

Circular Quay to Hornsby

3 Days

Hard track

44.4 km One way

▲ 1695m

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This fun walk covers a large section of the Great North Walk, starting from the official start in Circular Quay. After a short ferry trip the walk follows the Lane Cove River through the Lane Cove National Park, to Thornleigh. Here, the walk enters Berowra Valley National Park, continuing along the Great North Walk to before following the popular Blue Gum Walk up out of the valley, to Hornsby train station. Camp overnight at Lane Cove tourist park and at the Scout camp in Thornleigh.

Lane Cove National Park

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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 enjoyable 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, Berowra Valley 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:

- 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 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:91304S HORNSBY, 91303N

PARRAMATTA RIVER

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

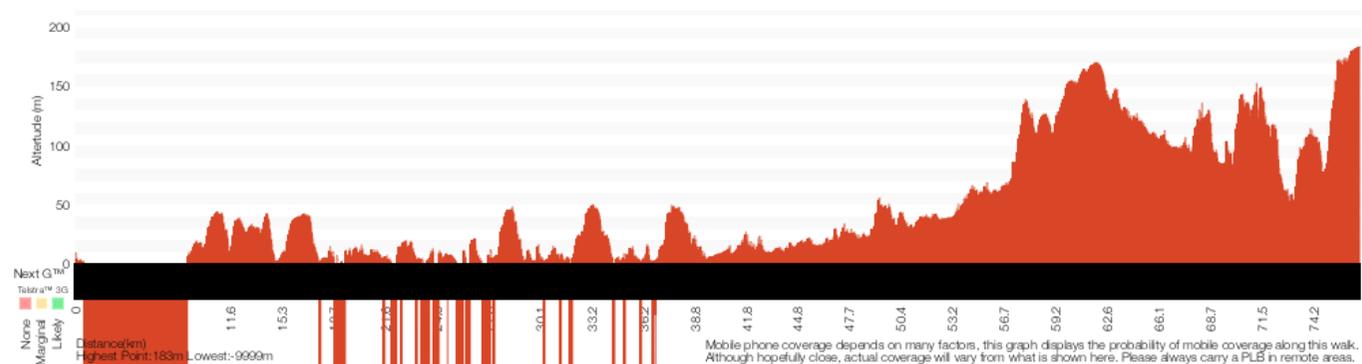
Grade

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



Grade 4/6
Hard track

Length	44.4 km One way
Time	3 Days
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
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 walk's 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 The Obelisk (gps: -33.8633, 151.2102) by car, ferry or train. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Hornsby Train Station (gps: -33.7035, 151.098) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/cqth>

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(260 m 4 mins) From the tall sandstone obelisk (in Macquarie Place at the intersection of Bridge and Loftus Sts, Sydney), this walk heads down along the footpath beside Loftus St, towards the view of the Harbour Bridge. After about 80m, the footpath leads past 'Jessie Street Gardens', which is 'Dedicated to the achievements of Australian women' - definitely worth the time to read the plaques. From here, the walk continues down past McDonald's and across Alfred St to underneath the 'Circular Quay Railway Station' building.

0.26 | Circular Quay

(4.8 km 20 mins) Continue straight: From Circular Quay ferry terminal, this walk heads over to Wharf 5 and catches a ferry (about \$6) to Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St. A ferry leaves every 30-60 mins during the day. The trip is very pleasant and passes the Opera House, travels under the Harbour Bridge, around Garden Island, near Cockatoo Island and on to Woolwich Ferry Wharf near the mouth of the Lane Cove River.

5.07 | Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St

(720 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From Woolwich Wharf (at the end of Valentia Street), this walk follows the footpath, past the toilets and the large 'Great North Walk' sign (and past the children's playground which is across the road) to the top of 'Valentia St'. The walk turns left and follows the tree-lined 'The Point Rd', which bends left and becomes 'Gale St'. Not far along Gale St, this walk comes to the front of the gates at the top of the signposted 'Goat Paddock' park (on your left)

5.8 | Goat Paddock

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the dock. The area is well maintained and is used by many locals for their morning strolls.

5.8 | Goat Paddock

(80 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the gates at the top of 'Goat Paddock', this walk follows the footpath uphill beside Gale St, which soon bends right. The walk passes 'Woolwich Pier Hotel' (on the opposite side of the road), then veers left across the grass on the signposted 'Woolwich Lookout' park, and soon comes to the fenced lookout platform on the left, about 80m from the lookout.

5.87 | Woolwich Lookout

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5.87 | Woolwich Lookout

(360 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From 'Woolwich Lookout', this walk winds down the concrete footpath, initially keeping the water view to your left. Crossing the road, this walk then follows the GNW arrow post downhill along Edgecliff Rd, which soon bends right (enjoying the water views across to Cockatoo Island), then crosses Margaret St to become Alfred St. Continuing to the end of Alfred St, this walk comes to a short sandstone wall and a 'Kellys Bush' sign

6.23 | Bottom of Kellys Bush

(230 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Alfred St, this walk follows the 'Nelson Parade' sign up the sandstone steps. At the top of the steps, this walk turns right, following the 'Picnic Area' sign along the dirt track for about 80m to a three-way intersection just past a bench seat. This walk veers right, following the 'Nelson Parade' sign up the steps, passing a 'Kellys bush' information sign at the top of the hill, then leaves the park through a gap in the timber fence to come to a road beside Weil Park (a large playing field).

6.46 | Kellys Bush

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6.46 | Top of Kellys Bush

(220 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the top of Kellys Bush, this walk follows the GNW arrow gently uphill along Prince George Parade (directly away from the park). Soon after passing a set of swings (on the central reservation), this walk turns right (crossing over the other part Prince George Parade) to follow another GNW arrow post along 'Gladstone Ave' until coming to an intersection with 'Woolwich Rd'.

6.68 | Int of Gladstone Ave and Woolwich Rd

(190 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow west alongside Woolwich Rd for about 100m, then turns right across

the road and heads to the end of Serpentine Rd. There are some GNW arrows here and a footpath on the left.

6.87 | End of Serpentine Rd

(420 m 10 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Serpentine Rd, this walk follows the GNW arrows down a few steps, then downhill along the footpath. The path soon leads down to Vernon St to turn left, following the street for about 30m. Here the walk turns right, leading down a pedestrian lane-way and steps between two houses, coming to 'Mornington Reserve', beside Alexandra Bay on the Lane Cove River. Here the walk turns left, leading up along the grassy track reserve behind some houses for about 180m to turn left at a GNW post marking another pedestrian lane-way. The walk heads up this lane-way then up the steps to turn right on Vernon St, coming almost immediately to an intersection with Brookes St (on your right).

7.29 | Int of Brookes and Vernon Sts

(1.2 km 22 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along Vernon St which soon bends left. At the top of the hill, this walk turns right to follow the footpath beside Woolwich Rd for about 150m, then turns right down Futuna Lane. At the T-intersection, this walk turns left to follow Futuna St past the grand 'St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church' building and then come to another T-intersection. Here the walk crosses Crescent St and turns right a short distance and then left into Garrick Ave. At the end of Garrick Ave, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the zigzagging pedestrian lane way for about 170m to come to Passy Ave. Here the walk crosses the road and turns right, following the footpath for about 150m to then turn left onto Ambrose St. After a further 100m, the walk turns right at Ferry St to pass in front of the large sandstone 'All Saints Anglican Church' building. Just past this church, the walk passes a few shops to cross Alexandra St, then turns left. Just after crossing Ady St, this walk comes to 'Jaspers Restaurant', opposite more cafes and shops.

8.5 | Hunters Hill Shops

Just opposite the intersection of Alexandra and Ady Streets is a community shopping village in Hunters Hill. There are a few cafes and small restaurants set among a lovely series of sandstone buildings. You could even get your hair cut if so desired. The Ricciotti Deli Cafe open 7 days 0800-1700 (weekends 0800-1500) ph: (02) 9817-7388.

8.5 | Hunters Hill Shops

(770 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From in front of 'Jaspers Restaurant', this walk heads gently downhill along Alexandra St almost immediately passing 'Vienna' Cottage (an artisan's home built in 1871). This walk continues along beside Alexandra St for about 500m, passing the post office, Masonic Centre, town hall, Congregational Church, a tiny and very old-looking pharmacy to come to a four-way intersection with Mount St (on your right), opposite a children's playground. Here the walk follows the GNW post right and downhill along Mount St to come to a waterfront intersection at the end of the street.

9.27 | End of Mount St

(620 m 11 mins) Turn left: From the northern end of Mount St, this walk follows the asphalt footpath behind Hunters Hill High School, whilst keeping the Lane Cove River to your right. The path leads past a few information signs, then bends left at the grassy clearing to head up the side of the school. The path leads up a small set of stairs and turns right on Reiby Rd, where the walk follows the road for 100m until the road bends right. Here, the walk crosses the road to follow the GNW arrow up to the right and along the concrete footpath, which leads under Burns Bay Rd (Fig Tree Bridge). Just after passing under the bridge, the walk heads left, diagonally up through Joubert Street Reserve to Joubert St (just downhill from the intersection with

Figtree Rd).

9.89 | Joubert Street Reserve

(930 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From Joubert Street Reserve, this walk crosses Joubert St and heads uphill to then turn right into Figtree Rd. The walk leads along the footpath beside Figtree Rd for about 350m, then turns right onto Ryde Rd (there is a Coles Express service station to your left, if you want a cold drink). Following the footpath alongside Ryde Rd for about 500m (passing St Joseph's College along the way), this walk comes to Boronia Ave, just beside Boronia Park.

10.82 | Boronia Park

Boronia Park is found at the intersection of Ryde Rd and Boronia Ave. The park is centered around a couple of large playing fields and a grand stand. Here you will find public toilets, tap water, electric BBQs and a children's playground. There is also shade from the trees and rain shelter to provide some relief on the hot or wet days.

10.82 | Boronia Park

(270 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the intersection of 'Boronia Ave' and 'Ryde Rd' (beside 'Boronia Park'), this walk follows 'Boronia Ave' downhill for just over 250m to come to the end of the road.

11.09 | End of Boronia Ave

(840 m 17 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Boronia Avenue, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up along the rocky track. The track leads over a small rise then bends right (ignoring the track to your left), to head down a few stone steps, then a series of timber steps. The track then continues along the bank of the Lane Cove River (to your right) for about 100m to come to a T-intersection with Princes St. Here the walk turns left and heads up the road (away from the water view) for about 50m, coming to an intersection with another track and a large green 'The Great North Walk' signpost (on your right).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Buffalo Ck. Park' arrow down along track. Veering right after about 50m, this wide track then leads through the casuarina forest for a short time, coming to an intersection and a small clearing with a picnic table, the informally named Brickmakers Creek picnic area.

Turn right: From the picnic area, this walk follows the GNW arrow post across the rocky Brickmakers Creek and up the steps. The walk continues along the short timber boardwalk, then leads up the timber steps for about 100m where the track flattens out, veering right at another GNW arrow post. Here the track leads down between the rocks, with a filtered view to the water, and a short distance later, the track veers right again at another GNW arrow post, heading gently down between some more rocks. For another 150m, the mostly flat track leads over some rock platforms then along a short section of timber boarding to come to a three-way intersection marked with a GNW arrow, and a larger unfenced rock platform (to the right).

11.93 | Int of GNW and Meyers Avenue track

(1 km 20 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the rock platform, keeping the river down to your right. The walk soon heads down some steps carved in the rock, then follows the rocky and sandy track gently downhill, passing some interesting rock formations over about 140m then climbing over some rocks with a metal handrail. The track leads up a series of steps for about 200m, then goes up some carved steps (also with a handrail). From here, the rocky track heads down the steps then leads alongside the mangroves for just shy of 100m, coming to a T-intersection marked with a GNW arrow.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the steps. The track bends right and comes to an intersection with the signposted

'Access to Barons Cres' track on your left, just below the large concrete building.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the clear track, leading gently uphill (initially keeping the concrete building and Barton Cres track on your left). The fairly flat, rocky track leads through the forest, keeping the Lane Cove River not far to your right. After about 300m, the track leads up some steps to a boulder outcrop with good views over the river. The track continues for another 100m to a small clearing and a timber viewing platform (on your right).

12.97 | Mangrove viewing platform

This timber viewing platform is found on bank on south-west of the confluence of the Lane Cove River and Buffalo Creek. This area is affected by the tides so the view is constantly changing. The lookout platform provides an opportunity to view the mangroves community and the eroded sandstone ruins

12.97 | Mangrove viewing platform

(540 m 10 mins) Turn left: From the timber platform, this walk heads directly away from the Lane Cove River and follows the track up the valley, keeping the Buffalo Creek mangroves to your right. The track soon leads under a fallen tree and meanders along the flat for about 120m, then follows a short section of timber boardwalk. The track then leads up some steps to pass under a small sandstone overhang, then continues along the base of a sandstone wall, from where the track leads over another shorter section of timber boardwalk. The track then comes to another section of boardwalk which leads through the wetlands, over a small creek and past the information sign about the 'Friends of Buffalo Creek'. The boardwalk then leads past some paperbark trees and turns right onto the dirt track. The walk follows this track for about 50m before heading up the timber ramp and steps to Pains Rd.

13.51 | Int of GNW and Pains Road (south)

(240 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow up along Pains Rd for about 20m to the intersection with a wide track, marked with another GNW arrow post, just where the road bends left.

Continue straight: From the bend in Pains Rd (near house number 4), this walk follows GNW arrow along the wide track, whilst keeping a few houses up to your left. After about 120m, the track leads up a grassy hill to find a large open parkland, Buffalo Creek Reserve. Here, the walk turns right and follows the 'Great North Walk' sign across the grass, passing a picnic table and fireplace, and coming to the large 'Buffalo Creek Track Head' signpost (on your right).

13.75 | Buffalo Creek Reserve

The Buffalo Creek Reserve is found off the side of Pittwater Rd, just south of Buffalo Creek. The reserve is home to a large wetland, car park, large children's playground, picnic shelters, BBQ's, toilets and town water on tap. The children's play area, on the western side of the reserve, is very popular. There is a large playing field and a second smaller picnic area on the eastern side (where the Buffalo Creek boardwalk starts).

13.75 | Buffalo creek track head

(540 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the 'Buffalo Creek Track Head', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign down three sets of timber stairs. Here the walk follows the timber boardwalk as it winds through the mangroves to a hand-railed viewing area, just before a bridge. From here, the walk crosses Buffalo Creek on the bridge then climbs up the stone steps to veer left at a faint intersection (at the top of the steep climb), marked with a GNW arrow post. The rocky track leads more gently up past the 'Lane Cove River National Park - Sugarloaf Point' sign to a signposted T-intersection, where another

GNW arrow points back down the track.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sugarloaf Point' sign along the flat rocky and sandy track, keeping the valley to your right. The track generally bends left around the side of the hill, passing a few interesting rock platforms along the way. Soon after heading down some stone steps, this track comes to a signposted T-intersection with a wide sandy trail. There is a 'Buffalo Ck Reserve' sign pointing back up the steps.

14.29 | Optional sidetrip to Sugarloaf Point

(280 m 5 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sugarloaf Point' sign down the hill and along the service trail to the open waterfront clearing at Sugarloaf Point, which extends all the way along to the end of the grass clearing. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

14.29 | Sugarloaf Point

Sugarloaf Point is a large grassy clearing with a picnic area on the edge of the Lane Cove River, just north of the Buffalo Creek junction. The riverside picnic area has a couple of picnic benches and a small beach, making it possible to pull a boat up to the point.

14.29 | Int of GNW and Sugarloaf Point tracks

(200 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pittwater Road 0.25km' sign up along the wide management trail, which soon becomes sealed. The trail winds up beside a large, fenced, high-tension power line concrete tower. The trail soon leads around a locked gate and comes to an intersection just before Pittwater Rd, with a 'Great North Walk' track sign (on the right).

14.49 | Int of GNW and Pittwater Road carpark path

(1.3 km 24 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign past the picnic table and down the timber steps, whilst keeping Pittwater Rd through the trees to your left. The track soon passes a 'Lane Cove National Park' sign then heads down some timber stairs. The track continues just below the road (on your left) and beside the mangroves (on your right) for a little over 400m, crossing several timber platforms and going up and down a few steps to come to a 'Coastal Wetlands' information sign. Having moved away from the road, the track now heads along a timber boardwalk that winds through the mangroves and wetlands to cross Kitty Creek on a bridge. Just on the other side of the bridge, this walk comes to a T-intersection with a sign pointing back to 'Sugarloaf Point'.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the wide track, initially keeping Kittys Creek to your right. The track almost immediately bends left (ignoring the side track on the left) and follows the bank of the Lane Cove River (on your right) through the casuarina forest for just shy of 200m. Here, the track starts edging away from the river and enters more dense vegetation for just over 200m, before the track opens up and comes to a 'Lane Cove National Park - Sugarloaf Point' sign. From the sign, the walk leads up along the grass, keeping the playing fields to your right and coming to a GNW arrow post in front of the toilet block beside Magdala Park car park.

15.8 | Magdala Park

Magdala Park, found at the end of Magdala Rd, North Ryde, is home to a large playing field with a baseball diamond in the corner and a smaller playing field to the north. There is a car park, public toilets, sheltered picnic tables, childrens playground, garbage bins, and town water on tap. There are a few Great North Walk signs highlighting the direction of the walk as it winds across the open grassy area.

15.8 | Magdala Park carpark

(740 m 14 mins) Turn right: From the front of the toilet block, this walk follows the GNW arrow across the car park. The walk then heads through the gap in the fence and turns left, heading over the grass to the intersection with a concrete footpath at the base of the large transmissions tower, where a sign points back to 'Sydney Cove'.

Turn right: From the transmissions tower, this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign downhill along the concrete footpath away from Magdala Park. The path soon turns right and leads over the 'Clifford Love' footbridge. The 150m-long bridge leads over Lane Cove River and then over the 'National Starch' factory, to find a footpath on the other side. The footpath leads around the edge of the fenced car park and comes to the footpath beside Epping Rd, just beside the traffic lights at Mowbray Rd.

Continue straight: From the traffic lights, this walk heads downhill towards the bridge, crossing the factory driveway. Just over 100m past the driveway, the shared footpath leads to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow post, and a set of steps (on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down across the main bridge span, keeping the traffic to your right. After almost 100m, this walk comes to the other side of the bridge, where there is an intersection with another set of stairs (on your left) and another GNW arrow. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post down the stairs and towards the water. At the bottom of the stairs, the walk turns left and follows the footpath under the bridge then up a few steps to a signposted intersection, just on the other side of the bridge.

16.53 | Int on NW side of Epping Rd bridge

(820 m 19 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove National Park - Fairyland Track' sign down along the dirt track, keeping the filtered view of Lane Cove River to your right. The track soon leads down some timber steps, past a short rock wall and across two short flat timber bridges. The walk continues up some steps and across a timber bridge with a hand rail. The rocky track then leads downhill for about 100m before going gently uphill past the high tension transmission tower, to then come to a signposted intersection, just after passing under the power lines.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the buildings and the high tension power line tower, following the GNW arrow post downhill and almost immediately crosses a small flat timber bridge. The rocky track leads up a short hill then the track starts to leads down for about 70m, where the track bends sharply right. Then the walk leads down a series of timber steps into the lush forest and a 'Site of Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' information sign. Here the walk heads along the timber boardwalk, then follows the track past the 'Take Yourself Back to Fairyland' photo sign, and then onto an intersection beside a large palm tree. There is a 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' sign and short track on the right that leads to a seat beside Lane Cove River.

17.35 | Fairyland

Once formally known as 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds', and casually as 'The Rest', this site was similar to several others in Sydney. The land was purchased by Robert Swan in 1896 and encompassed about 17 acres in total. Part of the land was cleared for a market garden, growing strawberries and melons. By the early 1900s, the market garden had closed and the area had become a popular picnic and play ground, for people arriving mostly by boat. This was a very popular spot to visit for a special day out. Today, the buildings have (mostly) gone and the cleared area has grown back, but it still can offer a relaxing picnic and lunch spot by the river.

17.35 | Fairyland

(360 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the centre of Fairylands, this walk follows the clear track whilst keeping the Lane Cove River through the trees to your right, past the 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds'

sign. The mostly flat track winds gently through the ferns to pass the 'Site of Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' information sign, then continues along the short timber boardwalk and up a series of timber steps. The now mostly-flat track leads along the side of the hill for about 150m, coming to a short track which takes this walk to an unfenced rock platform with river views (on your right).

17.71 | Lookout

This small, informal and unfenced viewpoint is atop a large natural rock platform, between Fairyland and River Ave. There are a few in the area, but this is the most distinct. From here, there are nice views down the Lane Cove River. The area is unfenced and there is a significant drop off the side.

17.71 | River view

(130 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the view point, this walk heads along the flat track whilst keeping the river below to your right. After about 100m, the track crosses a short section of timber boardwalk then leads past a series of National Park signs to come to a T-intersection with Quebec Rd (opposite number 101).

17.84 | Int. of Quebec Rd and Fairyland Track

(550 m 12 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill following the GNW arrow post along Quebec Rd. At the top of the hill, the road bends right and comes to a signposted intersection, where this walk turn left to follow the GNW arrow post up what looks like a long sealed driveway. The walk follows Quebec Ave for about 300m past a couple of driveways (on your right) then below the fenced Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens (on your left), coming to a turning circle and a locked gate at the end of the road.

18.39 | End of Quebec Ave

(330 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Quebec Ave, this walk follows the GNW arrow post around the locked gate and along the fairly flat, rocky track. After about 170m, this track leads to the edge of a large rock platform. From here, the walk tends right, going down through a gap in the rock then leading along the base of a short rock wall. The track then starts to lead more steeply downhill when, just after passing a small bench seat, the track leads down a steep stone staircase and then comes to a signposted T-intersection with River Rd (near Delhi Rd). Here, a 'Sydney Cove' sign points back up the hill.

18.71 | Corner of Delhi Rd and River Ave

(70 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, follows the GNW arrow post across River Ave, down along the minor road (keeping the busy Delhi Rd to your left). At the end of this minor rd this walk finds a footpath in front of 'Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill'.

18.78 | Riverside Cafe Bar & Grill

The Riverside Cafe is found at the end of service road on the south-west corner of Fullers Bridge. The nicely renovated building looks over the Lane Cove River and is open 7 days, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food is cafe-style and meals are priced upwards from \$13. Ph: (02) 9412 3773.

18.78 | Riverside Cafe

(230 m 4 mins) Turn left: From in front of 'Riverside Cafe Bar AND Grill', this walk follows the GNW arrow post and footpath under Fullers Bridge to an intersection with a set of steps just on the other side.

Turn left: From the intersection (on the north-west corner of Fullers Bridge), this walk heads up the steps to come to another footpath beside Dehli Rd.

Turn right: From the bus stop, this walk heads along the footpath, away from Fullers Bridge. The walk soon crosses the entrance road to Lane Cove National Park before winding right, through the low bushes, to come to the toilet block.

Turn right: From the toilet blocks, this walk heads across the road to follow the footpath through the middle of the Koonjeree picnic area, to the intersection near the water's edge.

19.01 | Koonjeree Picnic Area

Koonjeree Picnic Area is at the southern end of Lane Cove National Park, just near Fullers Bridge. The picnic area boasts free gas barbecues, flushing toilets, town tap water, picnic tables and shelters, a large open area and car parking. On the bank of the Lane Cove River, this is a pleasant spot to enjoy the park.

19.01 | Koonjeree Middle Trk

(100 m 2 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the concrete footpath, keeping the river just to your right. The path leads around the edge of the clearing and comes to a T-intersection with a road, just beside the weir (on your right).

19.11 | Lane Cove Weir South

(520 m 9 mins) Turn left : From the southern end of the weir, this walk follows the sealed road up (away from the weir) for about 10m to turn right following the 'Riverside walking track' sign along the fenced timber boardwalk. After about 50m, this boardwalk leads past the fish ladder to come to a lookout (with stepped seats) and great views over the Lane Cove River. From the lookout, this walk continues along the boardwalk for about 80m (enjoying more river views) to then follow another 'Riverside walking track' sign along the edge of '3 Spoonbill' picnic area for about 130m, and come to '4 Illoura' picnic area (with toilets and water). This walk continues along the track beside the river for another 120m to pass below a large picnic shelter, then just over 100m later, this walk comes to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

19.63 | Lane Cove Boatshed

Lane Cove Boatshed, in Lane Cove National Park, is situated on the bank of the (you guessed it) Lane Cove River. You can hire rowboats, kayaks, pedal boats, bikes and canoes, for different ways to enjoy the river. The shop also sells ice-creams, chips and drinks. The shed is open on weekend from 10am - 5pm. During summer school holidays, the shop is also open from 12-5pm. For more info, call Greg on 0418600695.

19.63 | Boat Shed

(470 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boatshed, this walk follows the riverside track upstream, keeping the river just to your right. The track soon narrows and after about 80m, comes to a large clearing, the '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water). The track leads over a small flat timber bridge in the middle of the picnic area to then find a NPWS arrow post on the far side. Here this walk follows the arrow along the track for about 70m to then climb up the metal staircase, where the track continues for another 180m, first up and over a rocky outcrop then along a flat track to find another large clearing. On the far side of this picnic area, just past the '8 Ironbarks' sign, this walk comes to a three-way intersection (with a concrete path on your left).

20.11 | 8 Ironbarks

(220 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the narrow management trail, keeping the river to your right. After about 60m, this walk heads around a locked gate, then heads up over the grass to find a picnic area. Here the walk heads over the timber bridge, past the '9 Carters Creek' sign and into the picnic area. The walk veers left across the picnic area to come back to the car park, just below the toilet block on the far side of the picnic area.

20.32 | 9 Carters Creek

Carters Creek Picnic Area is the ninth formal picnic space along this stretch of the Lane Cove River. This picnic area is home to a couple of sheltered picnic tables, a gas BBQ a large open grassy area, garbage bins, toilets and a car park. There is some limited access to the river view. A pleasant spot among the tall gums.

20.32 | 9 Carters Creek

(360 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post across a small creek and up the footpath, away from the picnic area. From the the top of the small hill, the track now leads (keeping the river on your right) for almost 300m, passing through a re-vegetating tall gum forest then a pleasant she-oak stand, to come to a large gravel car park just before Cottonwood Glen picnic area.

20.68 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

Cottonwood Glen picnic area is a large open grassy spot on the bank of the Lane Cove River. There is a grove of trees along the edge of the river, but you can still get clear views across the water from the car park area. There are several picnic tables and a small toilet block just up the hill.

20.68 | 13 Cottonwood Glen

(130 m 3 mins) Turn left: From car park beside '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park' arrow post up the road. This walk soon veers left to head up beside the '12 Blackbutt' picnic area, then up some steps to come to a signposted intersection with Riverside Drive.

20.82 | Riverside Dr

(540 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tourist Park' sign gently up the track (away from the road) for about 30m to pass a 'Native Fauna' information sign and cross a small metal bridge beside the tall fern trees. Here the walk continues gently up through the forest for another 30m to pass the 'Bush Regeneration' information sign, then the track continues to wind gently uphill for almost 180m, passing the 'Native Flora' information sign and coming to a three-way intersection beside a large gum, where a sign points back down to 'Lane Cove River Weir' sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk heads uphill directly away from the face of the 'Scribbly Gums picnic area' sign and past the large scribbly gum. The track leads under a banksia tree and after about 40m starts to climb a series of stone steps. After climbing these steps for about 60m, this walk heads through a gap in a fence to come to the edge of the Lane Cove Tourist Park. From here, this walk head directly away from the face of the 'Lane Cove National Park' sign and straight up the internal road. This road soon bends left then leads though the campsite for about 100m before bending right just past the laundry. Here the walk heads up this road for about 50m, past the boom gates, to come to the front of the the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park' office.

21.35 | Lane Cove River tourist park

This is a well-established caravan park on the edge of Lane Cove National Park, offering a variety of camp sites from tent to powered sites for caravans and even en suite cabins. The campsite is a great point to access many wonderful walks in Lane Cove Valley. There are many facilities including a laundry, toilets, showers (including facilities for people with disabilities and with infants), recreation room, Internet kiosk (with free access to Wildwalks.com), wireless Internet, BBQ's and a pool. There is bike hire available and the reception has basic supplies for sale (bread, milk, snacks, newspapers).

21.35 | End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

21.35 | Lane Cove Tourist Park

(2.2 km 42 mins) Turn around: From the office of the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park', this walk heads down the internal road, past the boom gates for about 50m to turn left just past the laundry. The walk then continues along this road as it bends right after about 100m, then leads down to a T-intersection. Just on the other side (and to the left) of this intersection, there is a set of steps beside the large 'Lane Cove National Park' sign. From this concreted section between sites 152 and 151, this walk follows the sign down the stone steps for about 60m, where the track then leads gently down to a T-intersection marked with a timber signpost (beside a large scribbly gum).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows 'Lane Cove River Weir' sign south down the hill. The track leads gently down the side of the hill for about 80m to pass a 'Native Flora' information sign, then about 90m later passes a 'Bush Regeneration' information sign among the ferns. Just 30m past this sign, the track leads over a small metal bridge beside the tall fern trees and 'Native Fauna' information sign. Here the track continues for a short distance to come to an intersection with Riverside Drive, where a 'Tourist Park' sign points back up the hill.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Riverside walk' arrow post down the steps and then follows the road down past the '12 Blackbutt' picnic area. Soon the road leads to a Y-intersection and veers right down to the car park beside '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area and the Lane Cove River.

Turn right: From the car park on the south side of 'Cottonwood Glen', this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the track into the bush, keeping the river to your left. The track leads along side the river for about 300m, first through a lovely she-oak stand, then through a re-vegetating tall gum forest before heading down a sealed footpath to come to a car park (beside the toilet block) at Carters Creek picnic area.

Continue straight: From in front of the toilets at Carters Creek picnic area, this walk heads across the grass clearing and across the small timber bridge to come to the car park. After crossing the car park, this walk continues over the grass, beside the road, keeping the river to your left, and then veers left and follows the NPWS arrow post down around the locked gate. Here the walk follows the narrow trail for about 60m to come to an intersection with a footpath on your right, just before the '8 Ironbarks' sign and picnic area.

Continue straight: From the intersection just west of '8 Ironbarks', this walk follows the track through the picnic area, keeping the river on the left. On the far side of the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post for about 180m up over a rocky outcrop to then head down a metal staircase. The track winds down alongside the river for another 70m to come to the edge of another large grassy clearing. Here, this walk heads across '7 Moola' picnic area (with toilets and water), crossing a small flat timber bridge in the middle. The track soon leaves this clearing and continues for another 80m to come to the shop-front side of the sandstone boatshed building.

Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boat shed, this walk follows the riverside track, keeping the river to your left. After about 40m, this walk veers left at the Y-intersection and continues alongside the river for another 90m to pass below a large picnic shelter. The walk continues along the track for another 120m to pass alongside '4 Illoura' picnic area (with toilets and water). The walk continues alongside the river for another 70m to then pass through '3 Spoonbill' picnic area. From the far side of this picnic area, the walk follows the path, and then fenced boardwalk, for about 80m to come to a lookout (with stepped seats) and great views over the Lane Cove River. From this lookout point, this walk continues up along the boardwalk for about 50m (passing the fish ladder) to turn left onto the sealed drive and come to another intersection just before the weir.

23.6 | Lane Cove Weir South

(50 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the

GNW arrow post across the top of the weir to another GNW arrow post at the top of the steps (on your right), just on the other side of the weir. After heavy or prolonged rain this crossing may be closed if water is flowing over the top.

23.65 | Lane Cove Weir

The Lane Cove River Weir was built in 1938 during the depression. The motivation for building the lake was to make the area more appealing for visitors' picnics. The weir created environmental issues such as silting and a decline in native fish populations. In much more recent years, a 'fish ladder' has been constructed to allow fish to undertake their natural migration route for breeding. The weir proved an easy way for walkers to cross the Lane Cove River whilst enjoying the views up and downstream.

23.65 | Lane Cove Weir North

(70 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the weir, this walk follows the footpath straight up the hill for approximately 20m to the large concrete area of the intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath to the road.

23.72 | Int. National Parks Office Trk and Max Allen Dr

(170 m 4 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the road uphill, keeping the short sandstone wall and National Parks office on your left. The road soon bends left and leads up past the staff parking, to an intersection (with a track on your right) marked with a large 'Great North Walk' sign.

23.89 | Int. GNW near Naamaroo

(20 m) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up the timber steps away from the road. The track passes a 'Caution - Swimming in Lane Cove River is not advisable...' sign and then comes to an intersection with a wider management trail.

23.9 | Int. GNW and Naamaroo Service Trail

(300 m 8 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail uphill, initially keeping the cliff line to your right. The trail bends right then leads uphill for about 130m, coming to an intersection (just below the power lines) where a 'Park Visitors Centre' sign points back down the hill.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Blue Hole - Fiddens Wharf' sign and power line up along the wide management trail. Just as the trail flattens out, this walk comes to a signposted intersection with a narrower track (on your left).

24.2 | Int. GNW and Bradfield Rd Access Trk

(110 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow posts down the timber steps. The track gently meanders through the open forest for a short time then heads up a few steps to come to a T-intersection with a sealed road.

24.31 | Northern Int. Bradfield Rd and GNW

(30 m) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow down along the road for a short distance and comes to another signposted intersection with a track (on your right).

24.34 | Southern Int. Bradfield Rd and GNW

(430 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow up the timber steps, away from the road. The track soon leads down a longer set of timber steps where the track meanders through the bush, passing a few rocky outcrops before heading down the another series of timber stairs. Just beyond these steps, the track leads to a T-intersection with a wide management trail, marked with a 'Sandstone Hillslope Community'

information sign.

24.77 | Int. GNW and Thistlethwaytes Picnic Area Trk

(800 m 16 mins) Turn right: 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.

25.57 | 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.

27.12 | Sandstone caves

This fairly large sandstone overhang is found on the eastern side of the Lane Cove Valley. The walking track leads through the two caves that run in series, with the northern cave being larger. The lip of the overhang hangs down a bit, providing some extra protection from wind and rain. The cave also provides some shade and a cooler spot on hot days, and there are also a couple of well placed boulders forming nice seats.

27.12 | Sandstone caves

(340 m 10 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.

27.46 | Int. GNW and Blaxland Rd Service Trail

(320 m 6 mins) 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).

27.78 | 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 Cove River, in view of Deburghs Bridge. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

27.78 | Blue Hole

Blue Hole is found in the Lane Cove River, downstream of De Burghs Bridge. Within Lane Cove National Park this small pleasant waterhole has a flat rock and small sandy beach on the north side of the river. The water is polluted by run-off and rubbish, especially after rain, so it is not suitable for swimming. It is still a pleasant place to relax and enjoy the valley.

27.78 | 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.

29.31 | 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).

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

(550 m 11 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').

29.89 | Int of GNW and Christie Park track

(760 m 18 mins) 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.

30.65 | Int of the GNW and the West Pymble service trail 1

(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.

30.86 | Int of the GNW and the Avondale creek service trail

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

31.35 | Int of the GNW and the Turramurra High School serv

(870 m 18 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.

32.22 | Int of GNW and Kissing Point Road trail

(260 m 5 mins) 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.

32.49 | 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.

32.49 | Browns Waterhole int

(1.2 km 22 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign along the dirt management trail, keeping the Lane Cove River to your left. After about 80m, the trail leads under some high tension power lines, where there is a mostly clear view over the river (to your left). The trail then gently leads down through the valley for about 400m to come to an intersection with Cove St trail, marked with a GNW arrow post.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the management trail for about 30m to cross a small culverted creek. The walk then follows the trail up the short hill to come to an intersection with the signposted 'STEP track' (on your right).

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

post and STEP Track markers along the management trail, whilst keeping the river to your left. The trail undulates through the valley (weedy in places) and tall forest for just shy of 600m, to come to a clear intersection at the bottom of a sealed management trail (on your right). This intersection is marked with another 'STEP Track' map/sign and a 'The Great North Walk' sign.

33.64 | Int of GNW and the STEP track (west)

(1 km 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently downhill along the management trail, directly away from the face of the 'STEP Track' map/sign. Keeping the river to your left, the trail leads downhill for about 80m to come to a Y-intersection, where there is a 'Lane Cove Valley' map/sign and a 'Lane Cove River Park' sign pointing back along the trail.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh Station' sign past the 'Lane Cove Valley' map, initially keeping the other trail and river to your left. The trail follows the valley floor, keeping the river just to your left, for a bit over 500m, to then cross the Lane Cove River at a rocky ford. This crossing may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. On the other side of the river, this walk continues along the trail for about 400m (with the river now close by on your right) to come to an intersection with a faint track (on your left, that leads up towards Pennant Hills Park).

34.67 | Int of GNW and the Pennant Hills Park track

(1.5 km 29 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, keeping the river just to your right. After about 60m, the trail bends right and crosses the Lane Cove River at a rocky ford, then continues along the valley floor among the fern trees (and concrete pipe access points) for about 900m to cross the Lane Cove River again at another rocky ford. (These crossings may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain). The trail then continues along the valley floor (with the river now on your left) for just over 150m to come to an intersection at the bottom of the sealed Morona Ave trail (on your right), marked with a 'Lane Cove Valley' map/sign and a GNW arrow post.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the valley floor, away from the two trails, keeping the river just to your left. The track soon narrows, leading past a water depth indicator, and becomes rocky for about 150m before coming to a faint intersection, where GNW arrow post points left. Here, the walk turns left and crosses the Lane Cove River using the concrete stepping stones (this crossing may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain) to follow the 'Thornleigh Station' sign up the timber steps for about 40m and find a GNW registration box (damaged at time of writing). The track bends sharply right and zigzags up the rocky hill for another 30m, before bending sharply left to find the 'Conscript Pass' and 'B Stevens' engravings (at the third metal hand rail).

36.17 | Conscript Pass

Conscript Pass is a small sandstone pass between the Lane Cove River and Thornleigh, on the Great North Walk. During the 1930s, some stone steps were built through a cleft in the rock as part of a public works program, in response to the depression. The pass has two main engravings. Firstly 'Conscript Pass' is followed with a downwards pointing arrow and a series of initials and numbers. On another wall (that you face when walking up) is engraved 'B Stevens' followed a surprisingly good caricature of the then Premier of NSW, Bertram Stevens. Stevens (later knighted) replaced Jack Lang in 1932 as Premier of NSW, when Lang was dismissed by the Governor (just two months Lang after opening the Sydney Harbour Bridge).

36.17 | Conscript Pass

(100 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From 'Conscript Pass', this walk heads up the stone steps through the cleft in the rock to follow the track and more stone steps uphill for about 100m, coming to a T-intersection with Lorna Pass

track, marked with a GNW arrow post.

36.27 | Int of the GNW and Lorna Pass tracks

(230 m 7 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Thornleigh' sign uphill along the rocky track, keeping the valley to your left. The track leads up a series of timber steps for about 230m, becoming steeper as they go, to come to a clear T-intersection signposted with a large 'The Great North Walk' sign, and a stone 'Lorna Pass' arrow pointing back down the track.

36.5 | Int of GNW and BP camp track

(620 m 13 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Baden Powell Scout Centre' sign gently down along the side of the hill for just shy of 40m to come to a four-way intersection, where a 'Thornleigh Oval' sign points back along the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Baden-Powell Scout Centre' sign and the GNW arrow post west along the narrow track. The track leads through the dense heath for about 120m to come to an intersection and clearing at a rocky outcrop, marked with a GNW arrow post.

Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north, downhill along the narrow track. After about 120m the rocky track leads to a small flat clearing where this walk turn left (following the GNW arrow post) passing through about 20m of heath to come to another clearing (with a campfire scar). Following the GNW arrow post, this walk soon bends right to step down to the edge of a creek. Here the walk turns left and follows the creek downstream for about 20m to then bend right and cross Scout Creek. The walk then heads uphill along the widening track for about 130m (passing a few scout constructions, and a track on the left) then walks up under the high ropes course. About 20m after the ropes course, this walk comes to an intersection with a dirt driveway, beside the green Pioneer Hut (shed on the left). There is also a tap and drinking fountain here.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the gravel driveway east, away from the Pioneer Hut and towards the picnic shelters. After about 30m (just after the left bend), this walk comes to some of these picnic shelters and several tiered platforms (on your right) - this is the camping area (there is a stone building up to your right).

37.12 | Baden Powell Scout Centre

The Baden Powell Scout Centre is a large camping and training area on the edge of Pennant Hills and Thornleigh (at the end of Pomona St). There are several large buildings including dining and training halls. For walkers, there is dorm/hostel style accommodation and several bush camping areas. Bush camping - is found near the lower (south-eastern) end of the grounds for \$9 per person per night. Facilities include tap water, picnic shelters, toilets and even a shower block. They also provide an indoor area in case the weather turns during the night and you need to retreat. There are kitchen facilities available for an extra \$5. Dorm-style accommodation - at \$29 per person per night, you can share a room with other campers in a bunk room, you will need to bring a sleeping bag and towel. Hostel-style accommodation - at \$35 per person per night, you will be provided a smaller room (still shared) with bedding (sheets and blankets) as well as access to a kitchen. The friendly staff here are also happy to put together a food hamper for your meals, or organise a delivery meal, just chat with them when booking. Pre-booking is essential, phone Michael New (02) 9484 2278 (weekdays).

37.12 | End of day 2

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.

37.12 | BP camping area

(450 m 10 mins) Turn around: From the camping area, this walk follows the gravel driveway south, whilst keeping the valley to your left. The driveway bends right and, after about 30m, comes to an intersection with a wide track (on your left) just before a green shed - the 'Pioneer Hut'.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track downhill, initially keeping the green Pioneer Hut (shed) on your right. After about 20m, the track begins to narrow and heads under the high ropes course. The walk continues downhill for about 130m (passing a track on the right and a few scout constructions) to cross Scout Creek. Here the walk bends left and follows the creek for about 20m before turning right, and stepping up, at a faint intersection. The track then veers left to find a clearing (with a campfire scar) then about 20m through the heath on the other side, this walk finds another flat clearing. Here the walk turns right and follows the GNW arrow post up along the rocky track for about 120m to come to a rocky outcrop and clearing marked with another GNW arrow post.

37.56 | Int of BP camp and unnamed track

(170 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up over the rocky outcrop to head east (ignoring the faint track on your right). This narrow track leads through the dense heath for about 120m to come to a four-way intersection, where a 'Baden-Powell Scout Centre' sign points back along the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh Oval' sign gently up along the side for the hill for about 40m to come to an intersection with 'Lorna Pass' (on your right), and a large Great North Walk sign pointing back to the 'Baden Powell Scout Centre'.

37.73 | Int of GNW and BP scout camp tracks

(200 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Thornleigh Station' sign uphill along the wide rocky track. After just over 150m, the track bends left (ignoring a faint track on your right) and heads uphill for another 40m to come to the back (south-east corner) of Thornleigh Oval, marked with a 'Lane Cove National Park' signpost.

37.93 | Back of Thornleigh Oval

(160 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the fence line around the oval, keeping the oval to your left. After about 100m, this walk passes in front of the clubhouse (there are toilets and a water tap on your right) to pass a 'Great North Walk' sign and come to the corner of 'Handley' and 'Ferguson' Avenues in front of the 'Thornleigh Oval' sign.

38.08 | Thornleigh Oval

Thornleigh Oval is found at the intersection of Handley and Ferguson Avenues, Thornleigh. There is a large playing field, tap water, public toilets and some shelter in the awning of the club house. The oval has a car park, and a number of signs for the Great North walk and other local tracks.

38.08 | Int of Handley and Ferguson Avenues

(1.9 km 34 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh Station' sign across the road to follow the footpath beside 'Handley Ave'. After about 130m, the walk crosses Clifford Ave then after about 250m, crosses 'Orchard St' to follow 'Station St' almost directly ahead. About 190m along 'Station St', this walk continues straight across 'Wood St' (you can get to Parkway Plaza if you turn right here) and continues for just over 200m to find a footbridge beside Pennant Hills Rd. Here the walk heads up the ramp and crosses over the busy road then down the ramp (or steps) to find the intersection with Railway Parade.

Veer left: From the base of the steps, this walk follows the GNW arrow across 'Railway Pde', heading towards the train line. At the fence, this walk veers left and leads along the pedestrian alley for about 60m before turning right and climbing up the railway bridge steps, coming to the 'Thornleigh' Train Station. Continue straight: From the western (north bound) side of Thornleigh Station, this walk follows the 'Jungo Rest Area' sign along the footpath towards the car park and The Esplanade. The walk then heads down a short distance further to turn left and cross 'The Esplanade' at the traffic lights, then continue straight along the footpath down along Eddy Rd. Following a couple of GNW arrows down Eddy Rd as it then bends left, turning into Tilock St, and shortly later this walk then turns right into Morgan St. Continuing down till just before the end of this street, this walk comes to an intersection marked with a GNW arrow and the 'Elouera Bushland Natural Park' sign (on the right).

40 | Morgan Rd

(230 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the end of Morgan Street, the walk follows the GNW arrow and the 'Elouera Bushland Natural Park' sign between houses no. 28 and 26. Once behind the houses at a small clearing, the track turns left and follows down the rocky side of Zig Zag Creek. Soon after passing behind the third house, the track comes to an intersection with a wide concrete trail, where a sign points back along the track to 'Sydney Cove'.

40.23 | Int of Bike Trail and Morgan Rd tracks

(140 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Jungo' sign downhill along the wide concreted trail, and soon crosses over the culverted creek (with green side rails). The walk continues down into the valley, coming to a signposted intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign (on your left), just before Zig Zag Creek and the long bridge.

40.36 | Thornleigh zigzag railway

The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to an historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

40.36 | Zig Zag Creek Bridge intersection

(1.4 km 25 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the narrower track, keeping the gully to your right. The pleasant track leads into, then through, the ferny forest with tall trees for about 700m, before crossing a side creek on a timber bridge. The track then continues in a similar manner for another 700m, coming to a large clearing and campsite, The Jungo. On the far side of this clearing is a well-signposted intersection with a 'Bellamy Street' sign pointing back through the campsite.

41.79 | The Jungo

The Jungo is a relatively small clearing and campsite near the junction of Berowra and ZigZag Creeks at a well signposted intersection. There is often water in the creeks (treat well before drinking) but there are no facilities. Speculation on the source of the name 'Jungo' includes the Aussie tendency to abbreviate words ('Junction' gets corrupted to 'jung-o' etc) as well as a possible derivation from one of a few similar sounding aboriginal words.

41.79 | Jungo campsite

(100 m 2 mins) Veer right: From the campsite, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign down across the concrete ford, over the usually small creek. Here, the concrete management trail leads uphill, becoming dirt as it starts to flatten out. This walk then comes to a signposted intersection of the 'Great North Walk' and the Stringybark Ridge management trail (signposted

'Cherrybrook Lakes' trail).

41.89 | Int of GNW and Stringybark Ridge trail

(1 km 27 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign down the narrower track. The track leads downhill for about 70m, getting steeper as it goes, and then crosses Berowra Creek - this creek may become impassable after rain. On the other side, the walk comes to an intersection on a small sandy beach. Here, the walk turns left, following the GNW arrows downstream for about 250m among the grass trees and crossing a flat timber bridge. The rocky track then continues for just shy of 250m and crosses a mossy gully on a large flat rock. The track then continues, staying fairly flat for another 170m before bending right and heading steeply uphill. At the top of this climb, the track soon leads to a section of fenced cliff. At the end of the fence, the walk passes through casuarina forest for a short distance before passing alongside another (longer) fenced cliff and coming to the Elouera Lookout, where there is an intersection with the 'Westleigh' track (on your right).

42.94 | Elouera Lookout

This fenced lookout is on the Benowie Track close to Westleigh. There are uninterrupted views from the clifftop across the Berowra Creek valley, which is rare for the area. As well as being on the Great North Walk, this lookout can be accessed by a short walk from Elouera Rd, Westleigh. This section of fenced rock platform is about 100m long, and there is some limited shade from the casuarina near the lookout if you want to take a rest.

42.94 | Elouera Lookout

(2.2 km 54 mins) Continue straight: From Elouera Lookout, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the track, keeping the fence and valley to your left. At the end of the fence, the walk bends left following the rocky flat track for about 200m, where the track then becomes progressively steeper for about 250m, winding steeply down then across a flat timber bridge. From here, the track leads beside Berowra Creek for a short time before crossing another flat timber bridge. The track then passes among the pleasant grass trees for about 200m (crossing a couple of small creeks with timber plank spans) to then climb a few sets of timber steps and cross a small (often dry) creek. From here, the track gently winds up along the side of the hill for about 800m, passing through a pleasant casuarina forest then heading across a rocky creek on another small, flat, timber bridge. Just over 100m later, the track crosses a smaller (often dry) creek to then wind uphill for about 100m to a three-way intersection with the signposted 'Quarter Sessions Rd' track (on your right).

45.09 | Int of the GNW and the Quarter Sessions Road track

(690 m 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the main rocky track, keeping the valley down to your left. The track leads along beside a rock wall (which is on your right) and through a rock outcrop, where the track soon heads quite steeply uphill along the eroded track for a short time. At the top of this steep section, the rocky track continues to meander much more gently up along the side of the hill for about 300m, then crosses a small, rocky gully, just below some houses. The track then continues gently uphill for about 100m to an intersection with the unsignposted Blackfellows Head track (on your right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the clear track, keeping the valley down to your left for about 100m, where the walk comes to a three-way intersection and 'The Jungo' sign points back along the track.

45.79 | Int of the GNW and the Blue Gum Walk (SW)

(990 m 21 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign past the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign, gently uphill

along the narrow ridge. The track is mostly flat for about 200m before it starts to head fairly steeply down over some rocks and down a set of rock steps. This area comes alive with Patersonia lilies and pink wax flowers in early spring. The track then continues fairly gently down along the narrow ridge for another 200m before leading through a crack in a rock, then down a bit further to climb down through a particularly steep rocky section. Near the bottom of this descent, this walk passes a couple of arrow posts, where the track bends right to pass below a large rock overhang. Just beyond this overhang, the track bends left and leads across Waitara Creek at the interesting holes in the rock know as 'the spa'. This creek may become impassable after heavy rain, the rocks can also be slippery. Across the creek, the walk comes to a large rock platform and a Blue Gum Track post. After stopping to enjoy cool spot, this walk continues left along the unfenced rock platform (keeping the creek down to your left). The walk soon steps off this large rock (at the far right-hand corner, through the fork in a tree). This walk heads over another rock platform, then along a notably flat section of track (now with Berowra Creek on your left), passing beside some cascades for about 100m before climbing up and over some rocks and under a sandstone overhang. The track leads around the side of the hill for about 100m, then down to cross a small creek using the small flat timber bridge. The walk then climbs up some timber steps to a fenced lookout over Fishponds, at a well-signposted intersection. A sign points back along the track to 'Thornleigh Station'.

46.77 | Fishponds Lookout

Fishponds Lookout is a fenced rock platform at the intersection of the Benowie walking track and the Rosemead trackhead. It is marked with a number of Great North Walk signs. This informally named lookout has good views down over Fishponds, a large waterhole on Berowra Creek. Looking north across the creek, there are views to the upper waterhole and the cliffs on the other side.

46.77 | Fishponds Lookout

(300 m 7 mins) Turn right: From the lookout, this walk follows the 'Rosemead Rd Trackhead' sign directly away from the view over Berowra Creek. After about 70m, the track leads over a timber footbridge, then leads up the side of the valley for about 100m to climb up the steep carved rock steps (with a hand rail). Here the track leads along the top of this unfenced cliff and soon comes to a well signposted three-way intersection, where a 'Fishponds' sign points back along the track.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Hornsby Station' sign up along the track a short distance to come to an intersection with a wide management trail.

47.07 | Int of Blue Gum Walk and Joes Mountain Service Tra

(850 m 19 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow south along the wide management trail, keeping the gully to your left. The walk climbs up the gentle hill for just over 300m, passing through the turpentine forest to a saddle and small clearing. Here the walk continues along the trail as it bends right (ignoring the track to the left) to leads downhill through the blue gum and bracken fern forest. The trail continues moderately steeply down until it bends left to cross Old Mans Creek at the concrete stepping stones. The trail leads left and gently up the hill, passing some houses (on your right) and soon comes to an intersection with a narrower track (on your left) after about 150m.

47.92 | Int of GNW and Rosemead Rd service trail

(30 m 1 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow along the narrower track for a short distance, to Berowra Valley Bushland Park at the end of Rosemead Road.

47.96 | Berowra Valley Bushland Park

'Berowra Valley Bushland Park' is also known as Rosemead Rd Park and is found at the bottom end of Rosemead Rd, Hornsby. This is an open area park surrounded by shady eucalyptus trees, making a pleasant spot to rest on a walk. It has a picnic table with bench seats, and a sheltered free electric BBQ. There is a water tap in the park, near the road. There is also a 'Welcome to Old Mans Valley' information sign with information about the traditional country of the Darug and Guringai peoples.

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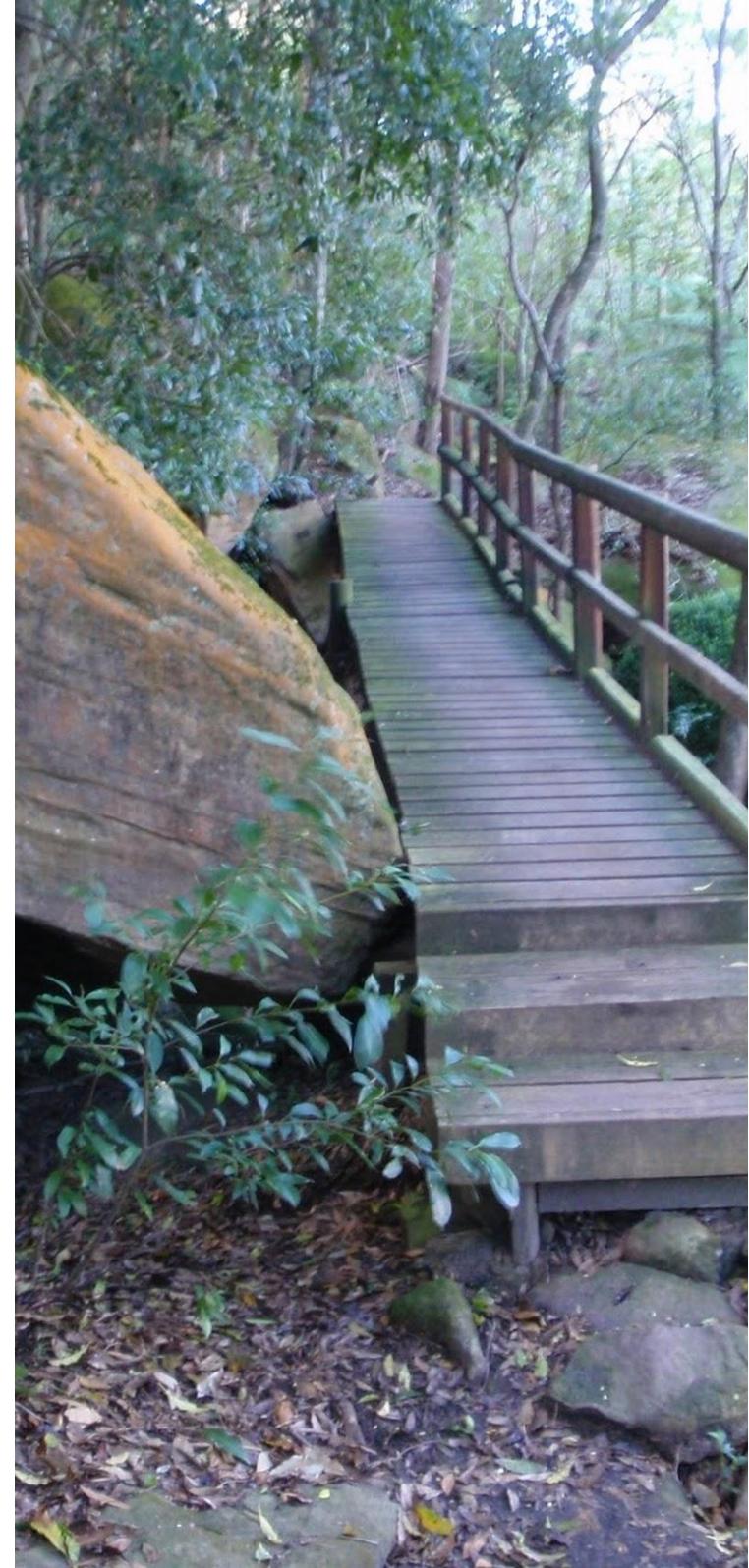
(540 m 14 mins) Veer left: From the lower side of 'Berowra Valley Bushland Park', this walk follows the 'Hornsby Station' sign across the park, then follows the GNW arrow up the stone steps, keeping the houses to your right. The walk winds steeply up the steps, leaving the view of the house and finding a welcome flat section of track midway up. The steps then lead more steeply up the side of the valley, along the sheer rock walls for about 100m, and come to an intersection with the Quarry Road management trail, where a 'Great North Walk' sign points back down the the hill.

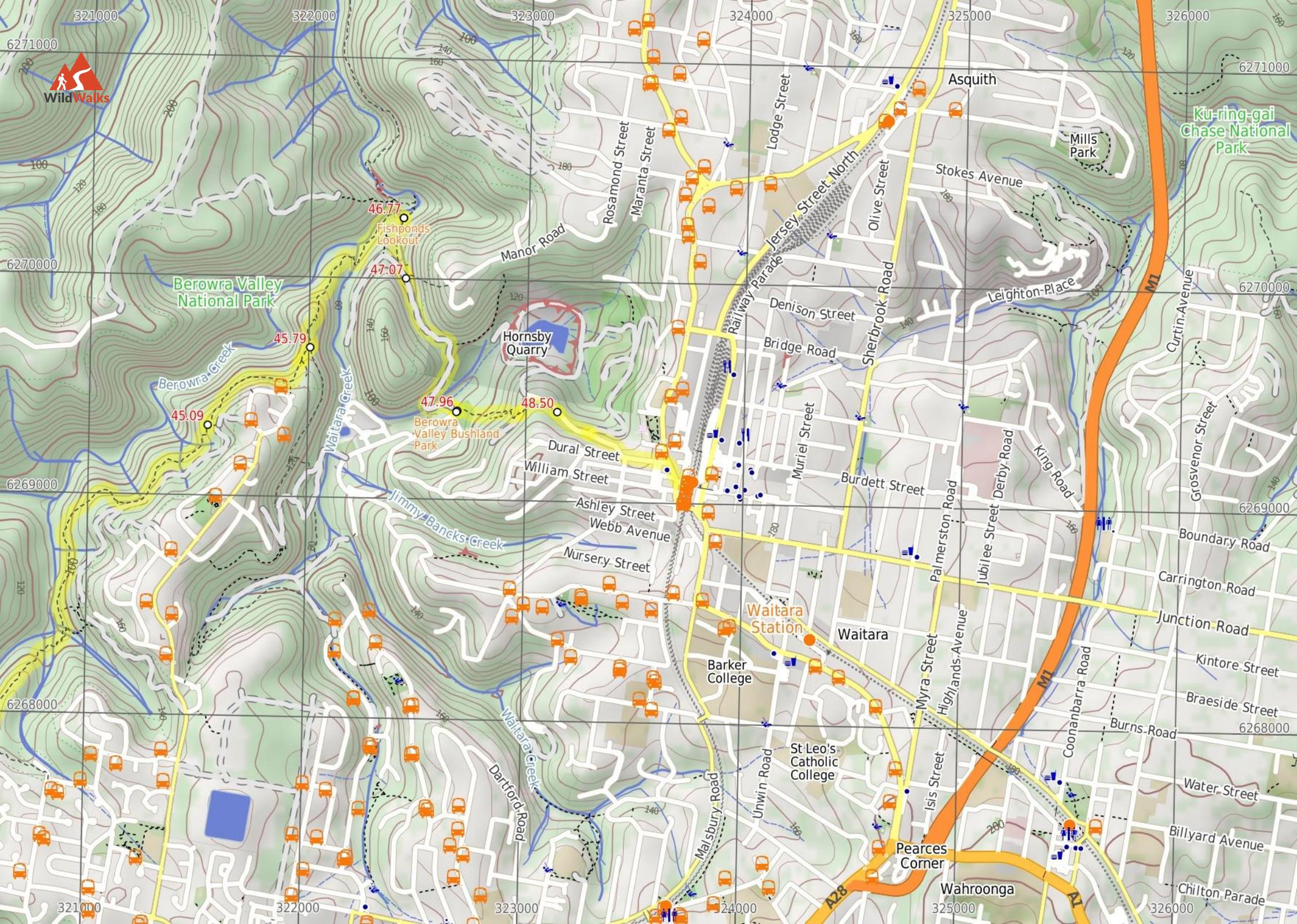
Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up a couple of timber steps and then follows the track as it winds up over the gentle rise. Once over the rise, the track then leads down to the intersection with Quarry Rd, where a 'Great North Walk' sign points back up the track.

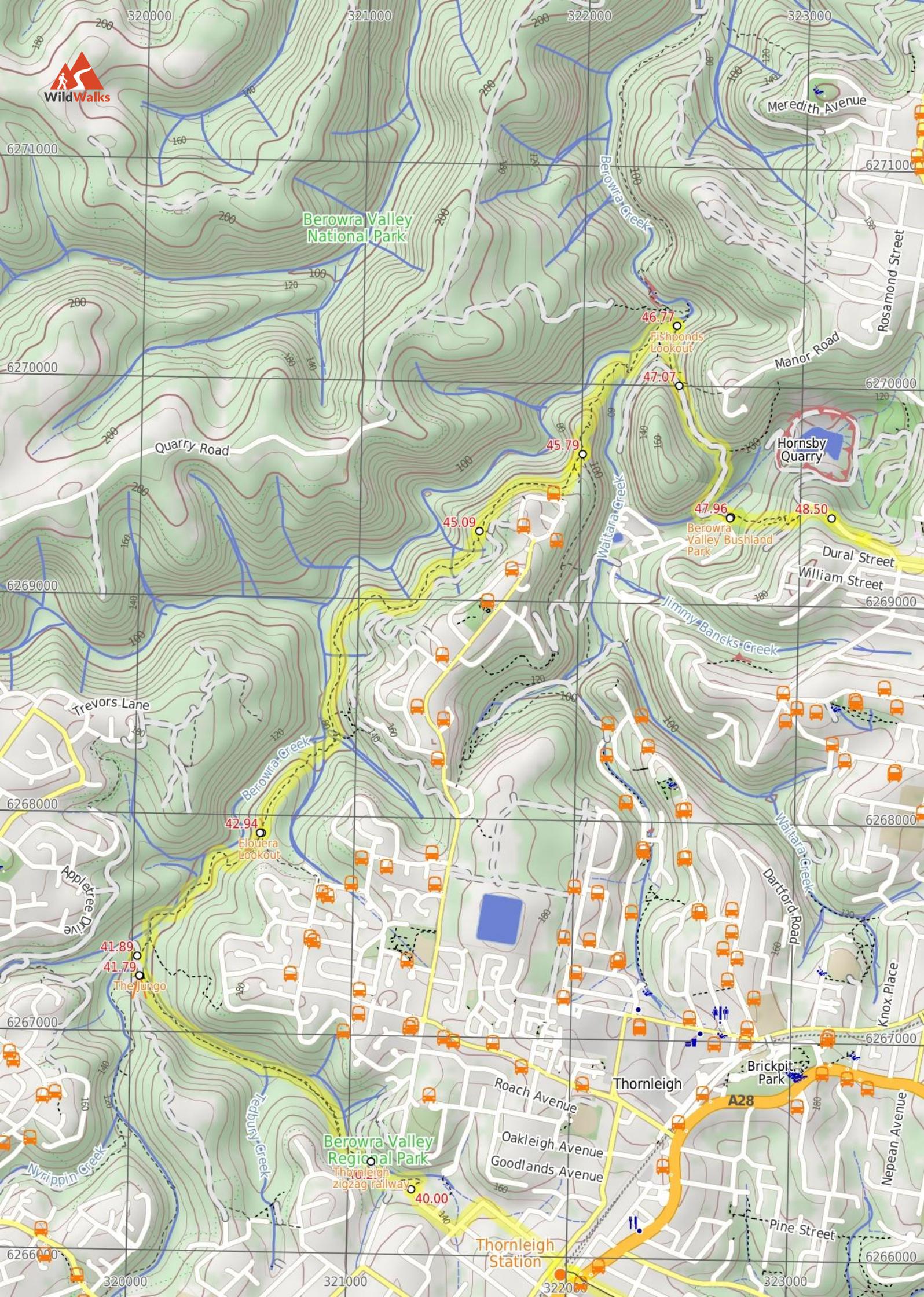
48.5 | Int of Quarry Road and GNW

(720 m 14 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows Quarry Road gently uphill away from the face of the 'Great North Walk' sign until just past a couple of house, this walk comes to an intersection with the gated 'Old Mans Valley' management trail (on your left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Quarry Rd up the gentle hill for about 180m, then follows the GNW arrow left onto Dural St. The footpath leads past the unit block, then past a few shops to come to an intersection with the Pacific Hwy. Following the GNW arrow, this walk turns right across 'Dural St', passes a few more shops, then crosses 'Dural Lane' before turning left across the Pacific Hwy at the traffic lights. Here the walk continues straight across the 'Station St' pedestrian crossing, past the large 'Great North Walk' sign and across the bus lane to the western entrance of Hornsby Station.







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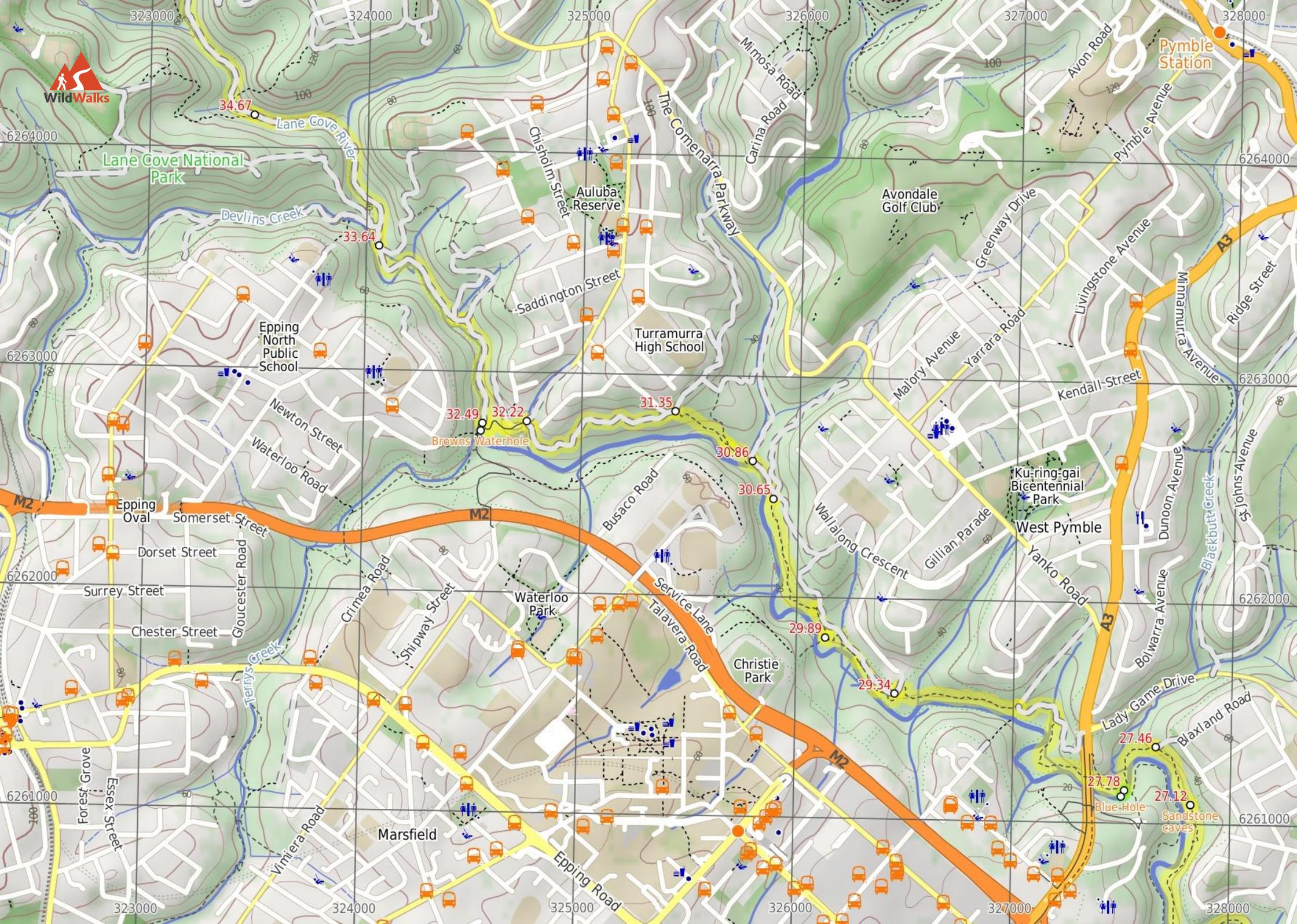
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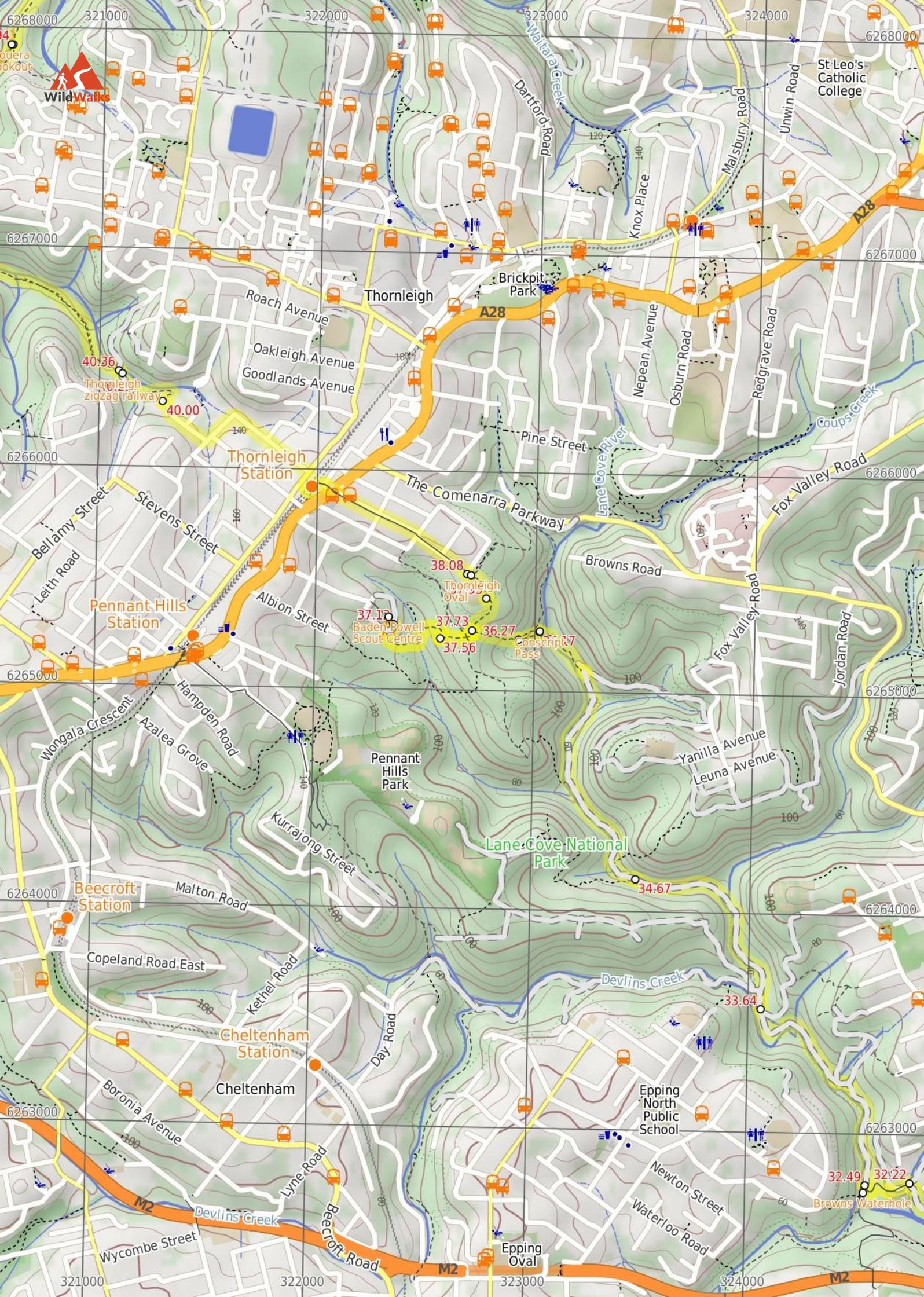
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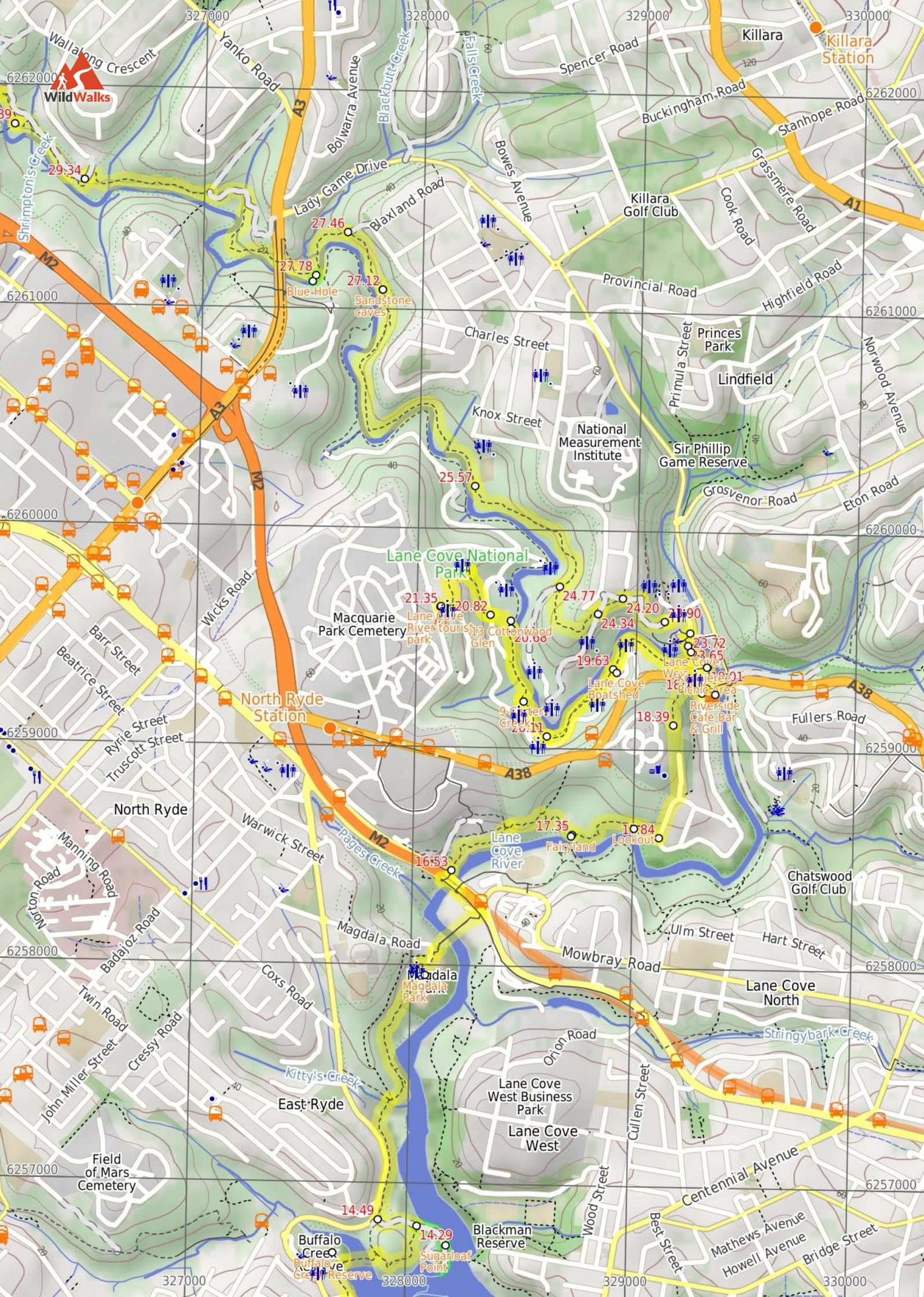
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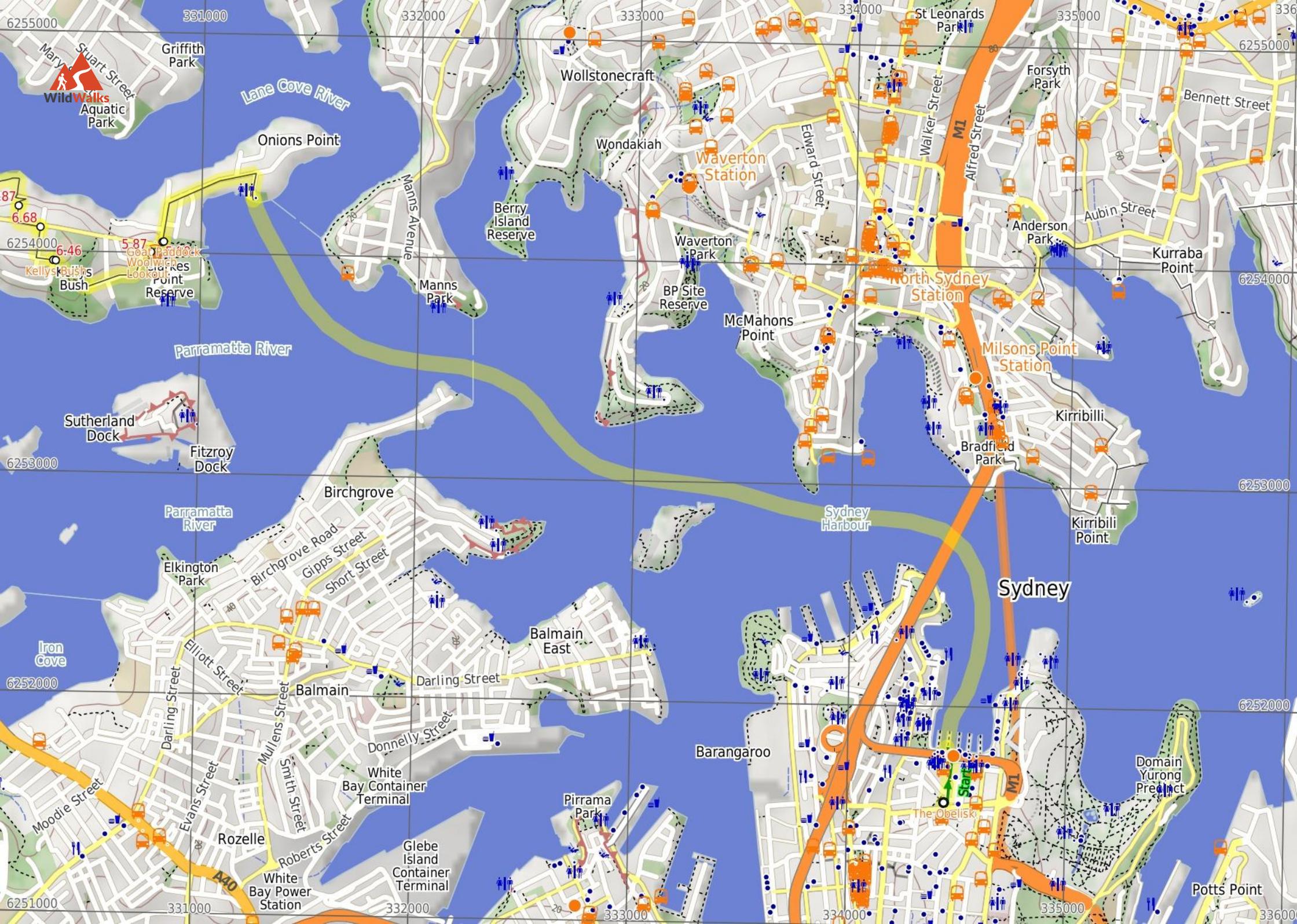
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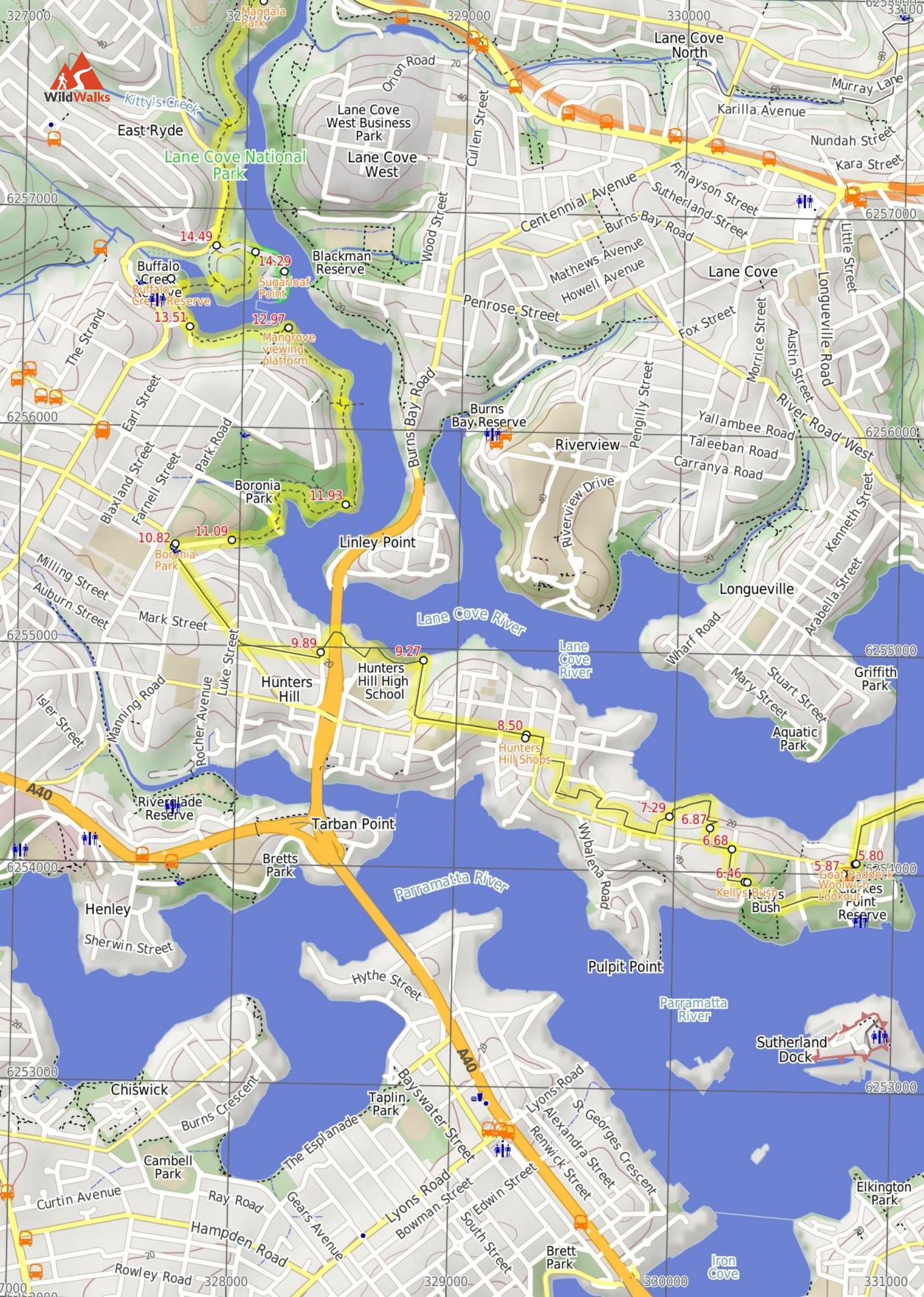
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Start	The Obelisk -33.8633,151.2102 (GR Parramatta River, 344516)	1 -5	260 m 4 mins	From the tall sandstone obelisk (in Macquarie Place at the intersection of Bridge and Loftus Sts, Sydney), this walk heads down along the footpath beside Loftus St, towards the view of the Harbour Bridge.
0.26	Circular Quay -33.861,151.2104 (GR Parramatta River, 345518)	2 -2	4.8 km 20 mins	Continue straight: From Circular Quay ferry terminal, this walk heads over to Wharf 5 and catches a ferry (about \$6) to Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St.
5.07	Woolwich Ferry Wharf, Valentia St -33.8386,151.1761 (GR Parramatta River, 312542)	23 -6	720 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From Woolwich Wharf (at the end of Valentia Street), this walk follows the footpath, past the toilets and the large 'Great North Walk' sign (and past the children's playground which is across the ...
5.80	Goat Paddock -33.8403,151.1716 (GR Parramatta River, 308540)	1 -2	80 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the gates at the top of 'Goat Paddock', this walk follows the footpath uphill beside Gale St, which soon bends right.
5.87	Woolwich Lookout -33.8407,151.171 (GR Parramatta River, 308540)	10 -11	360 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From 'Woolwich Lookout', this walk winds down the concrete footpath, initially keeping the water view to your left.
6.23	Bottom of Kellys Bush -33.8421,151.1679 (GR Parramatta River, 305538)	25 0	230 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Alfred St, this walk follows the 'Nelson Parade' sign up the sandstone steps.
6.46	Top of Kellys Bush -33.841,151.1662 (GR Parramatta River, 303540)	4 -4	220 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the top of Kellys Bush, this walk follows the GNW arrow gently uphill along Prince George Parade (directly away from the park).
6.68	Int of Gladstone Ave and Woolwich Rd -33.8397,151.1655 (GR Parramatta River, 303541)	1 -10	190 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow west alongside Woolwich Rd for about 100m, then turns right across the road and heads to the end of Serpentine Rd.
6.87	End of Serpentine Rd -33.8388,151.1645 (GR Parramatta River, 302542)	22 -32	420 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Serpentine Rd, this walk follows the GNW arrows down a few steps, then downhill along the footpath.
7.29	Int of Brookes and Vernon Sts -33.8383,151.1625 (GR Parramatta River, 300543)	31 -24	1.2 km 22 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill along Vernon St which soon bends left.
8.50	Hunters Hill Shops -33.8349,151.1555 (GR Parramatta River, 293546)	15 -43	770 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From in front of 'Jaspers Restaurant', this walk heads gently downhill along Alexandra St almost immediately passing 'Vienna' Cottage (an artisan's home built in 1871).
9.27	End of Mount St -33.8319,151.1504 (GR Parramatta River, 288549)	17 -2	620 m 11 mins	Turn left : From the northern end of Mount St, this walk follows the asphalt footpath behind Hunters Hill High School, whilst keeping the Lane Cover River to your right.
9.89	Joubert Street Reserve -33.8315,151.1453 (GR Parramatta River, 284550)	26 -3	930 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From Joubert Street Reserve, this walk crosses Joubert St and heads uphill to then turn right into Figtree Rd.
10.82	Boronia Park -33.8272,151.1381 (GR Parramatta River, 277554)	1 -23	270 m 5 mins	Turn right: From the intersection of 'Boronia Ave' and 'Ryde Rd' (beside 'Boronia Park'), this walk follows 'Boronia Ave' downhill for just over 250m to come to the end of the road.
11.09	End of Boronia Ave -33.8269,151.141 (GR Parramatta River, 280555)	24 -38	840 m 17 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Boronia Avenue, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up along the rocky track.
11.93	Int of Great North Walk and Meyers Avenue track -33.8254,151.1466 (GR Parramatta River, 285557)	29 -30	1 km 20 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the rock platform, keeping the river down to your right.
12.97	Mangrove viewing platform -33.8181,151.1438 (GR Parramatta River, 282565)	15 -15	540 m 10 mins	Turn left: From the timber platform, this walk heads directly away from the Lane Cove River and follows the track up the valley, keeping the Buffalo Creek mangroves to your right.
13.51	Int of Great North Walk and Pains Road (south) -33.8181,151.1389 (GR Parramatta River, 278565)	2 -1	240 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows GNW arrow up along Pains Rd for about 20m to the intersection with a wide track, marked with another GNW arrow post, just where the road bends left.
13.75	Buffalo creek track head -33.8165,151.1386 (GR Parramatta River, 277566)	33 -27	540 m 13 mins	Turn right: From the 'Buffalo Creek Track Head', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign down three sets of timber stairs.

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14.29	Int of Great North Walk and Sugarloaf Point tracks -33.815,151.1421 (GR Parramatta River, 280568)	2 -9	280 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Sugarloaf Point. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Sugarloaf Point' sign down the hill and along the service trail to the open waterfront clearing at Sugarloaf Point, which extends all the way along to the en...
14.29	Int of Great North Walk and Sugarloaf Point tracks -33.815,151.1421 (GR Parramatta River, 280568)	9 -5	200 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pittwater Road 0.25km' sign up along the wide management trail, which soon becomes sealed.
14.49	Int of Great North Walk and Pittwater Road carpark path -33.8147,151.1402 (GR Parramatta River, 279568)	25 -29	1.3 km 24 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign past the picnic table and down the timber steps, whilst keeping Pittwater Rd through the trees to your left.
15.80	Magdala Park carpark -33.8042,151.1423 (GR Parramatta River, 280580)	16 -20	740 m 14 mins	Turn right: From the front of the toilet block, this walk follows the GNW arrow across the car park.
16.53	Int on NW side of Epping Rd bridge -33.8003,151.1439 (GR Parramatta River, 282584)	41 -42	820 m 19 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove National Park - Fairyland Track' sign down along the dirt track, keeping the filtered view of Lane Cove River to your right.
17.35	Fairyland -33.7989,151.1498 (GR Parramatta River, 287586)	14 -6	360 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection at the centre of Fairylands, this walk follows the clear track whilst keeping the Lane Cove River through the trees to your right, past the 'Fairyland Pleasure Grounds' sign.
17.71	River view -33.7985,151.1528 (GR Parramatta River, 290587)	5 -6	130 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the view point, this walk heads along the flat track whilst keeping the river below to your right.
17.84	Int. of Quebec Rd and Fairyland Track -33.799,151.154 (GR Parramatta River, 291586)	38 -1	550 m 12 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads uphill following the GNW arrow post along Quebec Rd.
18.39	End of Quebec Ave -33.7943,151.1547 (GR Parramatta River, 292591)	1 -42	330 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Quebec Ave, this walk follows the GNW arrow post around the locked gate and along the fairly flat, rocky track.
18.71	Corner of Delhi Rd and River Ave -33.793,151.1562 (GR Parramatta River, 293593)	0 -4	70 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, follows the GNW arrow post across River Ave, down along the minor road (keeping the busy Delhi Rd to your left).
18.78	Riverside Cafe -33.7929,151.1569 (GR Parramatta River, 294593)	6 -7	230 m 4 mins	Turn left: From in front of 'Riverside Cafe Bar AND Grill', this walk follows the GNW arrow post and footpath under Fullers Bridge to an intersection with a set of steps just on the other side.
19.01	Koonjeree Middle Trk -33.792,151.1564 (GR Parramatta River, 293594)	1 -1	100 m 2 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the concrete footpath, keeping the river just to your right.
19.11	Lane Cove Weir South -33.7915,151.1557 (GR Parramatta River, 293594)	10 -10	520 m 9 mins	Turn left : From the southern end of the weir, this walk follows the sealed road up (away from the weir) for about 10m to turn right following the 'Riverside walking track' sign along the fenced timber boardwalk.
19.63	Boat Shed -33.792,151.1518 (GR Parramatta River, 289594)	12 -8	470 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From the shop-front side of the boatshed, this walk follows the riverside track upstream, keeping the river just to your right.
20.11	8 Ironbarks -33.7948,151.1485 (GR Parramatta River, 286591)	5 -6	220 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post along the narrow management trail, keeping the river to your right.
20.32	9 Carters Creek -33.7934,151.1473 (GR Parramatta River, 285592)	2 -5	360 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the NPWS arrow post across a small creek and up the footpath, away from the picnic area.
20.68	13 Cottonwood Glen -33.7903,151.1468 (GR Parramatta River, 284595)	11 0	130 m 3 mins	Turn left: From car park beside '13 Cottonwood Glen' picnic area, this walk follows the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park' arrow post up the road.
20.82	Riverside Dr -33.7898,151.1458 (GR Parramatta River, 283596)	43 -6	540 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tourist Park' sign gently up the track (away from the road) for about 30m to pass a 'Native Fauna' information sign and cross a small metal bridge bes...

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21.35	End of day 1 -33.7894,151.1433 (GR Parramatta River, 281596)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
21.35	Lane Cove Tourist Park -33.7894,151.1433 (GR Parramatta River, 281596)	35 -83	2.2 km 42 mins	Turn around: From the office of the 'Lane Cove Tourist Park', this walk heads down the internal road, past the boom gates for about 50m to turn left just past the laundry.
23.60	Lane Cove Weir South -33.7915,151.1557 (GR Parramatta River, 293594)	0 0	50 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post across the top of the weir to another GNW arrow post at the top of the steps (on your right), just on the other side of the weir.
23.65	Lane Cove Weir North -33.7911,151.1555 (GR Parramatta River, 292595)	3 0	70 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the weir, this walk follows the footpath straight up the hill for approximately 20m to the large concrete area of the intersection.
23.72	Int. National Parks Office Trk and Max Allen Dr -33.7906,151.1556 (GR Parramatta River, 292595)	12 0	170 m 4 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the road uphill, keeping the short sandstone wall and National Parks office on your left.
23.89	Int. Great North Walk near Naamaroo -33.7901,151.1545 (GR Parramatta River, 291596)	1 0	20 m	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up the timber steps away from the road.
23.90	Int. Great North Walk and Naamaroo Service Trail -33.7901,151.1543 (GR Parramatta River, 291596)	31 -1	300 m 8 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the wide trail uphill, initially keeping the cliff line to your right.
24.20	Int. Great North Walk and Bradfield Rd Access Trk -33.7891,151.1523 (GR Parramatta River, 289597)	4 -1	110 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow posts down the timber steps.
24.31	Northern Int. Bradfield Rd and Great North Walk -33.7895,151.1512 (GR Parramatta River, 288596)	0 -1	30 m	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow down along the road for a short distance and comes to another signposted intersection with a track (on your right).
24.34	Southern Int. Bradfield Rd and Great North Walk -33.7897,151.1511 (GR Parramatta River, 288596)	8 -28	430 m 9 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the NPWS arrow up the timber steps, away from the road.
24.77	Int. Great North Walk and Thistlethwaytes Picnic Area Trk -33.7886,151.1492 (GR Parramatta River, 286597)	23 -44	800 m 16 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the upper arrow on the historic walk sign post, gently uphill along the wide trail.
25.57	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.
27.12	Sandstone caves -33.7763,151.1405 (GR Parramatta River, 278611)	34 -24	340 m 10 mins	Continue straight: From the cave, this walk follows the track along the side of the hill, keeping the valley down to your left.
27.46	Int. Great North Walk and Blaxland Rd Service Trail -33.774,151.1388 (GR Parramatta River, 277613)	0 -20	320 m 6 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Deburghs Bridge' sign downhill along the wide management trail.
27.78	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.
27.78	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.
29.31	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.
29.34	Int of GNW and Gloucester Ave service trail (sth) -33.7718,151.1259 (GR Parramatta River, 265616)	9 -11	550 m 11 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.

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29.89	Int of GNW and Christie Park track -33.7695,151.1224 (GR Parramatta River, 261618)	42 -36	760 m 18 mins	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.
30.65	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.
30.86	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...
31.35	Int of the GNW and the Turrumurra High School service trail -33.7602,151.115 (GR Parramatta River, 254628)	24 -35	870 m 18 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...
32.22	Int of GNW and Kissing Point Road trail -33.7606,151.1077 (GR Parramatta River, 247628)	1 -17	260 m 5 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the wide, shared, concrete path.
32.49	Browns Waterhole int -33.7607,151.1055 (GR Parramatta River, 245628)	32 -23	1.2 km 22 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign along the dirt management trail, keeping the Lane Cove River to your left.
33.64	Int of GNW and the STEP track (west) -33.7534,151.1004 (GR Parramatta River, 241636)	25 -8	1 km 18 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'The Great North Walk' sign gently downhill along the management trail, directly away from the face of the 'STEP Track' map/sign.
34.67	Int of GNW and the Pennant Hills Park track -33.7481,151.0942 (GR Hornsby, 235641)	53 -23	1.5 km 29 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail, keeping the river just to your right.
36.17	Conscript Pass -33.7378,151.0896 (GR Hornsby, 230653)	19 0	100 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From 'Conscript Pass', this walk heads up the stone steps through the cleft in the rock to follow the track and more stone steps uphill for about 100m, coming to a T-intersection with Lorna Pass t...
36.27	Int of the GNW and Lorna Pass tracks -33.7382,151.0885 (GR Hornsby, 229652)	34 0	230 m 7 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Thornleigh' sign uphill along the rocky track, keeping the valley to your left.
36.50	Int of GNW and BP camp track -33.7378,151.0862 (GR Hornsby, 227653)	21 -34	620 m 13 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Baden Powell Scout Centre' sign gently down along the side of the hill for just shy of 40m to come to a four-way intersection, where a 'Thornleigh Oval' sign...
37.12	End of day 2 -33.7375,151.0824 (GR Hornsby, 224653)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.
37.12	BP camping area -33.7375,151.0824 (GR Hornsby, 224653)	20 -21	450 m 10 mins	Turn around: From the camping area, this walk follows the gravel driveway south, whilst keeping the valley to your left.
37.56	Int of BP camp and unnamed track -33.7381,151.0847 (GR Hornsby, 226652)	14 0	170 m 3 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post up over the rocky outcrop to head east (ignoring the faint track on your right).
37.73	Int of GNW and BP scout camp tracks -33.7378,151.0862 (GR Hornsby, 227653)	13 0	200 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Thornleigh Station' sign uphill along the wide rocky track.
37.93	Back of Thornleigh Oval -33.7365,151.0869 (GR Hornsby, 228654)	3 0	160 m 3 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the fence line around the oval, keeping the oval to your left.
38.08	Int of Handley and Ferguson Avenues -33.7354,151.086 (GR Hornsby, 227655)	26 -52	1.9 km 34 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Thornleigh Station' sign across the road to follow the footpath beside 'Handley Ave'.
40.00	Morgan Rd -33.7283,151.0711 (GR Hornsby, 213663)	4 -6	230 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the end of Morgan Street, the walk follows the GNW arrow and the 'Elouera Bushland Natural Park' sign between houses no.

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40.23	Int of Bike Trail and Morgan Rd tracks -33.7281,151.0697 (GR Hornsby, 212663)	0 -7	140 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'The Jungo' sign downhill along the wide concreted trail, and soon crosses over the culverted creek (with green side rails).
40.36	Zig Zag Creek Bridge intersection -33.727,151.0689 (GR Hornsby, 211664)	16 -38	1.4 km 25 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the narrower track, keeping the gully to your right.
41.79	Jungo campsite -33.7195,151.0578 (GR Hornsby, 200673)	1 0	100 m 2 mins	Veer right: From the campsite, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign down across the concrete ford, over the usually small creek.
41.89	Int of GNW and Stringybark Ridge trail -33.7186,151.0576 (GR Hornsby, 200673)	81 -58	1 km 27 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign down the narrower track.
42.94	Elouera Lookout -33.7136,151.0637 (GR Hornsby, 206679)	152 -130	2.2 km 54 mins	Continue straight: From Elouera Lookout, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the track, keeping the fence and valley to your left.
45.09	Int of the Great North Walk and the Quarter Sessions Road track -33.7011,151.0744 (GR Hornsby, 215693)	43 -73	690 m 18 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the main rocky track, keeping the valley down to your left.
45.79	Int of the Great North Walk and the Blue Gum Walk (SW) -33.6979,151.0795 (GR Hornsby, 220697)	21 -87	990 m 21 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign past the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign, gently uphill along the narrow ridge.
46.77	Fishponds Lookout -33.6926,151.0841 (GR Hornsby, 224703)	39 0	300 m 7 mins	Turn right: From the lookout, this walk follows the 'Rosemead Rd Trackhead' sign directly away from the view over Berowra Creek.
47.07	Int of Blue Gum Walk and Joes Mountain Service Trail -33.6951,151.0842 (GR Hornsby, 224700)	35 -45	850 m 19 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow south along the wide management trail, keeping the gully to your left.
47.92	Int of Great North Walk and Rosemead Rd service trail -33.7004,151.0864 (GR Hornsby, 227694)	4 0	30 m 1 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow along the narrower track for a short distance, to Berowra Valley Bushland Park at the end of Rosemead Road.
47.96	Berowra Valley Bushland Park -33.7005,151.0868 (GR Hornsby, 227694)	89 -12	540 m 14 mins	Veer left: From the lower side of 'Berowra Valley Bushland Park', this walk follows the 'Hornsby Station' sign across the park, then follows the GNW arrow up the stone steps, keeping the houses to your right.
48.50	Int of Quarry Road and Great North Walk -33.7006,151.0917 (GR Hornsby, 231694)	34 -8	720 m 14 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows Quarry Road gently uphill away from the face of the 'Great North Walk' sign until just past a couple of house, this walk comes to an intersection with the gated '...