



Rail to River and Stringybark Creek Reserve Walk



4 hrs

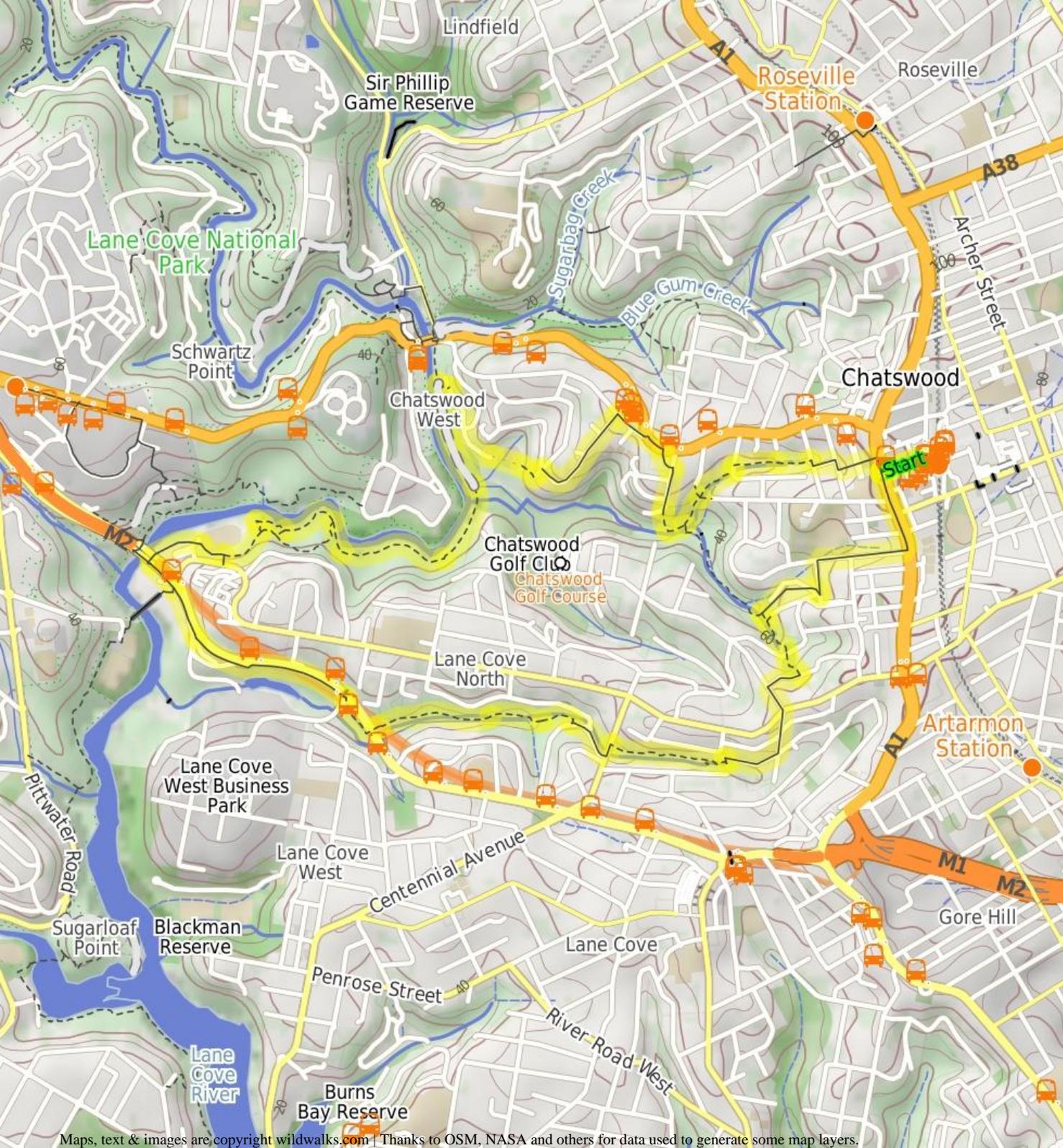
Hard track

11.2 km Circuit

302m

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This walk begins in the busy city of Chatswood and soon enters the nearby bushland around the Lane Cove River. The walk uses the v-shaped valleys to escape from the houses. Due to pollution and rubbish in stormwater run-off there are some less than pleasant pockets, however, this walk does explore some wonderful views of the Lane Cove River and its surrounds. You can buy lunch at the Golf course, or there are plenty of nice spots along the river to stop and eat.



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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](#))
- 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;

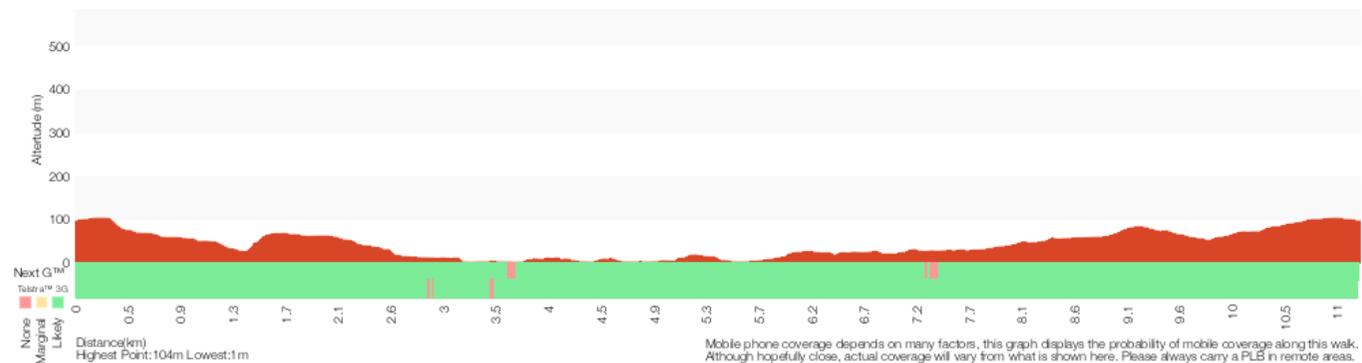
1:25 000 Map Series:91303N PARRAMATTA RIVER

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	11.2 km Circuit
Time	4 hrs
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 Chatswood Station (gps: -33.7971, 151.1804) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

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

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

0 | Chatswood Station

(990 m 20 mins) From Chatswood Train Station, this walk exits the station onto Victoria Ave. The walk then continues up Victoria Ave, passing Chatswood RSL on the left. This walk continues to the Pacific Highway where it crosses over the at a pedestrian crossing or the foot bridge near by.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads north up the Pacific Highway, to turn left onto Western Way. The walk continues down Western Way through a dogleg, turning right onto Jenkins Rd then quickly left back onto Western Way. The walk heads down Western Way to turn right onto Edgar St and to the Edgar Reserve Park with green gate.

Turn left: From the intersection, the walk passes the gate, then the playground on the right, and continues through the clearing. The track continues for approximately 150m to an intersection marked by a memorial bench.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads between the tennis court fence on your right and the houses on your left for approximately 150m. The track then comes to an intersection with Park Ave, and a 'Rail to River Walk' sign.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the road for approximately 30m to the next signpost.

0.99 | Int. Park Ave and Rail to River Trk

(320 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signpost past the 'Ferndale Park' sign, down the management trail. The walk continues along the trail for approximately 60m to a large grassed clearing. The walk then continues away from the clearing along a bush track, which soon comes to some steppingstones across the creek. Approximately 50m later, the walk comes to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the creek (which remains on your left) down the gully for approximately 100m to the signposted intersection.

1.31 | Int. Ferndale Trk and Beresford Trk

(360 m 9 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads along the creek (which remains on the left) for approximately 60m to turn up the steps to a signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign up the hill. The track zigzags up through mossy rock outcrops to a house on the left. This walk continues up the stairs to the intersection with the road. Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the road and heads right, up the hill. The walk continues up the hill to Lowanna Park gate on the left.

1.67 | Int. Lowanna Park and Greville St

(960 m 19 mins) Turn left: From the gate on Greville St, this walk passes through the park diagonally, past the play equipment and BBQs, to the gate on the Fullers Rd side of Lowanna Park.

Turn left: From Lowanna Park, this walk heads along Fullers Rd towards the mechanics, initially keeping the park on the left. The walk continues along Fullers Rd, as Millwood Ave breaks off to the right. The first left is the signposted intersection with Bellevue Ave.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signs down Bellevue Ave for approximately 500m, tending right to the signposted intersection.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill for approximately 30m to the telegraph pole with 'Rail to River Walk' sign.

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' sign down the hill between the fences. The walk comes to the end of the laneway and descends the stairs, down through rocky outcrops to the O.H. Reid Memorial Oval.

2.64 | Eastern side of O.H. Reid Memorial Oval

(570 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads across the oval to the car park to the left of the toilet block.

Continue straight: From the O.H. Reid Memorial Oval car park, this walk heads along the road with Chatswood Golf Course below on the left. The walk continues along the road for approximately 200m, passing a street on the left, to the intersection opposite house No. 17.

Turn left: From the intersection opposite No. 17 Reid Drive, the walk heads down the stairs tending left down the hill to the signposted intersection behind the 8th tee.

3.21 | Int. Behind the 8th Tee

(470 m 8 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the track past the metal fence and along the right-hand side of the 8th fairway of Chatswood Golf Course, keeping the river on the right of the track. The walk continues up the fairway and over a bridge, passing two sand bunkers on the left. Approximately 20m after the second bunker, the walk comes to an intersection with a management trail, on the right.

3.68 | Chatswood Golf Course

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3.68 | 8th Green

(970 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leaves the golf course and heads along the mangroves and waterline, to the right of the track. The walk follows the mangroves for a short time to the signposted intersection.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the arrow for the 'River Walk', keeping the Lane Cove River on the right. The track continues along some boardwalk sections which are raised above the mangroves in places. The track continues to a signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'River Track' sign, keeping the river below on the right. Large sections of track are suspended above the mangroves on a boardwalk. The track continues to wind along the Lane Cove River bank for approximately 400m to a signposted intersection.

4.65 | Int. Avro Rd Trk and River Access Trk

(260 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads west along the Lane Cove River bank, with the water to the right of the track. The track quickly opens out onto a clearing next to the river bank. The walk continues over two sections of boardwalked track, leading to a signposted

intersection.

4.91 | Int. River Trk and Upper Access Trk

(520 m 11 mins) Turn right: From the signposted intersection, this walk heads towards the large rock next to the water (below on the right). The walk uses pins bolted into the rock as handholds, and climbs to the other side of the river bank. The track then continues along the gap between the mangroves and a rocky outcrop, to come to the Mowbray Park athletics field.

Turn sharp left: From the oval's far corner, closest to the river and furthest from the road, this walk heads up the steps to the signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the hillside towards the oval (below on the right). The track winds through the bush for approximately 60m to pass over a bridge and a 'Mowbray Park' sign in a grassed area. The walk crosses this grass area to come to the intersection with the footpath.

Continue straight: From the park bench, this walk heads down the footpath, keeping the oval below on the right. The walk continues down the hill for a short time to soon come to the intersection to the side of the oval.

5.43 | Mowbray car park (near oval)

(1.4 km 25 mins) Veer left: From the car park, this walk heads away from the oval and towards the bridge near the river. The walk crosses the car park to then follow the railed pathway under the bridge. Here the walk bends left and heads up the stairs to the intersection with Epping Rd.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the shared footpath, keeping the traffic to your left. After about 100m, the walk crosses the factory driveway and comes to a set of traffic lights (opposite the end of Mowbray Rd).

Continue straight: From the traffic lights, this walk heads uphill along the footpath beside Epping Rd to the first driveway entry to the large Shell petrol station.

Continue straight: From the driveway, this walk heads up the hill along side Epping Rd, passing under a footbridge to the traffic lights. Here the walk crosses Sam Johnson Way to the other side of the intersection.

6.8 | Int. Epping Rd and Sam Johnson Way

(1.1 km 21 mins) Veer right: From the intersection next to the pedestrian crossing, the walk heads down the stairs past the track marker. The track winds down the hill and tends left along the hillside for a short time before coming out under a bridge. The track heads under the bridge to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Murray St' sign along the creek bank, away from the bridge. The track passes through sections of rocks and ferns for approximately 700m before coming to an unmarked intersection on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads east along the creek (below on the right). The track winds through rocks and undulates for approximately 150m to an unmarked intersection on the left.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Elizabeth Pde' arrow, undulating a little alongside the creek for approximately 150m, then turns right, up the hill, to the intersection with the road.

7.94 | Int. Elizabeth Pde and Lower Stringybark Trk

(280 m 5 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill along Elizabeth Pde, with the houses initially to the right. Soon, the walk passes the roundabout with Gordon Cr (on the left) and continues up to Centennial Ave. The walk turns left onto Centennial Ave, crossing the road as safe to the bush track, marked by an 'Upper Stringybark Creek Reserve' sign.

8.22 | Int. Stringybark Trk and Centennial Ave

(550 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the 'Upper Stringybark Creek Reserve' sign and down past a sandstone quarry interpretive sign. The track leads down and along the creek line for approximately 600m to then follow a boardwalked section of track for a short time. The walk comes to the end of the boardwalk after crossing the creek and meets the grassed park of Stringybark Reserve and some more interpretive signs.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads north up the grassed hill to the road, at the end of Murray St.

8.77 | End of Murray St

(700 m 13 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads down Sharland Ave for approximately 150m to the park entrance on the left, marked by a signpost.

9.47 | Sharland Ave entrance to Campbell Park

(330 m 8 mins) Turn left : From the road, this walk passes through the top gate of Campbell Park and down along the footpath to the lower gate at Dalrymple Ave.

Continue straight: From the entrance to Campbell Park, this walk crosses Dalrymple Ave into another grassy area marked by a 'Ferndale Park' sign. The track winds around to an interpretation sign which it passes to drop into a creek. The track then winds left along the side of a grassy clearing to follow the creek bank for approximately 50m along the back of some houses to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill to the next arrow and sign at the corner of the house. The track winds down a slight gradient for approximately 100m to a signposted intersection.

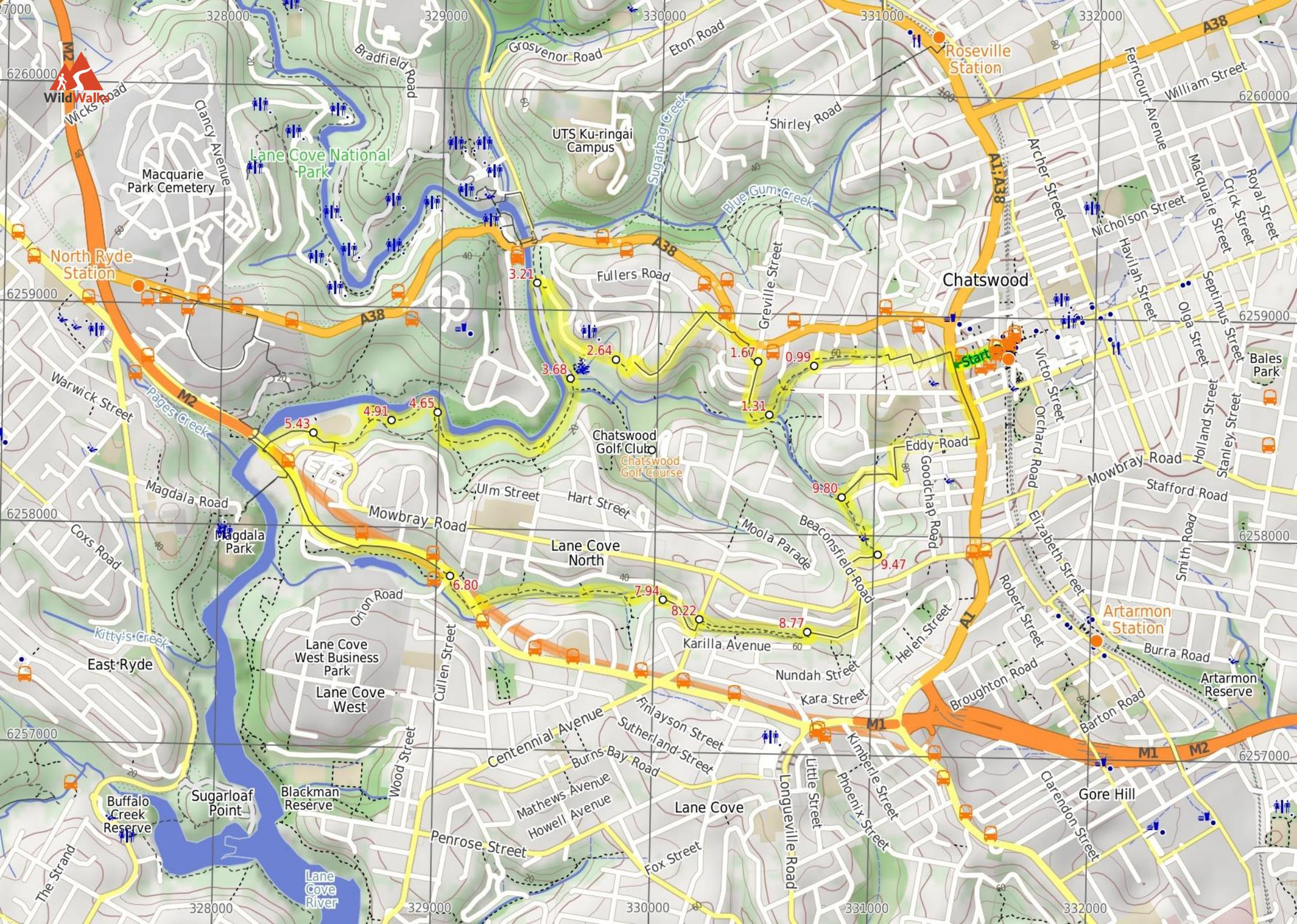
9.8 | Int. Ferndale Trk and Beresford Lane Trk

(1.4 km 27 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the laneway behind the houses. The path follows the blue markers for a short time to come to Beresford Ave, opposite Wallace Park Reserve.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk heads up Lone Pine Ave to turn right onto Eddy Rd. The walk continues up to the end of the road, then turns left onto Pacific Highway. The walk passes the primary school and overpass, coming to the pedestrian crossing opposite Victoria Ave.

Turn right: From the intersection, this walk crosses at pedestrian crossing on Pacific Highway, or takes the foot bridge just near the intersection. This walk then continues down Victoria Ave to the entrance of the train station on the right. If the road turns left, you have gone too far.





Roseville Station

Lane Cove National Park

UTS Ku-ringai Campus

Chatswood

North Ryde Station

Chatswood Golf Club
Chatswood Golf Course

Artarmon Station

Lane Cove North

Lane Cove West Business Park

Lane Cove West

Lane Cove

Buffalo Creek Reserve

Sugarloaf Point

Blackman Reserve

Artarmon Reserve

Gore Hill

The Strand

Lane Cove River

Wicks Road

Clancy Avenue

Macquarie Park Cemetery

Grosvenor Road

Eton Road

Shirley Road

Sugarbag Creek

Blue Gum Creek

Fullers Road

Greville Street

Fencourt Avenue

William Street

Archer Street

Nicholson Street

Havilah Street

Septimus Street

Olga Street

Holland Street

Mowbray Road

Stafford Road

Smith Road

Elizabeth Street

Robert Street

Burra Road

Barton Road

Clarendon Street

Warwick Street

Pages Creek

Magdala Road

Coxs Road

East Ryde

Orion Road

Cullen Street

Mowbray Road

Ulm Street

Hart Street

Moola Parade

Beaconsfield Road

Eddy Road

Goodchap Road

Victor Street

Orchard Road

Stafford Road

Smith Road

Robert Street

Burra Road

Barton Road

Clarendon Street

Centennial Avenue

Burns Bay Road

Sutherland Street

Penrose Street

Mathews Avenue

Howell Avenue

Fox Street

Longueville Road

Little Street

Kimberlie Street

Phoenix Street

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Summary navigation sheet for the Rail to River and Stringybark Creek Reserve Walk



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Chatswood Station -33.7971,151.1804 (GR Parramatta River, 316589)	10 -50	990 m 20 mins	From Chatswood Train Station, this walk exits the station onto Victoria Ave.
0.99	Int. Park Ave and Rail to River Trk -33.7977,151.1713 (GR Parramatta River, 307588)	1 -24	320 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Rail to River Walk' signpost past the 'Ferndale Park' sign, down the management trail.
1.31	Int. Ferndale Trk and Beresford Trk -33.7997,151.1691 (GR Parramatta River, 305585)	41 -6	360 m 9 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk heads along the creek (which remains on the left) for approximately 60m to turn up the steps to a signposted intersection.
1.67	Int. Lowanna Park and Greville St -33.7976,151.1685 (GR Parramatta River, 305588)	2 -53	960 m 19 mins	Turn left: From the gate on Greville St, this walk passes through the park diagonally, past the play equipment and BBQs, to the gate on the Fullers Rd side of Lowanna Park.
2.64	Eastern side of O.H. Reid Memorial Oval -33.7975,151.1615 (GR Parramatta River, 298588)	6 -22	570 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads across the oval to the car park to the left of the toilet block.
3.21	Int. Behind the 8th Tee -33.7943,151.1576 (GR Parramatta River, 294591)	2 -3	470 m 8 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the track past the metal fence and along the right-hand side of the 8th fairway of Chatswood Golf Course, keeping the river on the right of the track.
3.68	8th Green -33.7982,151.1593 (GR Parramatta River, 296587)	35 -34	970 m 20 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk leaves the golf course and heads along the mangroves and waterline, to the right of the track.
4.65	Int. Avro Rd Trk and River Access Trk -33.7996,151.1527 (GR Parramatta River, 290585)	3 -3	260 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads west along the Lane Cove River bank, with the water to the right of the track.
4.91	Int. River Trk and Upper Access Trk -33.8,151.1504 (GR Parramatta River, 288585)	25 -21	520 m 11 mins	Turn right: From the signposted intersection, this walk heads towards the large rock next to the water (below on the right).
5.43	Mowbray car park (near oval) -33.8005,151.1465 (GR Parramatta River, 284584)	39 -20	1.4 km 25 mins	Veer left: From the car park, this walk heads away from the oval and towards the bridge near the river.
6.80	Int. Epping Rd and Sam Johnson Way -33.8063,151.1533 (GR Parramatta River, 291578)	28 -18	1.1 km 21 mins	Veer right: From the intersection next to the pedestrian crossing, the walk heads down the stairs past the track marker.
7.94	Int. Elizabeth Pde and Lower Stringybark Trk -33.8073,151.1638 (GR Parramatta River, 300577)	13 -3	280 m 5 mins	Turn sharp left: From the intersection, the walk heads up the hill along Elizabeth Pde, with the houses initially to the right.
8.22	Int. Stringybark Trk and Centennial Ave -33.8081,151.1656 (GR Parramatta River, 302576)	17 -5	550 m 9 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads past the 'Upper Stringybark Creek Reserve' sign and down past a sandstone quarry interpretive sign.
8.77	End of Murray St -33.8086,151.171 (GR Parramatta River, 307576)	26 -12	700 m 13 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, the walk heads down Sharland Ave for approximately 150m to the park entrance on the left, marked by a signpost.
9.47	Sharland Ave entrance to Campbell Park -33.8055,151.1745 (GR Parramatta River, 310579)	0 -20	330 m 8 mins	Turn left : From the road, this walk passes through the top gate of Campbell Park and down along the footpath to the lower gate at Dalrymple Ave.
9.80	Int. Ferndale Trk and Beresford Lane Trk -33.8031,151.1727 (GR Parramatta River, 309582)	54 -11	1.4 km 27 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the laneway behind the houses.