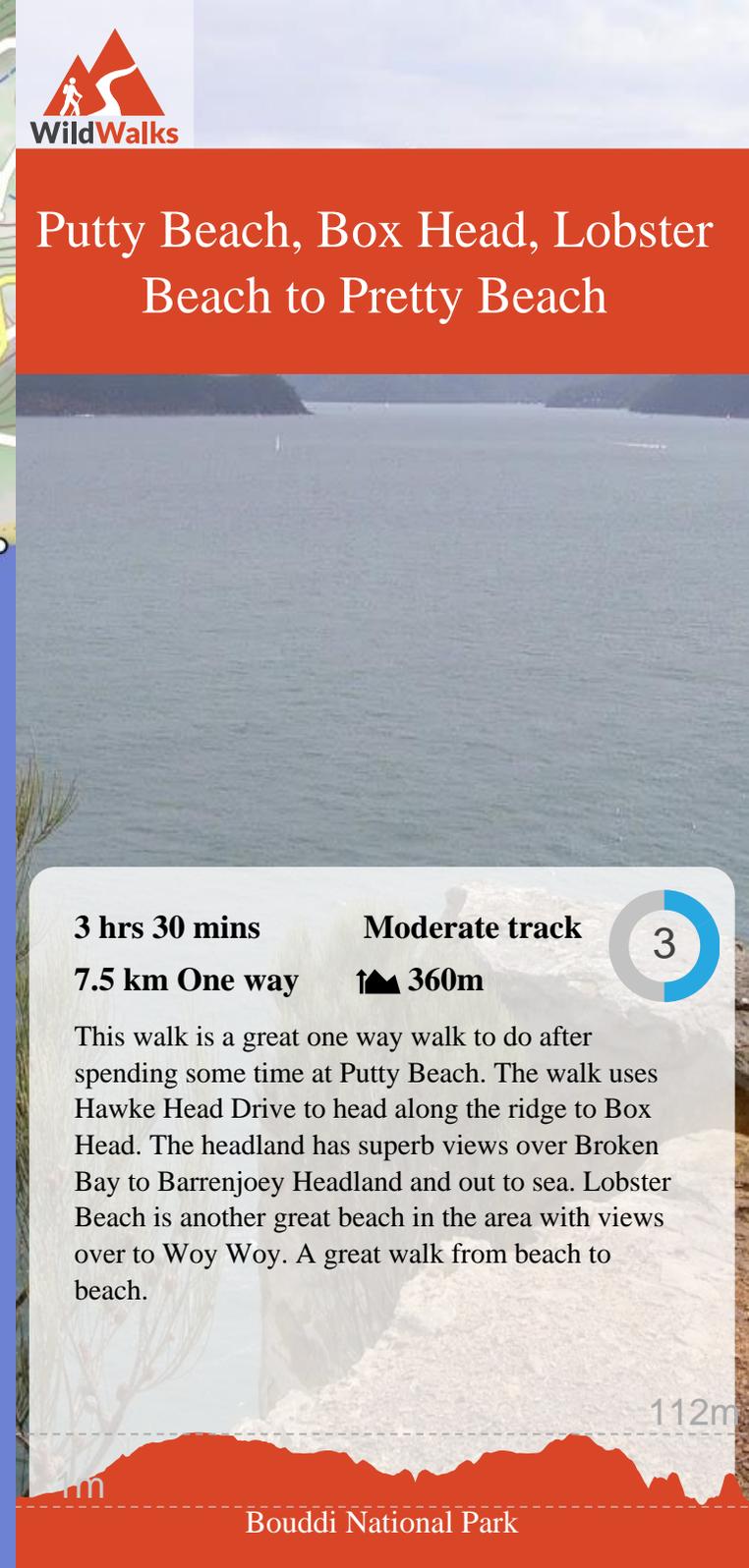
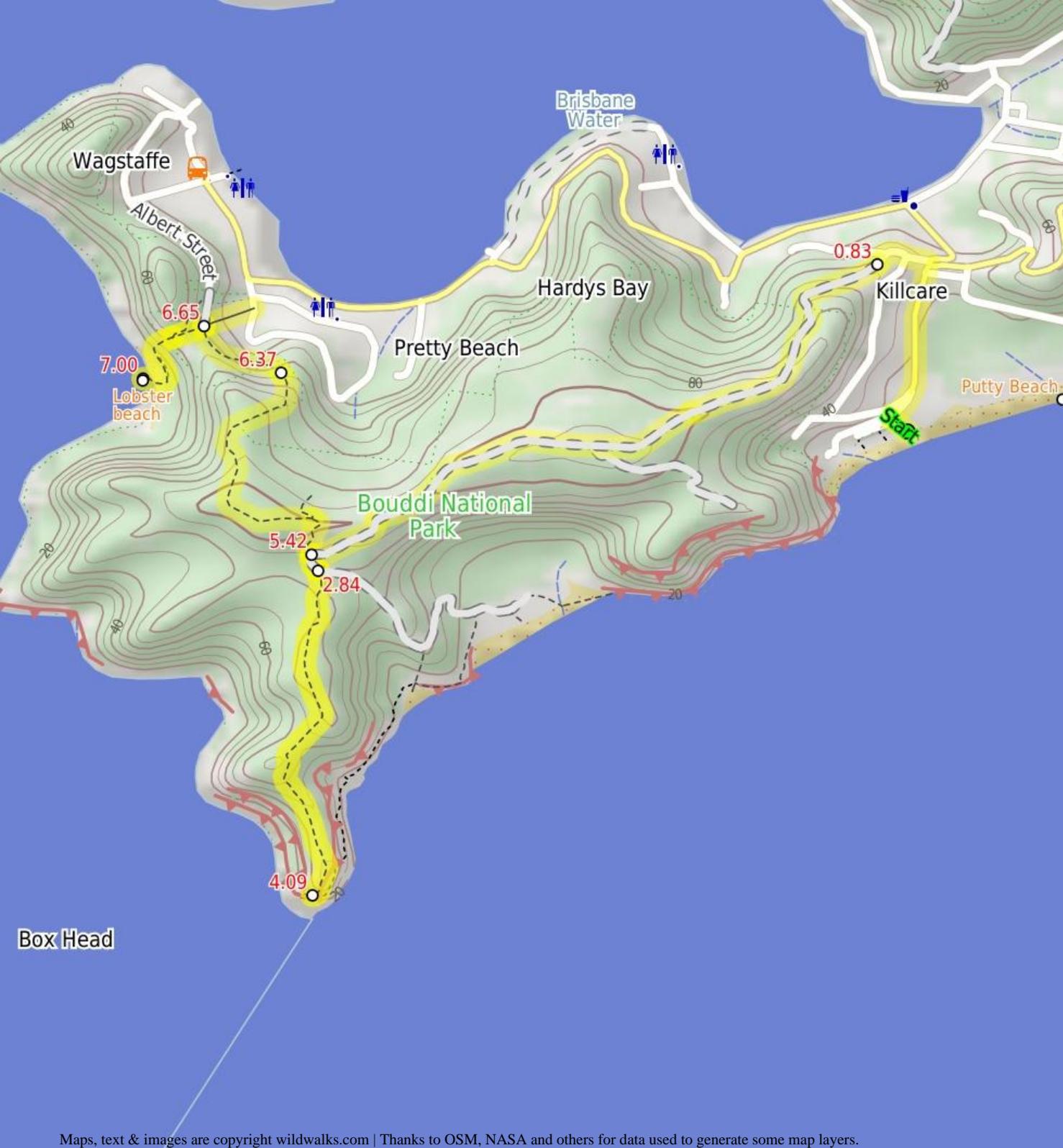


# Putty Beach, Box Head, Lobster Beach to Pretty Beach



**3 hrs 30 mins**

**Moderate track**

**7.5 km One way**

**↑ 360m**

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This walk is a great one way walk to do after spending some time at Putty Beach. The walk uses Hawke Head Drive to head along the ridge to Box Head. The headland has superb views over Broken Bay to Barrenjoey Headland and out to sea. Lobster Beach is another great beach in the area with views over to Woy Woy. A great walk from beach to beach.

112m

Bouddi 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** Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Putty Beach (gps: -33.5314, 151.3611). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Wagstaff Ave Int. (gps: -33.5274, 151.3439). 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/pbbhlbtph>

### **0 | Putty Beach**

Putty Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a large south-easterly facing beach that is almost completely framed by National Park. On the north-eastern end of the beach is the Bouddi Trail, and a large car park and campsite. At the south-western end of the beach is the Killcare Surf Lifesaving Club. Putty Beach is a patrolled beach and locals enjoy it for a surf, swim or dive.

### **0 | Putty Beach**

*(830 m 17 mins)* From the beach, this walk heads up the hill along a stony path, to the car park behind the beach.

Continue straight: From the car park, this walk walks onto Beach Drive and turns right to head up and away from the beach, to the intersection with The Scenic Road. A short distance up the hill, this walk soon takes the first left onto Nukara Ave. The walk continues up Nukara Ave to the second road on the left, Hawke Head Drive.

### **0.83 | Hawke Head Drive NE**

*(2 km 44 mins)* Continue straight: From the start of Hawke Head Drive, this walk heads up the hill following the road and power lines. The walk winds up Hawke Head Drive, where the road becomes unsealed and has numerous speed bumps. The walk continues along the road to the intersection with a management trail, and gate on the right.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail up the hill, leaving the gated management trail behind on the right. The trail undulates along the ridge line for some time, with views to the right of the track over the Rip Bridge and Woy Woy. The trail then starts to head downhill, arriving at a car park, to the right, signposted 'Tallow Beach 900m'.

Continue straight: From the car park, the walk follows the

management trail past the 'Tallow Beach 900m' signpost. The walk soon passes around a gate and continues down the hill. The walk passes an unfenced cliff warning sign and (ignores) a track signpost ('Tallow Beach') before heading up the hill to the intersection, signposted 'Tallow' and 'Killcare'.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Tallow' arrow along the management trail, going down the hill. The trail tends right for approximately 30m, to the signposted intersection for 'Box Head' and 'Tallow Beach'.

### **2.84 | Box Head Trail**

*(1.3 km 25 mins)* Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Box Head' sign along the track. The walk follows the track for a short time, then crosses a rocky area before passing through a small clearing. The track narrows and meanders for some time, crossing numerous rock surfaces and rocky outcrops, then follows the top of the cliff line of Box Head out to a point that overlooks Barrenjoey, Lion Island, Broken Bay and out across the ocean.

### **4.09 | Box Head**

*(1.3 km 27 mins)* Turn around: From Box Head, the walk follows the track away from the sea and the opposite headland, generally following the cliff line up the ridge. The track drops into a saddle, then climbs up the ridge for some time, crossing many rocky outcrops. The track then widens as it enters a small clearing and continues for a short time to the signposted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail up the hill away (following neither the 'Box Head' nor 'Tallow Beach' arrows). The walk continues away from these signposted trails, going down into a saddle and up the hill on the other side to the sign-marked intersection.

### **5.42 | Hawke Head Drive**

*(960 m 21 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the sign towards 'Lobster Beach' and 'Wagstaff'. The track climbs the knoll heading right, then swings left rounding the back of the knoll for approximately 100m to the signposted intersection.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Lobster Bch. - Wagstaff' sign along the ridgeline. The track then winds to the left of a knoll, towards the sea, and leads along the fenceline. The track undulates down the hill to a sign 'Pretty Beach, Wagstaff'. The track turns left here, following the sign down the rocky surface for a short time, before coming to the intersection above some houses and two large green water tanks, on the right.

### **6.37 | Water tank Int.**

*(280 m 8 mins)* Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads steeply down the hill to the left, with the water tanks below to the right. The track passes a set of gates on the left, to continue away from the houses. The track heads past a house with a steep roof (on the left) to continue over a driveway. The walk then leads

along the back fence of a house, to the corner at the sign marked intersection.

### **6.65 | House Int.**

*(350 m 10 mins)* Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads up the stairs following the sign to 'Lobster Beach'. The walk follows the many stairs up the hill, to the ridge line with a house on the left.

Continue straight: From the ridge, this walk heads down the hill towards the beach. The track heads steeply down to a lookout platform above the beach. The track then continues along the hillside to a set of boardwalked stairs which tend right, down to Lobster Beach.

### **7 | Lobster beach**

Lobster Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a 300m long, west-facing beach on Broken Bay. The beach, backed by a steep hill and edged by rocky shores, provides westerly views over Broken Bay to Pearl and Ocean beaches. The beach has toilet and garbage facilities just above the sand.

### **7 | Lobster Beach**

*(480 m 14 mins)* Turn around: From Lobster Beach, this walk heads away from Broken Bay up the boardwalked stairs. The track tends left up the hillside, to a lookout platform. The walk then heads up the steep stairs to the top of the ridgeline - near the top of the ridge is a bench. The track then continues up the intersection on the ridge, opposite a house.

Continue straight: From the ridgeline, this walk heads down, away from the beach by the steep staircase to the signposted intersection at the corner of two fence lines.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Pretty Bch, Wagstaff' sign down the hill between the fencelines. The track continues between the houses to the road below.