about 60m, the track passes a small sandstone overhang then crosses a section of timber boardwalk, heading over the rock to a small beach beside the Lane Cove River. The track then continues along the river bank for about 120m to then turn right up a side gully, crossing the creek on a timber footbridge. The track then leads up a short but steep set of timber steps, where the track flattens out to come to a signposted intersection. Here the walk continues straight, following the 'Blue Hole' sign over the small rise then back down to the bank of the river. The rocky track follows the bank for about 250m, where the track climbs the hill for a short time to follow the side of the hill around through the eucalypt and grass tree forest. After about 230m, the track passes along the top of an unfenced cliff (to your left). The track continues for just shy of 400m, passing a series of rock walls. At the end of the clearest (and longest) rock wall, the track turns sharply right and comes to the top of this rock wall. From here, the walk turns left to lead over a rise, then crosses a small flat timber bridge. The rocky track then continues to climb for 100m to come to an unfenced rock platform. Turning right here, this walk climbs up a little further to pass through a sandstone overhang, coming immediately to a second overhang which provides a bit more shelter.

#### 7.67 | Sandstone caves

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(660 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the cave, this walk follows the track along the side of the hill, keeping the valley down to your left. The track soon follows along the base of long sandstone wall (on your right) for about 130m and passes around the right-hand side of a large cube boulder (know as 'The Block'). The track leads across a mossy and rocky gully then uphill to pass through a long tunnel-like sandstone overhang, and along the base of another long sandstone wall. At the end of this wall, the track leads up some rocky steps and then leads gently through the open forest for about 50m before passing under some power lines. The track soon leads up some steps, coming to a signposted T-intersection with a management trail, where a GNW arrow points back along the track.

Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk -Deburghs Bridge' sign downhill along the wide management trail. The trail soon bends right and follows the power lines down, stepping over a partially buried, green metal pipeline (sometimes hissing). After this, the trail follows a GNW arrow left as the trail significantly narrows and leads down a series of timbers steps then across the rocky Blackbutt Creek. Here, the walk follows the GNW arrow up onto the rock platform, where the track turns left then leads along the flat to a T-intersection with a GNW arrow post, and a set of steps (up to your right AND down to your left).

#### 8.33 | Optional sidetrip to Blue Hole

(30 m) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads straight down the timber steps. Partway down the hill, metal steps lead between a couple of rocks, where the track then comes to a sandy beach and water hole, 'Blue Hole' on the Lane Cover River, in view of Deburghs Bridge. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

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### 8.33 | Int. GNW and Blue Hole Trk

(1.5 km 31 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post up the timber steps. The track then leads up some stone steps and comes to a three-way intersection, where a sign points back to 'Lane Cove River Weir via Great North Walk'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh via Great North Walk' sign down a couple of steps and along the track towards Deburghs Bridge, keeping the valley to your left. After about 50m, the track leads under the large concrete Deburghs Bridge, with some graffiti. On the other side of the bridge, the track bends right to head up over some rocks, following two sections of hand railing. From the end of these handrails, the track leads gently up among the grass trees for about 400m (and a weedy section of track) to come to a clear T-intersection with a management trail, where a 'Great North Walk' sign points back down the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign north, gently downhill along the management trail. After about 80m, this trail crosses a concrete bridge over Rudder Creek (beside a concrete sewerage pipe). From here, the trail leads uphill for just shy of 200m to come to an intersection with the GNW track (on your left), where a 'Lane Cove Weir' sign points back down along the trail.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh Oval' sign west, gently down the track, away from the management trail. The track almost immediately passes the large metal pipe (crossing the Lane Cove River) then winds down the rocky track for about 200m, through open eucalypt forest with some limited views left over the valley, to come to a weedy section of track marked with a concrete sewerage access point. Here the track mostly flattens out and leads along the side of the hill for about 400m to head down a few steps and cross Quarry Creek. The walk then heads up some steps and follows the track for another 30m to come to a T-intersection with the Gloucester Ave fire trail, marked with a GNW and NPWS arrow post.

#### 9.86 | Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave fire trail (east)

(30 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the management trail, away from the gate whilst keeping the power line poles on your left. After about 30m (just past the second power pole), this trail leads to an intersection with a track (on the left), marked with another set of NPWS & GNW arrow posts (just under the high tension power lines).

#### 9.89 | Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave service trail (sth)

(1.3 km 29 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south, downhill along the track and under the high tension power lines. The track winds gently downhill for almost 150m until, just after passing close to the the high tension power line tower, this walk comes to a locked green shed opposite a fenced-off pipe bridge (down in the valley to your left).

Continue straight: From the green shed, this walk follows the track along the side of the hill, keeping the valley to your left (running parallel with the high tension power lines, up to your right). After about 150m, this walk comes to an intersection with a faint track on your right (that leads a short distance to a management trail), marked with a GNW arrow post.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow

post along the mostly flat track, through the dense forest, and almost immediately passes a concrete sewerage access point. After about 70m, this walk heads down a few timbers steps to cross a small gully, where the track continues for another 100m (passing close to a few houses), then crosses two flat timber bridges over Congham Creek. Here the walk veers left up onto the rock platform and follows the track gently uphill for another 80m to come to a three-way intersection, marked with a GNW arrow post (and a sign pointing left to 'Marsfield').

Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post north, uphill for about 30m to come to a faint intersection with a track (on your right) marked with a GNW arrow post.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the side of the hill (keeping the valley to your left) for about 100m to come to a small clearing and three way intersection, marked with yet another GNW arrow post and a pile of rocks (on your left).

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up the short rocky hill and away from the high tension power lines. The track (rocky early on) leads along the side of the hill among some grass trees for about 300m before passing under the power lines again. Here the track continues for another 300m along the side of the valley to come to a clear intersection with intersection with a wide management trail.

#### 11.2 | Int of the GNW and the West Pymble service trail l

(210 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the management trail. The trail leads down for about 70m to cross a small gully then runs closely beside the Lane Cove River (on your left) for another 120m to come to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow post and a 'Lane Cove Valley' aluminum sign and map.

#### 11.41 | Int of the GNW and the Avondale creek service trai

(490 m 13 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, directly away from the face of the 'Lane Cove Valley' aluminum sign and map, down the track and timber steps to a sandy beach on the Lane Cove River. Here the walk turns right to cross the weir and bridge over Avondale Creek, (this may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain) then climb gently uphill for about 120m to come to a faint intersection with a faint track (on your left - this faint track leads down to another old weir). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads gently uphill following the main track, whilst keeping the valley to your left for about 30m to come to a clear Y-intersection marked with a GNW arrow post. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the track, keeping the Lane Cove River a short distance to your left. After about 80m, the track steps up to and crosses a short section to timber boardwalk/bridge. Here the walk climbs up the rocky hill following a series of concrete access points and timber steps for about 230m to come to a T

#### 11.9 | Int of the GNW and the Turramurra High School serv

intersection with a management trail, marked with a GNW arrow post.

(1.1 km 23 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill along the management trail for about 40m to come to an intersection with a short trail (on the right, which leads to the gate at the end of Koombalah Ave).

Continue straight: From the intersection just below the Koombalah Ave gate, this walk follows the management trail gently downhill, whilst keeping the valley to your left. The trail initially leads over a rock platform, then about 50m later, leads down a steep hill. The trail then heads gently down for about 400m before a short steep hill leads down to a metal high tension power line tower. Here the trail bends right and leads down and along the side of the hill for another 200m to pass another high tension power line tower and head behind a few houses. Just behind the second house, this walk comes to ephemeral creek on a rock platform.

Continue straight: From here, this walk crosses the ephemeral creek (keeping the houses up to your right) and continues along the trail for about 30m to come to a T-intersection with a wide, shared, concrete path, marked with several signposts.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the wide, shared, concrete path. After about 50m, this path leads under some high tension power lines then bends right. About 50m after passing under the power lines, this path leads to an intersection with a track (on your left, that leads to an informal unfenced lookout), just before a GNW arrow post.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads fairly steeply downhill along the concrete path. The path passes a few signs over about 100m, then comes to an intersection with a track (on your left), marked with a timber barricade and a GNW arrow post.

Veer right: From the intersection, this follows the concrete path downhill for just shy of 50m to come to a intersection with a dirt management trail. This intersection is beside the Lane Cove River crossing (on your left) and is marked with a 'The Great North Walk' sign here.

### 13.04 | Browns Waterhole int

(90 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk crosses the the causeway of Browns Waterhole. (Caution is needed during and after rain, may become impassable) From here the track continues up the hill on the other side until reaching a small picnic area signposted as 'Browns Waterhole'.

#### 13.13 | Browns Waterhole

Browns Waterhole is a wide, shallow section of the Lane Cove River, downstream of a concrete weir. There is a concrete shared cycle/footpath crossing over the top of the weir, linking Kissing Point Road, South Turramurra to Vimiera Rd, Macquarie Park. On the western side of the waterhole, there is a picnic table and small clearing with a view over this section of the river.

# 13.13 | Browns Waterhole

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From Browns Waterhole, at the picnic tables, this walk follows the concrete management trail away from the river, up the gentle hill until reaching the large green 'Terrys Creek Walking Track' sign.

#### 13.17 | Int of Terry's Creek Walking Track and Brown's Wat

(2.9 km 55 mins) Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the Terrys creek walking track sign through the dense bush and along a metal walkway the winds along for a little while, joining back onto a bushtrack and following it up some wooden steps and all the way along to the signposted intersection of a bushtrack heading down across the creek.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack south through the bush winding up some steps and crossing underneath the M2 moter way and back down and around to the signposted intersection of the Crimea road and Epping road tracks.

Turn right: From the intersection the tack follows the Epping road arrow down across the creek and up the other side to the signposted intersection of the Eastwood Station track at the number 18 plaque

Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the Eastwood Station arrow through the bush winding all the way along to a rock platform where you can see the M2 motorway and continues along the track, all the way through until it comes to the signposted intersection of the signposted intersection of the Eastwood Station track

Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads west through the bush winding down a gentle hill and around a sewage access point, coming back up the other side to the signposted intersection of the Eastwood Station

#### track.

Turn left: From the intersection the track heads south, up the short hill and through the bush passing 2 sewage access points as it winds along the left hand side of the creek, all the way to the intersection of the Eastwood Station track, a short distance after passing the 3rd sewage access point.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack south alongside the creek, passing a sewage access point and continuing up a short hill to the intersection of the unnamed bushtrack.

Veer left: From the intersection the track heads south west along the bushtrack winding up and down along the left side of the creek until it crosses a small wooden bridge and continues through the bush, all the way to the intersection of the unnamed bushtrack.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the Eastwood Station arrow along the creek and through the bush past signpost 15, and a sewage access point. continuing up a short hill to the intersection of the Epping road track.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack down the gentle hill, winding around and under the Epping road bridge and across the rocks until it comes to the intersection of the Pembroke road path and the Eastwood Station track at the base of the wooden steps.

Veer left: From the intersection the track heads up the steps to the top, at the intersection of the Rest area track.

Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the Eastwood Station sign south along the bushtrack winding past a sewage access point and the number 12 signpost, coming down and along the creek, all the way to the intersection of the Eastwood station tracks.

Continue straight: From the intersection the track heads south along the bushtrack climbing up a small hill and down across a thin wooden creek bridge, passing a sewage access point as the track continues along the creek for a short while until it turns up and away from the creek, winding up a rocky hill and along the side of the valley for a short while, coming back down towards the creek, passing the number 11 signpost and crossing the creek again. From the creek crossing the track continues up and along the gentle hill winding through the bush until it comes to the signposted intersection of Eastwood station and Pembroke park tracks.

Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the Dence Park sign down across the creek (for safety reasons you should avoid the crossing after recent rainfall) and up the other side to the intersection of the Eastwood station and Dence Park tracks.

Turn left : From the intersection the track follows the Eastwood station arrow south through the bush winding along side the creek and through a thick patch of bamboo. Staying close to the creek, the track continues upstream until it comes to the unsignposted intersection of the Eastwood station and waterfall tracks.

Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading up the hill through dense ferns and along the side of the valley for a short distance to the intersection of the waterfall loop track.

#### 16.11 | Optional sidetrip to Terrys Creek Waterfall

(30 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading down towards the creek, winding around and down some rock steps to the intersection of the Terrys creek waterfall. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

#### 16.11 | Terrys Creek Waterfall

This is a small waterfall on Terrys Creek, and makes a good spot to break from the walk.

#### 16.11 | Int of Eastwood station and waterfall loop tracks

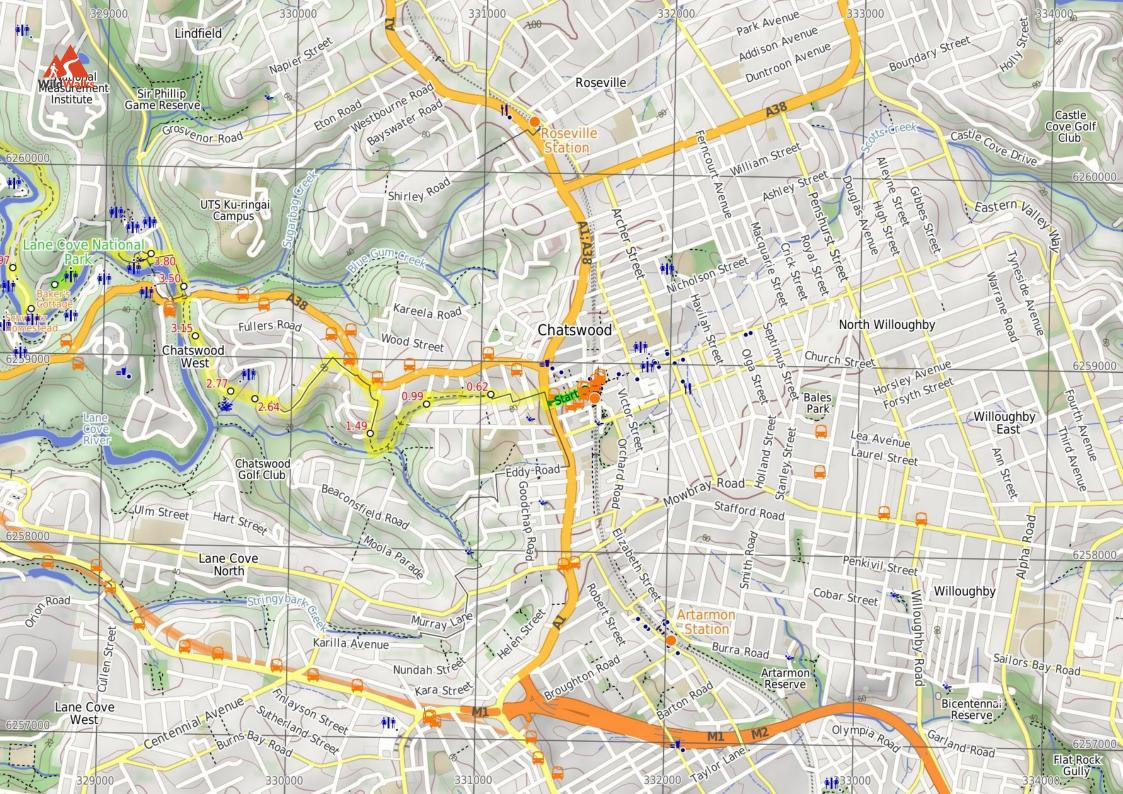
(690 m 13 mins) Veer right: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading up a short rocky hill and through some grass trees, coming

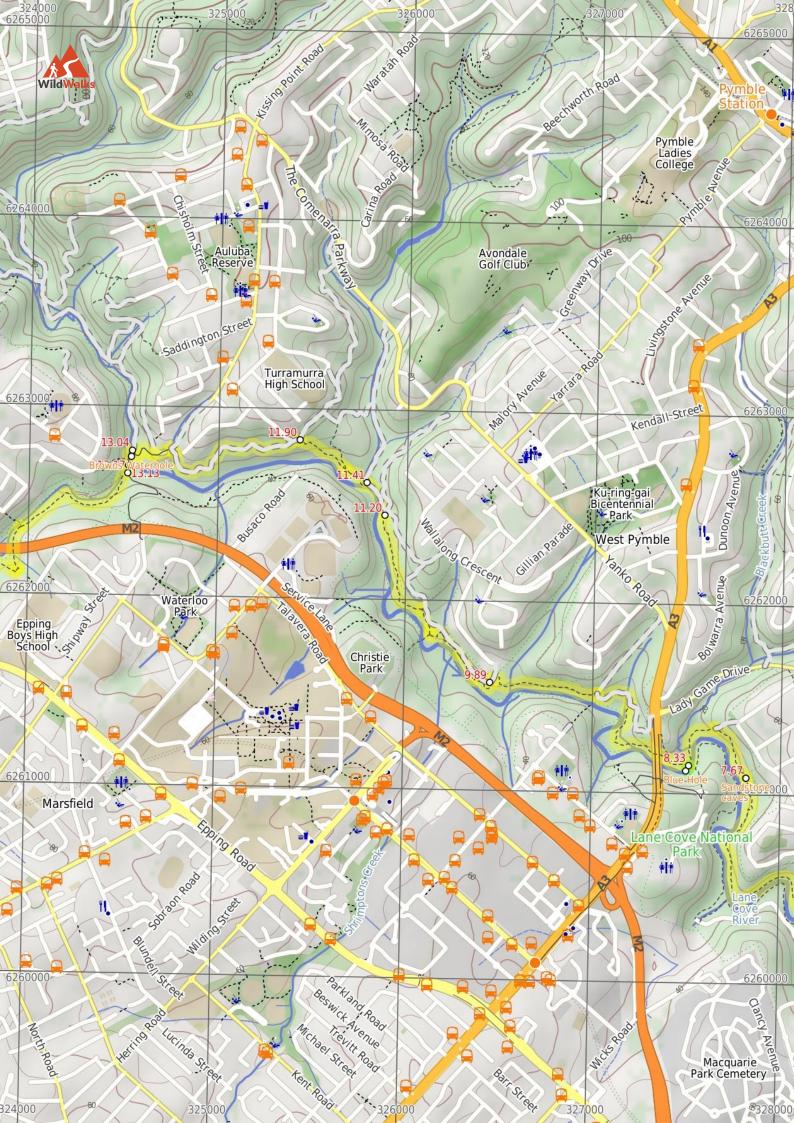
down the other side and around beside a short rock wall to the top of the Terrys creek waterfall.

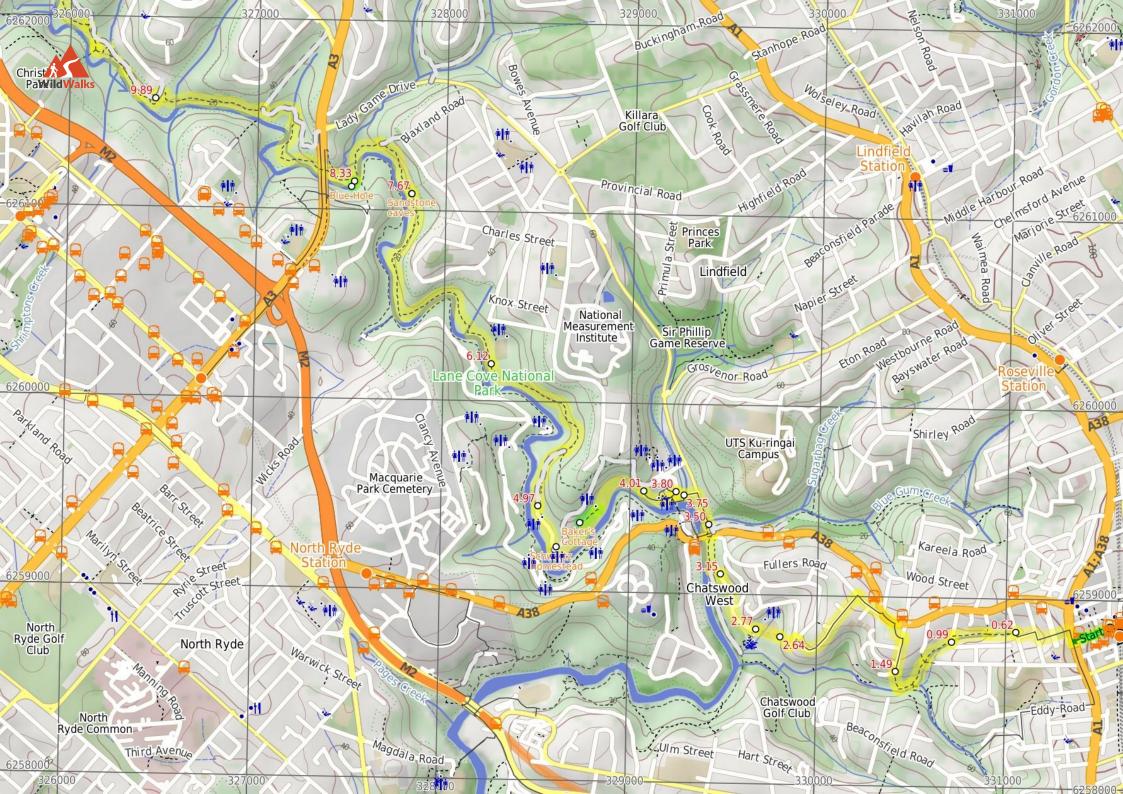
Continue straight: From the top of the falls the track follows the creek up stream along the bushtrack winding through the fairly open bush for a while until it heads up some wooden steps onto a platform and continues along all the way through thicker bush, crossing the bridged Terrys creek and continuing all the way along to the back of Forrester park.

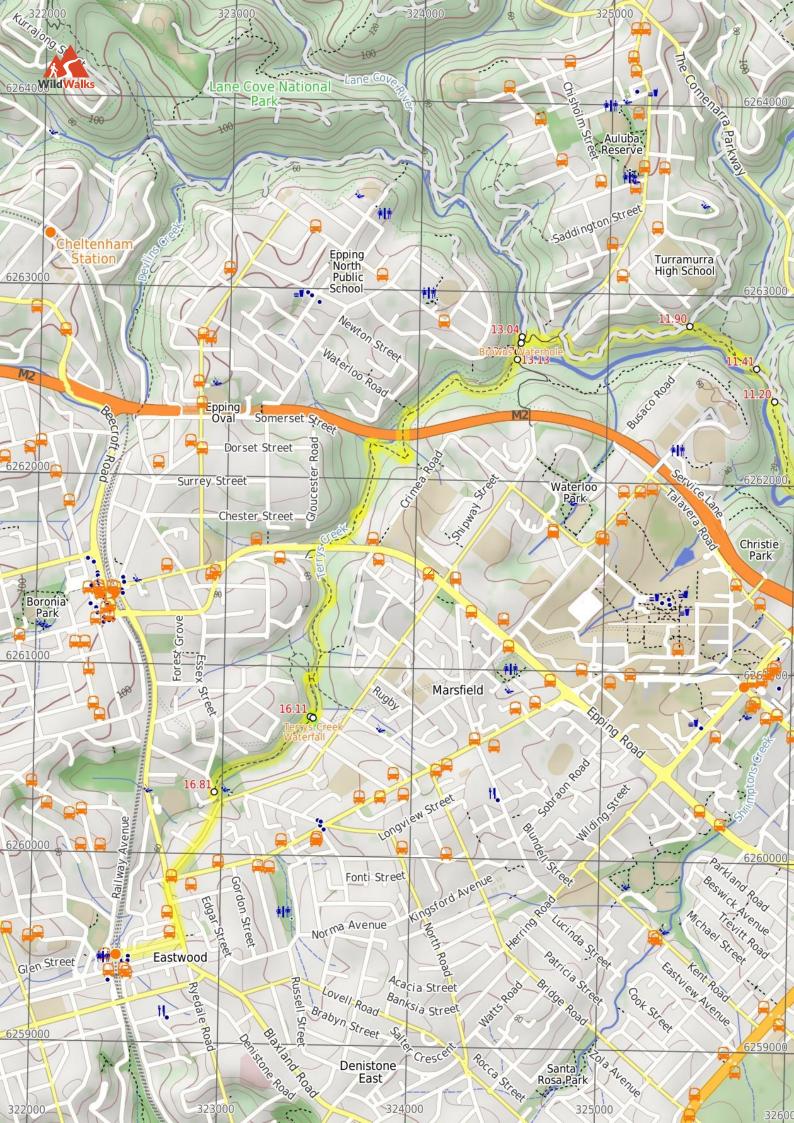
#### 16.81 | Forrester Park

(1.3 km 23 mins) Veer left: From Forrester Park, this walk heads south-east along Davis Avenue for about 30m to the right-hand bend in the road. From here, the walk crosses Terry's Creek on a bridge and then turns right onto Vimiera Road. At the end of Vimiera Rd, the walk turns right onto Balaclava Rd, then immediately left onto Blaxland Road. The walk passes May St and Ethel Lane, and turns right into Ethel Street, following this road to the end where it comes to Eastwood Railway Station.









# Summary navigation sheet for the Chatswood Station to Eastwood Station



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail) WildWalks
Start	Chatswood Station -33.7971,151.1804 (GR Parramatta River, 316589)	9 -37	620 m 13 mins	From Chatswood Train Station, this walk exits the station onto Victoria Ave.
0.62	Int. Edgar St and Edgar St Reserve Trk -33.7973,151.175 (GR Parramatta River, 311588)	1 -12	340 m 6 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk passes the gate, then the playground on the right, and continues through the clearing.
0.96	Int. Park Ave and Edgar St Reserve Trk -33.7975,151.1714 (GR Parramatta River, 307588)	0 -1	30 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the road for approximately 30m to the next signpost.
0.99	Int. Park Ave and Rail to River Trk -33.7977,151.1713 (GR Parramatta River, 307588)	22 -30	500 m 13 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signpost past the 'Ferndale Park' sign, down the management trail.
1.49	Harnett Pl sign post -33.7991,151.1681 (GR Parramatta River, 304586)	22 -35	1 km 20 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the road and heads right, up the hill.
2.51	Int. Hawthorne Ave and Bellevue Ave -33.7976,151.1624 (GR Parramatta River, 299588)	0 -5	50 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill for approximately 30m to the telegraph pole with 'Rail to River Walk' sign.
2.56	Int. Rail to River Trk and Hawthorne Ave -33.7979,151.162 (GR Parramatta River, 299587)	0 -13	70 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill between the fences.
2.64	Eastern side of O.H. Reid Memorial Oval -33.7975,151.1615 (GR Parramatta River, 298588)	0 -4	130 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads across the oval to the car park to the left of the toilet block.
2.77	O.H. Reid Memorial Oval car park -33.7971,151.1601 (GR Parramatta River, 297588)	6 -9	380 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the O.H.
3.15	Int. Rail to River Trk and Reid Drive -33.7945,151.1581 (GR Parramatta River, 295591)	3 -12	350 m 7 mins	Turn left: From the intersection opposite No.
3.50	Lady Game Dr opp. Fullers Park -33.7921,151.1574 (GR Parramatta River, 294594)	5 -5	250 m 5 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk heads up Lady Game Drive and turns left into Lane Cove National Park.
3.75	Max Allen Drive Bridge -33.7907,151.156 (GR Parramatta River, 293595)	2 0	50 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the bridge, this walk heads gently uphill along the road to the intersection with the visible concrete stairs just below the National Parks Office.
3.80	Int. National Parks Office Trk and Max Allen Dr -33.7906,151.1556 (GR Parramatta River, 292595)	7 -1	210 m 5 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath to the intersection in the middle of the clearing, above the weir.
4.01	Int. Max Allen Dr and Jenkins Hill Trk -33.7905,151.1537 (GR Parramatta River, 291595)	10 -15	330 m 7 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill with the river below, on the left.
4.34	Int. Opposite Bakers Flat -33.7914,151.1511 (GR Parramatta River, 288594)	10 -1	120 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Baker's Cottage. Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs tending right, up the hill.
4.34	Int. Opposite Bakers Flat -33.7914,151.1511 (GR Parramatta River, 288594)	7 -9	370 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road, with the water below to the left, for a short time to a right-hand bend.
4.71	Schwartz Homestead -33.7933,151.1486 (GR Parramatta River, 286592)	6 -4	260 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the depot, this walk continues up the sealed road, with the water below, to the left.
4.97	Thistlethwaytes Picnic Area -33.7912,151.1477 (GR Parramatta River, 285594)	51 -49	1.1 km 23 mins	Continue straight: From the cul-de-sac at the northern end of the Thistlethwaytes picnic area, this walk leads up the hill, away from the picnic area and river flats.
6.12	Fiddens Wharf Oval Trk -33.7845,151.145 (GR Parramatta River, 283602)	62 -49	1.6 km 32 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Blue Hole' sign across the flat timber boardwalk bridge, keeping the river to your left.

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WildWalks

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7.67	Sandstone caves -33.7763,151.1405 (GR Parramatta River, 278611)	34 -44	660 m 16 mins	Continue straight: From the cave, this walk follows the track along the side of the hill, keeping the valley down to your left.
8.33	Int. Great North Walk and Blue Hole Trk -33.7757,151.1372 (GR Parramatta River, 275611)	0 0	30 m	Optional sidetrip to Blue Hole. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads straight down the timber steps.
8.33	Int. Great North Walk and Blue Hole Trk -33.7757,151.1372 (GR Parramatta River, 275611)	57 -44	1.5 km 31 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post up the timber steps.
9.86	Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave fire trail (east) -33.7715,151.1261 (GR Parramatta River, 265616)	0 -1	30 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the GNW arrow post gently uphill along the management trail, away from the gate whilst keeping the power line poles on your left.
9.89	Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave service trail (sth) -33.7718,151.1259 (GR Parramatta River, 265616)	51 -47	1.3 km 29 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south, downhill along the track and under the high tension power lines.
11.20	Int of the GNW and the West Pymble service trail link track -33.7638,151.1199 (GR Parramatta River, 259624)	5 -7	210 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the management trail.
11.41	Int of the GNW and the Avondale creek service trail -33.7622,151.1189 (GR Parramatta River, 258626)	46 -12	490 m 13 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post, directly away from the face of the 'Lane Cove Valley' aluminum sign and map, down the track and timber steps to a sandy beach on the Lane Cove
11.90	Int of the GNW and the Turramurra High School service trail -33.7602,151.115 (GR Parramatta River, 254628)	25 -52	1.1 km 23 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill along the management trail for about 40m to come to an intersection with a short trail (on the right, which leads to the gate at
13.04	Browns Waterhole int -33.7607,151.1055 (GR Parramatta River, 245628)	5 -1	90 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk crosses the the causeway of Browns Waterhole.
13.13	Browns Waterhole -33.7614,151.1053 (GR Parramatta River, 245627)	3 0	40 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From Browns Waterhole, at the picnic tables, this walk follows the concrete management trail away from the river, up the gentle hill until reaching the large green 'Terrys Creek Walking Track' sign.
13.17	Int of Terry's Creek Walking Track and Brown's Waterhole Servicetrail -33.7618,151.1052 (GR Parramatta River, 245626)	70 -51	2.9 km 55 mins	Turn right: From the intersection the track follows the Terrys creek walking track sign through the dense bush and along a metal walkway the winds along for a little while, joining back onto a bushtrack and followin
16.11	Int of Eastwood station and waterfall loop tracks -33.7788,151.0934 (GR Parramatta River, 235607)	0 -3	30 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Terrys Creek Waterfall. Veer left: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading down towards the creek, winding around and down some rock steps to the intersection of the Terrys creek waterfall.
16.11	Int of Eastwood station and waterfall loop tracks -33.7788,151.0934 (GR Parramatta River, 235607)	17 -15	690 m 13 mins	Veer right: From the intersection the track follows the bushtrack heading up a short rocky hill and through some grass trees, coming down the other side and around beside a short rock wall to the top of the Terrys c
16.81	Forrester Park -33.7824,151.0879 (GR Parramatta River, 230603)	28 -20	1.3 km 23 mins	Veer left: From Forrester Park, this walk heads south-east along Davis Avenue for about 30m to the right-hand bend in the road.