

The Bluff Track



30 mins

Moderate track

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986 m Return

▲ 23m

This short return walk starts from the end of Grattan Crescent, Frenchs Forest and follows the service trails along the Bluff Track to the spectacular lookout perched above Bantry Bay. There is an optional side trip down the into the valley to the Natural Bridge, which is a interesting natural rock archway bridging a creek.

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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 End of Grattan Crescent (gps: -33.763, 151.2294) 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 including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/tbt>

0 | End of Grattan Crescent

(290 m 5 mins) From the end of the road, this walk heads through the large metal gate and past the 'Garigal National Park' sign, continuing south-west along the management trail until coming to an intersection with a track, signposted as the 'Natural Bridge Track'.

0.29 | Optional sidetrip to Natural Bridge

(500 m 15 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Natural Bridge Track along the bush track, heading away from the service trails for a short distance before coming to the intersection of the Currie Road Oval bush track at the track marker.

Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the track marker along the bush track, heading west through the bush for a short distance to a large rock outcrop. From here, the walk continues along the defined bush track, winding down the long and sometimes steep rocky hill, into the valley. The vegetation gradually gets thicker, until this walk comes down to a wide rock arch crossing a creek - the Natural Bridge. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Continue straight.

0.29 | 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.

0.29 | Int of Bluff and Natural Bridge Tracks

(210 m 4 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the Bluff Track signpost along the service trail, heading south-east through the bush for a short while before coming to the intersection with an unsignposted track on the left, which heads through the bush.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail (with the bush track on the left) heading south through the bush for a while before it comes to the Bluff Lookout at the signposted intersection of "The Bay Track", looking down on Bantry Bay and the magazine buildings.

0.49 | Bluff Lookout

The Bluff is a large, unfenced rocky hilltop, in Garigal National Park, that provides great views up Middle Harbour. The views extend across the bushland of the National Park, along Bantry Bay, to the city of Sydney (You can even see Centrepoint Tower). Apart from the distant views, the bluff is also an interesting rock feature, with a number of caves containing honeycomb rock formations.

