

Natural Bridge Walk



45 mins 1.4 km Return Moderate track

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108m

Starting at Cook Street in Forestville, this walk follows service trails and bush tracks through Garigal National Park, to the Natural Bridge. The walk uses the arch as a natural bridge to cross the creek. The rock formation is the main highlight of this walk, though the wild flower displays in the warmer months can be quite spectacular as well.

40m

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Garigal National Park

Are you ready to have fun?

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

Getting there You can get to Bend in Cook St (gps: -33.7672, 151.219) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a return, so you will finish back at the start.

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

0 | Bend in Cook St

(290 m 7 mins) From the bend in Cook St, Forestville, this walk follows the management trail, between the green transformer box and number 75, as it heads down the hill and around the gate (alternatively use the stairs on the other side of the power box). The management trail soon turns left to head behind the village - after a gentle uphill, the track then turns right and heads downhill to a four-way intersection with a large tree in the centre.

0.29 | Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks

(180 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail north, keeping the uphill slope to the left of the track. This section of track is flat and soon comes to signposted intersection with the 'Natural Bridge' track heading off to the right.

0.47 | Int of Natural Bridge and Currie Road Tracks

(250 m 6 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Natural Bridge' sign along the bush track, heading down the rocky hill which steepens as it winds down a few sets of wooden steps. The track then flattens out to a gentle descent, and winds down through the bush until coming to a wide stone arch referred to as the Natural Bridge, crossing a creek that feeds into Bantry Bay.

0.72 | Natural Bridge

The Natural Bridge is a sandstone arch in Garigal National Park. The arch spans an unnamed creek feeding into Bantry Bay. The Natural Bridge track uses this arch to cross the creek, and is not always noticed by walkers as the surrounding vegetation hides the full view of the feature from the track. The arch has formed the eroding forces of water flowing down the creek. The arch provides an interesting natural feature to explore and enjoy.

