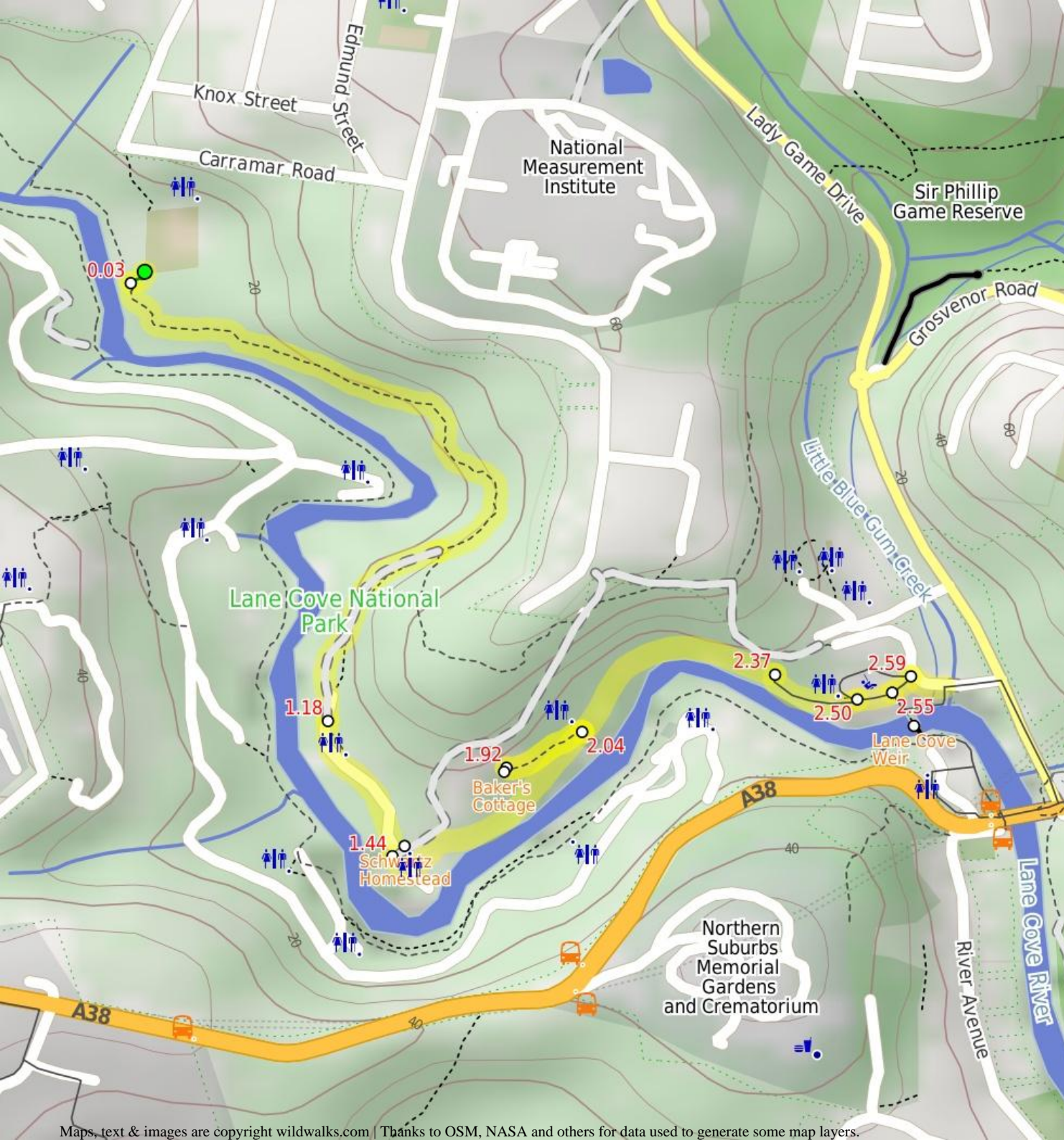




Lane Cove National Park Heritage Walk



1 Hr

Moderate track

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2.6 km One way

↑ 89m

The Heritage Walk visits many of the historically significant buildings within the Lane Cove National Park. The walk follows the Lane Cove River from Fiddens Wharf and finishes at the Weir Precinct on Fullers Rd. The buildings are surprisingly intact, considering their age and history. A great walk for those wanting to see some culturally significant heritage buildings.

Are you ready to have fun?

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

Getting there Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Fiddens Wharf Oval (gps: -33.7843, 151.1452). Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Max Allen Drive Bridge (gps: -33.7907, 151.156) by car 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/cnphw>

0 | Fiddens Wharf Oval

(30 m 1 mins) From the far south-west corner of Fiddens Wharf Oval, this walk follows the NPWS arrow through the gap in the fence and down the concrete steps. The timber steps then lead down to a T-intersection with a track beside the river, where a 'Fiddens Wharf' sign points back up the stairs.

0.03 | Bottom of Fiddens Wharf Oval Trk

(1.1 km 23 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the track follows the 'Visitors Centre Loop' arrow along the track, keeping the river to your right. After about 50m, this walk heads over a short timber boardwalk and crosses the 'weedy' creek. The walk then heads up some steps and a staircase to the top of a rock platform, where there is a 'Blackbutts' information sign. The track leads gently up along the side of hill for about 70m, passing an unfenced cliff to your right, where the track bends left to lead across a rock gully. The track then leads past the 'Sydney Peppermint' and 'Sandstone Gully Community' information signs and across a ferny gully to find a 'Sydney Red Gum' information sign. From here, the walk heads up a series of timber steps to where the track suddenly widens into a mostly flat trail. This trail soon bends right and leads through the casuarina forest, past the 'Scribbly Gum' information sign to an intersection (with a narrower track on your left), just before the 'Sandstone Hillslope Community' information sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads around the hillside, with the river below on the right. The walk tends left as it contours around the hill. It then descends over speed bumps for approximately 50m to the car park of Thistlethwaytes picnic area.

1.18 | Thistlethwaytes Picnic Area

(260 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk heads down the road, with the water to the right. The walk continues down the road for a short time, to the intersection with

the entrance of the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Depot on the left, and the Schwartz Homestead a short distance up the hill.

1.44 | Schwartz Homestead

The Schwartz Homestead is a neat little white and green 1920's timber cottage with a balcony on three sides. It was probably built by orchardist George Warr, who leased the land from 1917. [More info.](#)

1.44 | Schwartz Homestead

(370 m 7 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the road, with the water on the right. The walk tends left, continuing up the road to pass a brick building on the right, before coming to the signposted intersection, opposite Baker's Flat.

1.8 | Int. Opposite Bakers Flat

(120 m 3 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk heads up the stairs tending right, up the hill. The walk passes a sign about native grasses before continuing right, to Baker's Cottage.

1.92 | Baker's Cottage

Baker's Cottage was built in 1865 as the residence of William Baker and his family. The cottage once stood in the middle of a well-kept garden and orchard. The cottage itself was once larger, with more rooms and a verandah surrounding it. The residence changed hands only twice, and was then appropriated by the Minister of Lands in 1938.

1.92 | Baker's Cottage

(120 m 3 mins) Turn around: From Baker's Cottage, the walk heads down the stairs tending left. The walk continues down the hill to meet the road.

2.04 | Int. Opposite Bakers Flat

(330 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the road towards the car park at '29 Bakers Flat'. The walk continues along the road to pass the clearing and tend right, up the hill, to an intersection with a bush track on the right.

2.37 | Int. Max Allen Dr and Jenkins Hill Trk

(130 m 3 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the path for approximately 50m to pass a toilet block on the left of the track. The track continues to an intersection with a railed footpath.

2.5 | Int. Below Jenkins Hill Park

(50 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads down the slight gradient, away from the toilet block to the large concreted area above the weir.

2.55 | 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.

2.55 | Jenkins Hill

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads along the footpath to the road.

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

(50 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads gently down along the road to an intersection just before the bridge, marked with the 'Great North Walk' track head signs.