

## Scots Point Way to Riverside Park Trail

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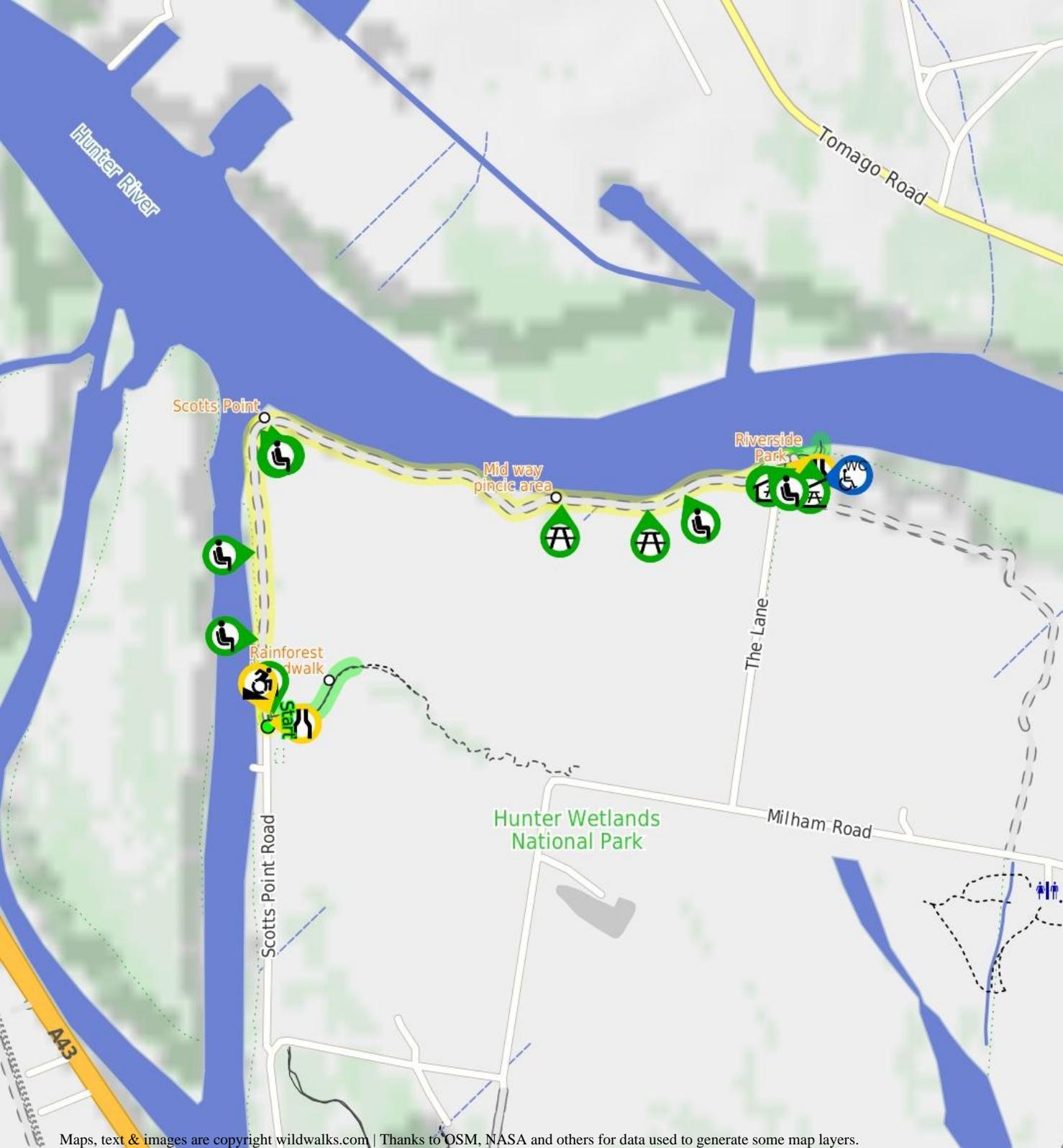
Easy track

1.9 km One way

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On this walk you follow a trail nestled between the Hunter River and the glistening wetlands. You will enjoy an abundance of water birds, water views and plenty of places to sit to take it all in. The walk starts with an optional side trip along a boardwalk before following the old road (now closed to traffic) along side the Green and Golden Bell Frog habitat to the delightful picnic area at Scots Point. Then the trail leads you along the northern arm of the Hunter River to the car park at Riverside Park. Maybe pack a fishing rod, camera, binoculars or a picnic lunch taking the extra time to enjoy this unique historical and environmentally sensitive area.



### **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 End of Scotts Point Way (gps: -32.8388, 151.6969). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Riverside Park car park (gps: -32.8339, 151.709). 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/spwtrpt>

### **0 | End of Scotts Point Way**

(30 m ) From the car park at the end of Scotts Point Way Kooragang, this walk heads towards then around the metal gate between the timber bollard to walk for 15m to the 3-way intersection, marked by a large 'Welcome to Ash Island' sign .

### **0.03 | Optional sidetrip to East end of Rainforest boardw**

(230 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads directly away from the river, following 'The Silos' arrow down across the dip and along the dirt track passing 3 seats to find the fibreglass boardwalk. This walk follows the boardwalk for 200m as it winds through the wetlands giving great views and bird watching opportunities to then come to the end of the raised boardwalk and start of a dirt track. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### **0.03 | Rainforest boardwalk**

The boardwalk leads through the beautiful Kooragang Wetlands giving great views of the water plants and birds. Specifically, this walk leads over the Water Ribbon Swale, an abandoned channel of the Hunter River. You might be lucky enough to see Chestnut Teal, Great Egret, Cattle Egret, Glossy Ibis, Australian White Ibis, Straw-necked Ibis, Common Greenshank, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, or if very lucky a Painted Snipe.

### **0.03 | Int of Scotts Point and Rainforest tracks**

(600 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the old road directly away from the car park, keeping the sheltered sign and river to the left. After 150m this walk leads past a seat then after another 180m it leads past

another small timber seat. Just 100m past this seat the walk comes to a 'Green and Golden Bell Frog' information sign where the walk continues to gently meander along the edge of the wetlands for 170m to come to the Scotts Point picnic area with a sheltered sitting area (on the right). There are beautiful views of the confluence of two creeks with a view across a shipping area and a bridge and distant views of the mountains.

### **0.63 | Scotts Point**

Scotts Point is home to a water tank, picnic table and seating shelter beside an open grassy area at the confluence of the north and south arms of the Hunter River. There are views down the river to Hexham bridge and past some shipping areas. There are a series of signs to explain more about the local area. This is a lovely spot to rest and enjoy the river and the wetlands.

### **0.63 | Scotts Point**

(700 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From Scotts Point sheltered sitting area, this walk follows the old road, keeping the river to the left. After about 20m this walk leads past a picnic table then continues along the trail for 220m to pass a 'Scotts Point Way' sign where there are more views of the wetlands (to the right). The walk continues along the old road for another 250m to head past a series of large orange triangle boat navigation markers with lovely views over the river then the trail leads back into the she oak forest for about 200m to then cross over a 2.7m wide timber bridge and come to a picnic area with two picnic tables (on the right).

### **1.33 | Mid way picnic area**

This relaxed picnic area is found on the banks of the north arm of the Hunter River nestled among She Oaks and the wetlands. There are two picnic tables on concrete slabs beside the trail. The grassy area around the tables can become boggy after rain or very high tides. A pleasant naturally shaded area with some protection from light winds.

### **1.33 | Mid way picnic area**

(530 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the picnic area, this walk follows the old asphalt road, directly away from the timber bridge, keeping the river to the left. This walk continues along the trail for 180m to pass a single picnic table then another 90m to pass a timber seat (on the right). Continuing along the trail for another 210m this walk leads under the power lines, veers left at the intersection to head past the stone seats then over the grassy section between the car park and river, to the intersection at the other end of the car park marked by a Riverside Park sign.

### **1.86 | Optional sidetrip to City Farm jetty**

(100 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the gravel track to cross the short fibreglass bridge, keeping the river to the left. After about 10m this walk comes to

a 3-way intersection with a gravel footpath, marked by an arrow post sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Jetty' arrow along the gravel path keeping the river to the left. After about 40m the path leads past a sheltered picnic area and water tap (on the right) then continues for about 30m to come to a 'Hunter Wetlands National Park' information sign (on the right). Here the walk leads onto the floating jetty ramp with 1m metal fence that leads to the City Farm jetty (there is an 8cm step to access the actual jetty platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### **1.86 | Riverside Park**

Riverside Park is found near the end of 'The Lane', Kooragang within Hunter Wetlands National Park. There is the City Farm jetty on the banks of the north arm of the Hunter River. You will also find two picnic shelters, each with a water tank. There is also an accessible toilet at the back of the grassy area. There are a few walks that leave from the area and it is also a popular fishing and bird watching area.

### **1.86 | Riverside Park car park int**

(20 m ) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads over the grass and gravel area to the car park leading between the timber bollards to the Riverside Park car park at the end of The Lane, Kooragang.



This page is designed to give you a sense of the facilities that help improve access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions. See tracknotes and map for navigation, point of interest and other information. See the Accessibility Details page for specific information about each facility.

**Parking:** There are 0 designated accessible parking areas on this walk.

**Toilets:** There are 0 toilets on this walk.

**Seats:** There are 8 seats on this walk. They are on average 260m apart, with a maximum gap of 690m.

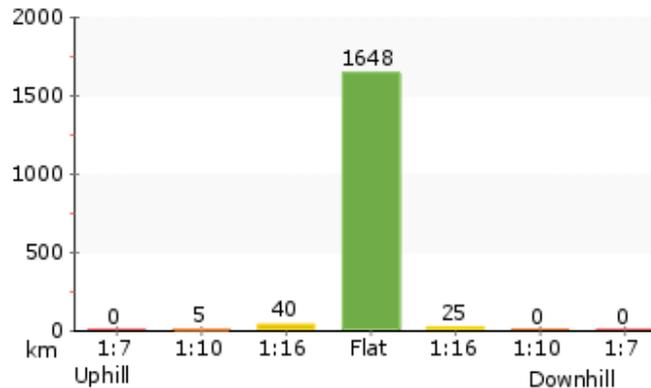
## Surface

The main spine of this walk follows an old asphalt road, that is now a compressed gravel trail for about half the length. Some section become boggy after rain.

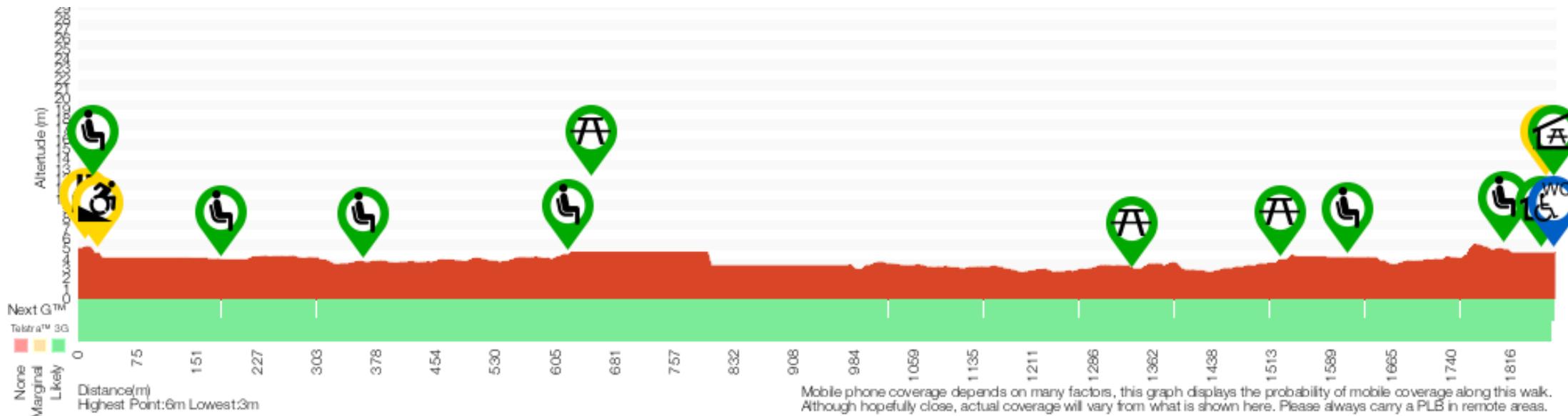
## Steepness

This walk is flat with short hills less than 1:12 steep.

This graph shows how steep the track is.



Grade 2/6 Easy track	
<b>Length</b>	1.9 km One way
<b>Time</b>	45 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Clear and well formed track or trail (2/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Clearly signposted (1/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	No experience required (1/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Generally useful facilities (such as fenced cliffs and seats) (1/6)



Mobile phone coverage depends on many factors, this graph displays the probability of mobile coverage along this walk. Although hopefully close, actual coverage will vary from what is shown here. Please always carry a PLB in remote areas.



**1 Pinch Point (10m)**  
A 1.5m gap beside a normally locked (1m high) gate.



**2 Seat (20m)**  
Three timber bench seat, 55cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest.



**3 Wheelchair Steep (30m)**  
There is a 4m long moderately steep section across the dirt/grass between the trail and the boardwalk.



**4 Seat (180m)**  
A timber bench seat, 49cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest. Seat is about 5m from the trail over grass.



**5 Seat (360m)**  
A timber bench seat, 49cm high, 19cm deep and 2.3m wide with no arm or backrest. About 10m over grass to seat from the trail.



**6 Seat (620m)**  
Three timber slat bench seats in a roofed shelter (4x4m), seats are 44cm high, 29cm deep and 2m wide with 40cm high fence as backrest. Entrance is 1.7m wide with a 7cm step.



**7 Potable Water (620m)**  
Tank water (treating water is recommended before use). Tap is 60cm high with gap of 1m between tap and shelter, there is a 9cm step to access the concrete slab.



**8 Picnic Table (650m)**  
A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab beside trail.



**9 Picnic Table (1340m)**  
Two timber slat picnic tables and bench seats. The tables are 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab 4m from trail.



**10 Picnic Table (1520m)**  
A timber slat picnic table and bench seat. The table is 86cm high, 70cm deep and 1.8m wide. The seats are 47cm high, 22cm deep and 1.8m wide (no backrest). With some shade from a tree, on a (4.2x4.2m) concrete slab 4m from trail.



**11 Seat (1610m)**  
A timber bench seat, 53cm high, 19cm deep and 1.9m wide with no arm or backrest.



**12 Seat (1810m)**  
Three sandstone bench seats, 57cm high, 40cm deep and 2.05m wide with no arm or backrest.



**13 Picnic Shelter (1850m)**  
A timber slat picnic table and bench seat under roof. The table is 79cm high, 73cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 44cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest). The table is on a (6x6m) concrete slab.



**14 Potable Water (1850m)**  
Water tank beside picnic shelter. Treat water before use. Tap 60cm high on concrete slab.



### **15 Pinch Point (1860m)**

Plastic bollard pinch points around the edge of the carpark. The largest gap between the bollard is 1.3m, 90cm high.



### **16 Potable Water (1870m)**

Water tank beside picnic shelter. Treat water before use. Tap 60cm high on concrete slab.



### **17 Picnic Shelter (1870m)**

A timber slat picnic table and bench seat under roof. The table is 79cm high, 92cm deep and 2.1m wide. The seats are 46cm high, 28cm deep and 2.1m wide (no backrest). The table is on a (6x6m) concrete slab. There is a second similar table opposite not in a shelter.



### **18 Toilet Accessible (1870m)**

Shared male/female accessible toilet. Entrance is 85cm wide, no hand basin, toilet seat 47cm high with a 87cm high handrail, in a 3x2m room.