



Darri and Warrimoo Tracks to Bobbin head



4 hrs 15 mins

Moderate track

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9.4 km One way

▲ 457m

This pleasant walk starts in North Turramurra and follows the Darri and Warrimoo tracks into the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. The walk follows the picturesque Cowan Creek through one of the most serene parts of the park, and finishes at Bobbin Head, a great place to enjoy the cafe or have a picnic lunch.

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Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Empire Marina - Galley Foods cafe

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Bobbin Inn Cafe

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Bobbin Head

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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](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Ku-ring-gai Chase 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

1:40 000 Map Series:CMA Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park Tourist Map

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

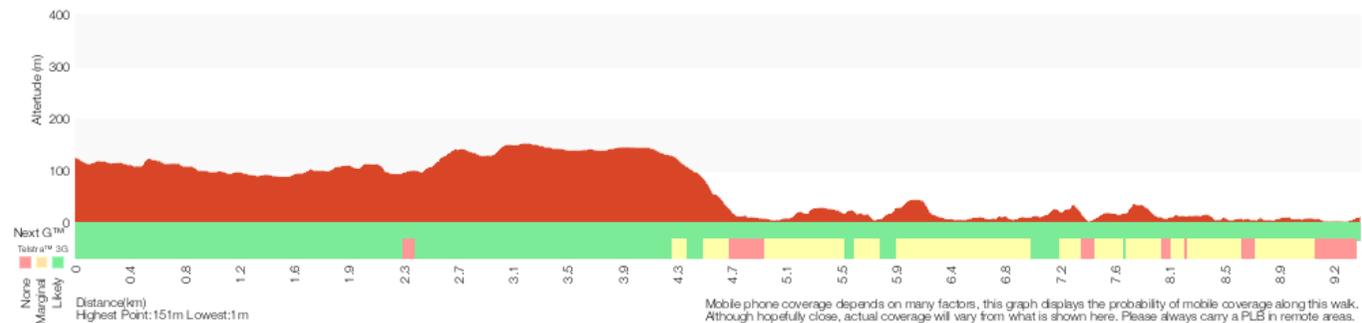
Grade

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 3/6
Moderate track

Length	9.4 km One way
Time	4 hrs 15 mins
Quality of track	Formed track, with some branches and other obstacles (3/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this 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 Bedford Ave, Turramurra (gps: -33.7193, 151.1501) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Bobbin Inn (gps: -33.6597, 151.1591). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

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

0 | Bedford Ave, Turramurra

(490 m 9 mins) From opposite 18 Bedford Ave, this walk follows the service trail around the metal gate and past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign, soon passing the information sign about the Darri Track. This wide track winds down the hill and crosses a small creek, and then follows Cowan Creek downstream. After passing through the dense bush, enjoying the occasional view of the small creek (and avoiding a small false track off to the right), this track comes to an intersection with a service trail coming in from the left, at the concrete ditch.

0.49 | Int. of Darri Track and Malborough Rd Servicetrail

(1 km 21 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail that heads up the hill and away from Cowan Creek. The trail soon turns to the right and starts to flatten out. Just before the trail starts heading downhill, it comes to an intersection with a small bush track coming down from the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north along the service trail, passing a large Scribbly Gum on the right and then heading down the hill. The track continues to wind down to the bottom of the valley where it crosses Cowan Creek and continues along the other side, steadily climbing up the side of the valley until coming to the intersection of the Glengarry Road service trail, and a Darri Track information sign.

1.52 | Cowan Creek and Darri track Int.

(230 m 5 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east up the hill, climbing up the side of the valley for a short while until it flattens out and comes to the intersection with the Tokanue Place access trail at the large metal gate.

1.75 | Tokanue Place Track Intersection

(330 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east, keeping the asphalt service trail on the right, winding around the back of some houses and through the bush for a while until it comes to the intersection of the Waipori Street service trail.

2.07 | Waipori Street Track Intersection

(400 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Darri Track' sign past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign and along the service trail, heading through the bush and down the long gentle hill, until it comes to the intersection of the lower valley link trail at the information sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail past the "No Through Road" sign and along the side of the hill, gently undulating until it comes to a small creek crossing, where the service trail

becomes a bush track.

2.47 | Gould Avenue Creek crossing

(720 m 18 mins) Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk crosses the small creek and continues along the bush track, winding up the long hill, keeping the metal handrail on the right. The walk continues up the rocky hill, and up a metal staircase to a flat rock platform at the top. From here, the track turns left onto the rock platform and continues along the bush track, passing a 'Kuringai Chase National Park' sign before dropping down a small hill then continuing up some rock steps. From the top of the steps, the walk follows the bush track through the gum trees until it comes to a 'Y' intersection with another bush track at a Darri Track marker.

3.19 | Int of Darri and Timbarra Road tracks

(530 m 10 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading north past some blackened gum trees and through the bush, undulating gently for a while before coming to the signposted intersection of the 'Warrimoo Track'.

3.72 | Int of Darri and Warrimoo Tracks

(850 m 18 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west). The trail meanders through the bush for a while before winding steadily down a long hill to the end of the ridge. Here, the trail comes to a Memorial Chair at a lookout over Cowan Creek.

4.57 | Sonja Huddles Chair

(520 m 12 mins) Continue straight: From the Memorial Chair, the walk heads down the rock steps and follows the bush track. The track winds steeply down the rocky hill and crosses Cowan Creek at the stepping stones. The track then continues along the edge of the creek (keeping the creek to the right) until coming to the signposted intersection with the Sphinx Track.

5.09 | Int of Sphinx walking and Warrimoo Tracks

(3.7 km 1 hr 32 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head' arrow on the 'Warrimoo Track' sign along the clear track that leads through the mostly flat ferny section, keeping Cowan Creek some distance to your right. After about 100m the track leaves the ferns and passes under a set of high tension power lines where the track undulates along the side of the hill close to Cowan Creek crossing a few small gullies for about 900m to then pass along a long natural sandstone wall. About 150m after this wall the track leads just below a notable sandstone overhang (up to your left) where the track then starts to head downhill for just over 100m to a fairly open grassy salt marsh. The walk stays just to the left of the salt marsh then leads along the edge of a section of mangroves for 100m where the track bends left and leads along side the creek for another 100m to then cross a creek at a wide rocky gully. This is a pleasant cool spot with the usually small creek flowing over the sandstone rock platform with naturally carved holes. For the next 200m the track undulates gently along the foreshore through the casuarina forest to come to a tall overhang that is on a rock platform right on the edge of Cowan Creek, a pleasant place to rest. This section of track may become covered with water at high tide. From the tall overhang the track continues along the shortening natural rock wall for about 150m to then lead along another section of mangroves for 150m. About 60m past the mangroves the track crosses a short flat timber bridge, then over the next 200m the track crosses a mossy gully and densely forested gully where the rocky track climbs over a rise, past some large smooth bark angophora's then down to another tall and long rock wall and some more pleasant water views. Just 20m past this rock wall the track bends left and leads alongside the edge of the mangroves for 200m, where again the track may be covered with water at high tides. From the end of the mangroves the rocky track

climbs for about 200m before continuing along the water side through a casuarina forest as the track gently undulates over some rocky sections passing some pleasant water views for 400m to pass below another fairly large sandstone cave/overhang (up the hill to your left). Over the next 250m the track leads through a grassy section beside the creek before crossing a shallow gully over a scattering of sandstone blocks. Over the next 300m the mostly flat track leads through a tall wooded forest filled with ferns and crossing a few middens to come to an three-way intersection, just before the marina, marked with a 'Warrimoo Ave & Sphinx Memorial' sign pointing back along the track.

8.8 | Int of Warrimoo and Bobbin Head Tracks

(170 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head Picnic Area' sign along the mostly flat track following the foreshore, keeping the water and boats to your right. After about 30m this walk follows a fence and handrail behind a dry dock for 40m. Here the track narrows a bit to head between the rock face and buildings for 100m to turn right at a 'Warrimoo Track' sign and a yellow painted walker (on the ground). Here the walk heads through the hallway, past the public toilets to the water front of Empire Marina, beside the 'Kiosk' (on your right).

8.97 | Empire Marina - Galley Foods cafe

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8.97 | Empire Marina

(420 m 8 mins) Turn left: From beside the Kiosk at Empire Marina, this walk follows the concrete path keeping the water just to your right. After about 20m this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head Picnic Area' sign along the elevated path past a series of information signs about the local heritage, beside the car park for 150m to leave the marina through the lockable gate. This gate is locked outside of 'park operating hours', that is 8pm to 6am during daylight savings periods, and 5.30pm to 6am at other times of the year. Here the walk passes a sign pointing back to the 'Warrimoo Track' and continues along the waterside then through the car park for another 60m to find another sign pointing back to 'Warrimoo Track', next to the 'Pay Here' station.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the driveway out of the car park a short distance to the intersection with Bobbin Head Road, just beside the bridge. Here there is a toilet block (ahead and on the left), a shelter and phone both (just to your left).

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath beside the road over the wide bridge, crossing Cowan Creek. On the far side of the bridge, this walk continues beside the road along side 'Orchard Park' to pass a side road (on the left). Just 60m later along the main road (Ku-ring-gai Chase Road) this walk comes to the end of a small set of car parks just beside the 'Bobbin Inn' building (on your left), home to cafe and 'information centre'.

9.39 | Bobbin Inn Cafe

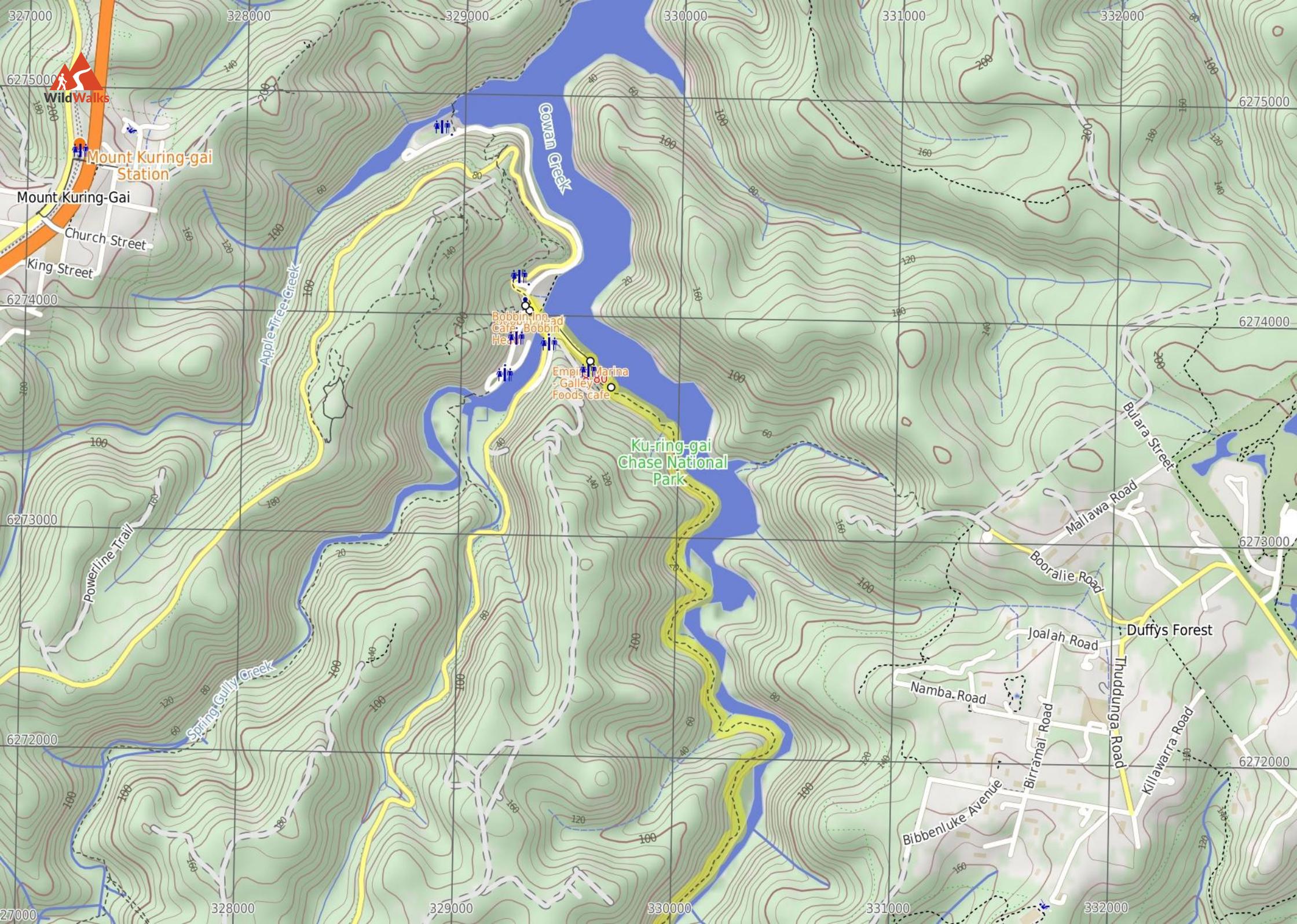
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WildWalks

Mount Kuring-gai Station

Mount Kuring-Gai

Church Street

King Street

Cowan Creek

Apple Tree Creek

Bobbin Head Cafe

Empire Marina
Galley
Foods cafe

Kuring-gai Chase National Park

Powerline Trail

Spring Gully Creek

Bujara Street

Mallowa Road

Booralie Road

Duffys Forest

Joalah Road

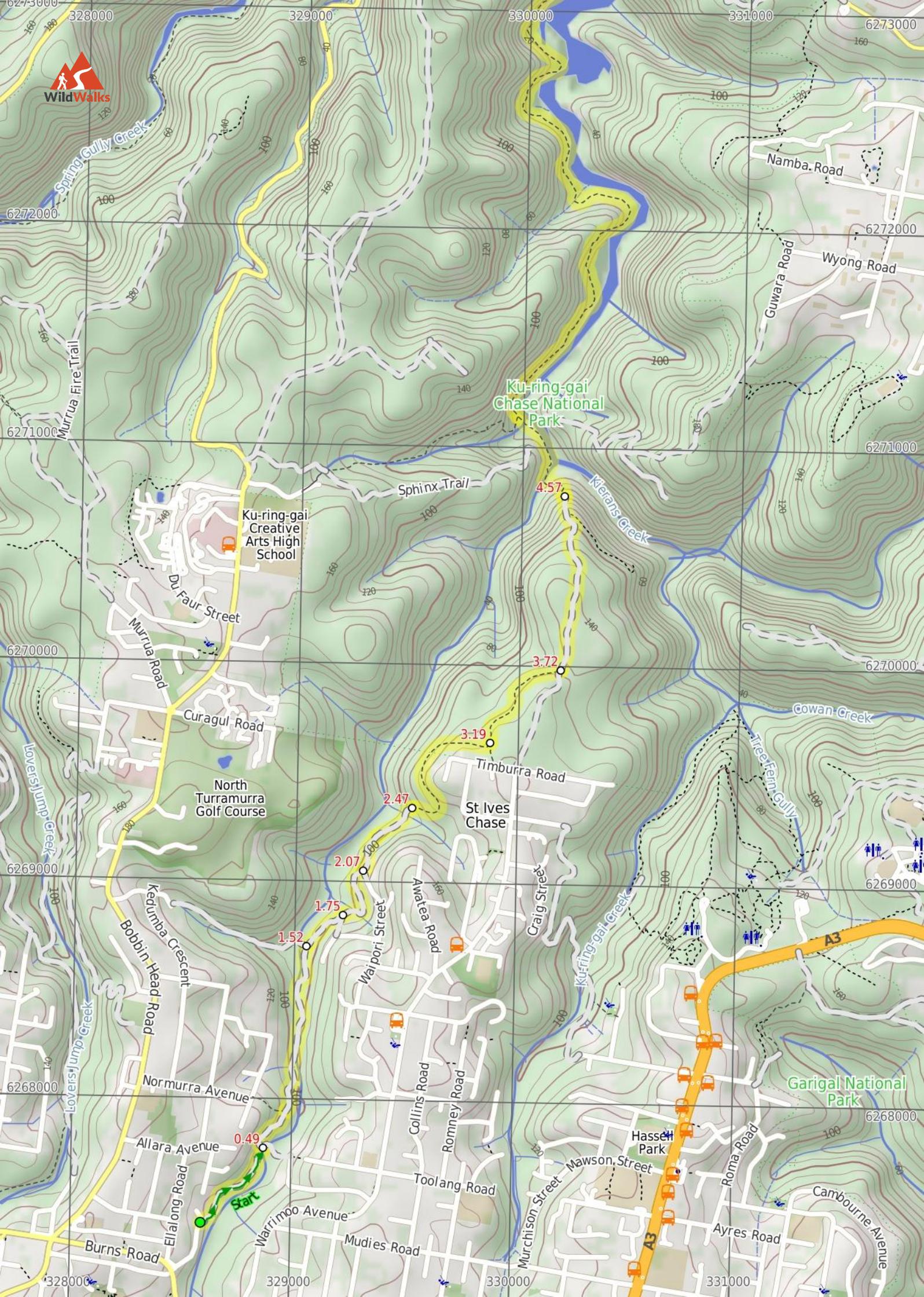
Namba Road

Birramal Road

Thuddunga Road

Killawarra Road

Bibbenluke Avenue



Summary navigation sheet for the Darri and Warrimoo Tracks to Bobbin head



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
0.00	Bedford Ave, Turrumurra -33.7193,151.1501 (GR Hornsby, 286674)	9 -25	490 m 9 mins	From opposite 18 Bedford Ave, this walk follows the service trail around the metal gate and past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign, soon passing the information sign about the Darri Track.
0.49	Int. of Darri Track and Malborough Rd Servicetrail -33.7163,151.1532 (GR Hornsby, 289678)	27 -47	1 km 21 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail that heads up the hill and away from Cowan Creek.
1.52	Cowan Creek and Darri track Int. -33.7079,151.1553 (GR Hornsby, 291687)	17 -5	230 m 5 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east up the hill, climbing up the side of the valley for a short while until it flattens out and comes to the intersection with th...
1.75	Tokanue Place Track Intersection -33.7066,151.1571 (GR Hornsby, 292688)	31 -19	330 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading north-east, keeping the asphalt service trail on the right, winding around the back of some houses and through the bush for a whi...
2.07	Waipori Street Track Intersection -33.7048,151.1581 (GR Hornsby, 293690)	21 -27	400 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Darri Track' sign past the 'Terramerragal Reserve' sign and along the service trail, heading through the bush and down the long gentle hill, until it ...
2.47	Gould Avenue Creek crossing -33.7022,151.1605 (GR Hornsby, 295693)	63 -18	720 m 18 mins	Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk crosses the small creek and continues along the bush track, winding up the long hill, keeping the metal handrail on the right.
3.19	Int of Darri and Timbarra Road tracks -33.6995,151.1643 (GR Hornsby, 299696)	9 -22	530 m 10 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading north past some blackened gum trees and through the bush, undulating gently for a while before coming to the signposted intersection of the...
3.72	Int of Darri and Warrimoo Tracks -33.6966,151.1678 (GR Hornsby, 302700)	7 -92	850 m 18 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, the walk follows the Bobbin Head arrow along the service trail (heading north west).
4.57	Sonja Huddles Chair -33.6894,151.168 (GR Hornsby, 302708)	12 -57	520 m 12 mins	Continue straight: From the Memorial Chair, the walk heads down the rock steps and follows the bush track.
5.09	Int of Sphinx walking and Warrimoo Tracks -33.6861,151.1657 (GR Hornsby, 300711)	242 -245	3.7 km 1 hr 32 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head' arrow on the 'Warrimoo Track' sign along the clear track that leads through the mostly flat ferny section, keeping Cowan Creek some distan...
8.80	Int of Warrimoo and Bobbin Head Tracks -33.6631,151.1631 (GR Hornsby, 297737)	6 -5	170 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bobbin Head Picnic Area' sign along the mostly flat track following the foreshore, keeping the water and boats to your right.
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