



Stringybark Ridge loop via Bellamy St



1 hr 45 mins

Hard track

4.2 km Circuit

125m

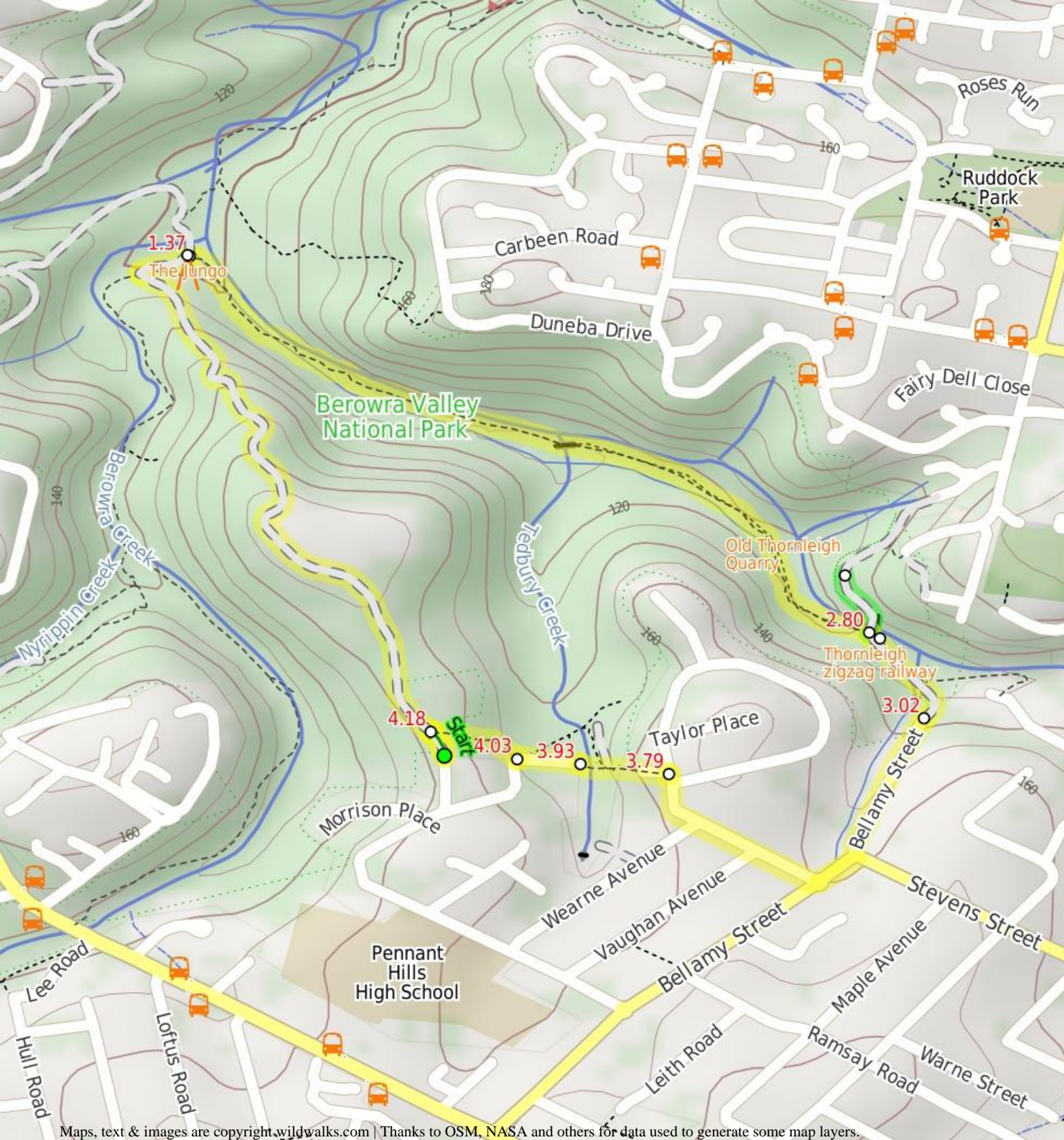


A really nice loop walk in a corner of Berowra Valley Regional Park. The walk starts and finishes at the end of Schofield Pde, Pennant Hills. The scenery includes nice forest while going down Stringybark ridge and beautiful scenes along Zig Zag creek, as well as an optional side trip to see the remnants of the historic Thornleigh Quarry and Zig Zag railway.

98m

176m

Berowra Valley 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 End of Schofield Parade (gps: -33.7295, 151.062). 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/srlvbs>

0 | End of Schofield Parade

(1.4 km 27 mins) From the end of Schofield Parade, the walk follows the 'Stringybark Ridge' management trail for a short distance to reach an intersection just before a locked gate.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk passes around a gate and follows the 'Stringybark Ridge' management trail. At the car park, beside the old pony club grounds, the walk bends to the left, passing around another gate, and continues around the cleared grounds (keeping them to the right). At the intersection behind the grounds (marked with a 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign), the walk turns left, following the management trail down the hill. The walk descends, steeply in places, and immediately after a steep concrete section, arrives at the intersection (red Great North Walk track marker at the bush track to the left).

Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the management trail down the hill, soon arriving at 'The Jungo'.

1.37 | The Jungo

The Jungo is a relatively small clearing and campsite near the junction of Berowra and ZigZag Creeks at a well signposted intersection. There is often water in the creeks (treat well before drinking) but there are no facilities. Speculation on the source of the name 'Jungo' includes the Aussie tendency to abbreviate words ('Junction' gets corrupted to 'jung-o' etc) as well as a possible derivation from one of a few similar sounding aboriginal words.

1.37 | The Jungo

(1.4 km 25 mins) Veer right: From the intersection at the Jungo, this walk follows the 'Bellamy Street' Great North Walk sign through the campsite and along the pleasant track, leading into, then through, the ferny forest for about 700m before crossing a

side creek on a timber bridge. The track then continues in a similar manner for another 700m, coming to a T-intersection with a concrete bike track, beside a large bridge (over Zigzag Creek, on your left) where a sign points back along the 'Great North Walk'.

2.8 | Optional sidetrip to Thornleigh Quarry

(140 m 3 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, the walk crosses the 'Zig Zag Creek' bridge, following the 'Historic Quarry' arrow and climbs steeply up the hill on the concrete management trail. The walk soon arrives in front of the old Thornleigh Quarry, marked with a plaque on a large stone. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

2.8 | Old Thornleigh Quarry

The old Thornleigh Quarry is located on the Heritage Trail in Thornleigh. The quarry dates back to 1883 and was initially a source of 'ballast' for portions of the Sydney (Homebush) to Newcastle (Waratah) rail link. A book is available with some detail on this quarry and the associated zigzag railway: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

2.8 | Thornleigh zigzag railway

The Thornleigh zigzag railway originally ran from the main rail line near Thornleigh to an historic quarry, near present day De Saxe Cl, Thornleigh. There are only minor fragments still visible today. The 'Heritage Trail' in Thornleigh has interpretive signs for the railway and the old Thornleigh Quarry. A book is available with some detail on railway and associated quarry: 'Sydney's Forgotten Quarry Railways' by John Oakes, ISBN 0 9757870 3 9

2.8 | Zig Zag Creek Bridge int

(230 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the concrete trail up the hill, away from Zig Zag Creek and the bridge. Just after crossing over the culverted creek (with green side rails), this walk comes to an intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign (with a narrower track on the left). A sign points back down the hill to 'The Jungo'.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the concrete management trail up the hill, passing around a gate and arriving at the end of Bellamy St. There is a picnic table just before the gate and a tap at the end of Bellamy St.

3.02 | End of Bellamy St

(770 m 14 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Bellamy St, the walk follows Bellamy St, then turns right into Thorn St and continues to the intersection with Redgum Ave.

3.79 | Int of Redgum Ave and Thorn St

(140 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection of Thorn St and Redgum Ave, the walk follows Redgum Ave down the hill,

continuing over the grassed area when the asphalt ends. From the clearing at the bottom of the hill, the walk continues on the narrow bush track, almost directly under the lower set of power lines running down Redgum Ave. After crossing the small creek, the walk arrives at the end of the next asphalted section of Redgum Ave.

3.93 | End of Redgum Ave west

(100 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the end of this section of Redgum Ave, the walk follows Redgum Ave for a short distance, keeping the houses to the left until reaching the point where the road bends sharply to the left (intersection with Laurence St).

4.03 | Int of Laurence St and Redgum Ave

(160 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, the walk follows the bush track from the back of a small parking bay at the bend in Redgum Ave (actually the intersection with Laurence St). The walk follows the bush track 'diagonally away (north-west) from' the intersection of Redgum Ave and Laurence St. and comes to an intersection with an asphalted management trail.

4.18 | Int of Stringybark Ridge trail and Redgum Ave acce

(60 m 1 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intesection, whilst looking away from the locked gate, the walk follows the asphalted management trail (south), soon arriving at the end of Schofield Pde.