

Bouddi Coastal Walk



5 hrs **Hard track**

8.1 km One way **▲ 364m**

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This is one of the longer walks in the Bouddi National Park and it is rich in scenery. The walk follows the coastline with many side trips to lookouts, beaches and even a shipwreck. This walk makes a wonderful one way trip from Graham Drive down to Putty Beach, with views around every corner.

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Bouddi National Park

Little Beach

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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 Hunter District](#))
- 2) Fire Dangers ([Greater Sydney Region](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Bouddi 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:91301N BROKEN BAY

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

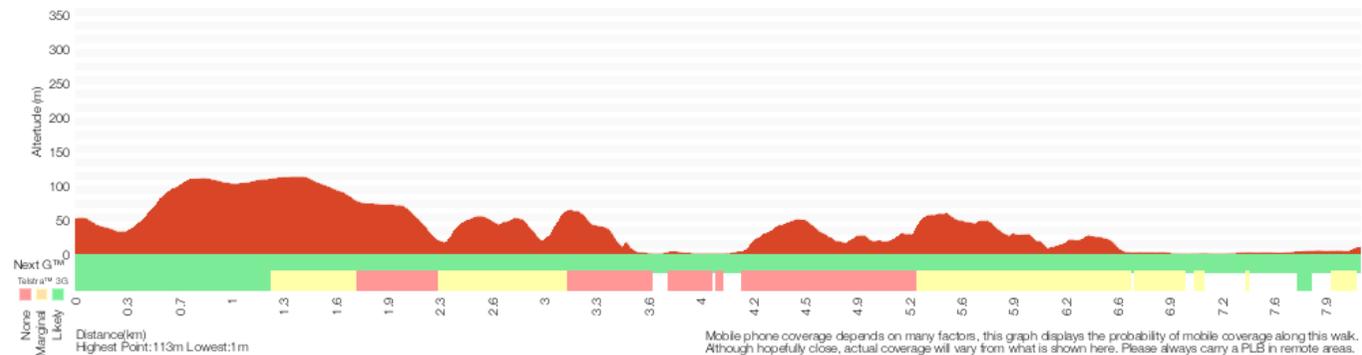
Grade

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	8.1 km One way
Time	5 hrs
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	No experience required (1/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



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 Traveling by car is the only practical way to get to Grahame Dr car park (gps: -33.5099, 151.4123). Car: There is free parking available.

Traveling by car is the only practical way to get back from Putty Beach car park (gps: -33.531, 151.3607). 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/bcw>

0 | Grahame Dr car park

(280 m 5 mins) From the car park, this walk follows the 'Little Beach' sign along the management trail, passing around a gate. The walk heads down the hill, crosses a creek, and climbs up the hill out of the gully. The walk then winds down to a signposted intersection, with a bush track to the right.

0.28 | Optional sidetrip to Little Beach

(320 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, following the 'Little Beach 200m' sign. After approximately 300m, the walk comes to Little Beach campsite and continues to the point where the creek meets the beach. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

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0.28 | Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk

(460 m 15 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the 'Maitland Bay' sign. The track winds up the hill, tending left along a white sandy section of track, then continues through the scrub for approximately 300m to the signposted intersection in a large sandy clearing.

0.73 | Sandy Clearing Little Beach Access Trail Int.

(1.3 km 23 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bombi Point' arrow along the sandy track, going down the hill. The track winds down the hill for some time before climbing to the signposted intersection.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, keeping the sea far on the left of the track. The trail continues down to a large sandy area marked by a 'Little Beach car park' sign. Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the management trail down the hill, in the opposite direction to the Little Beach car park. The trail winds down the spur for some time, then straightens out and continues for a while before ending in a larger clear area, signposted 'Bouddi Coastal Walk'.

2 | End of Caves Bay management trail

(1.2 km 33 mins) Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill and keeping the ocean to the left. The walk then descends and climbs steeply, with numerous steps, crossing two creeks, before coming to a third creek crossing with a wooden bridge. From the bridge, the walk climbs to the top of the stairs then continues along the hillside to the signposted intersection.

3.17 | Optional sidetrip to Bouddi Lookout

(350 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Bouddi' arrow up the hill. The walk climbs many steps to the lookout, at the top of a small rocky hill. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer right.

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3.17 | Int. Bouddi Coastal Trk and Dingeldei Picnic Trail

(390 m 13 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill. After a while, the walk drops into a clearing, on the saddle between the headland and the spur, and turns right, going down some steep steps to the beach.

3.56 | Optional sidetrip to S.S. Maitland Shipwreck

(310 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the cliff line out towards the sea, beneath the rocky headland. The walk heads over rocks and boulders, to the rock flats at the point. Here lies the S.S.Maitland shipwreck. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

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3.56 | Eastern corner of Maitland Beach

(600 m 10 mins) Turn right: From the eastern end of the beach, this walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the left. The walk continues along the beach to an area where a creek has cut its way through the sand. Continue straight: From the creek, this walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean on the left. The walk leads to the base of some paved steps, which

lead up the hill away from the beach.

4.16 | Maitland Beach West End

(250 m 6 mins) Veer right: From the western end of Maitland Beach, the walk follows the paved track up the hill at the point marked by the sign. The track winds its way up the hill then straightens out before the signposted intersection.

4.4 | Int. of Maitland Bay Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk

(1.7 km 38 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the track marked by the 'Bouddi Coastal Walk' sign. The track goes over many rises with steps, and crosses fenced bridges over the valleys between. This continues for some time, until the track arrives in a clearing before a fenced lookout, Gerrin Point.

Turn right: From Gerrin Point lookout, this walk follows the track down the hill, keeping the water below on the left. The track continues along steps and boardwalks, following the hillside to the sign posted intersection.

6.06 | Optional sidetrip to Bullimah Beach

(140 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the boardwalk track following the 'Bullimah Beach' sign. The walk follows the boardwalk staircase down to the beach below. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

6.06 | Bullimah Beach

Bullimah Beach, Bouddi National Park, is a small, yellow sand beach pressed into Gerrin Point headland and the surrounding cliffs. The beach is south-west facing, with views over the South Pacific Ocean to the Barrenjoey and Avalon headlands.

6.06 | Int. of Bullimah Beach Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk

(880 m 18 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the edge of the headland following the railed pathway, with the ocean below on the left. As the track rounds the headland to Putty Beach, it passes a red rock area and continues down to a staircase onto the beach. The walk then heads approximately 150m along the beach, to where the creek has cut through the sand.

Continue straight: From the creek, this walk heads west along the beach, keeping the water on the left. After approximately 200m, the walk reaches a spot on the beach opposite a white-roofed building behind the dunes, just before another wide (dry) creek entry.

6.94 | Optional sidetrip to Putty Beach Camping Area

(90 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the beach, this walk heads away from the ocean towards the white-roofed building behind the beach. The track winds along the fenced sandy track to Putty Beach camping area. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

6.94 | Putty Beach Camping Area

Putty Beach camping area is a spacious, grassed area with easy access to the beach. The campsite is also home to many Brush Turkeys. Facilities include drinking water, flush toilets, open-air showers, rubbish bins, BBQ's (gas/electric). Wood fires not permitted. Campsites must be booked in peak periods, up to 3 months in advance. They can be booked by phoning (02) 4320 4203. A campsite costs \$14/ adult (16+) and \$7/child (5-15). Park Entry and parking: Parking and entry costs \$7/ 24 hours. Single park entry passes can be picked up from Killcare Cellars and General Store - 56 Araluen Drive, Killcare. Alternatively they can be obtained from ticket dispensers in the Picnic and Camping Areas. General enquiries - call DECC Central Coast (02) 4320 4200 or 4329 4280.

6.94 | Putty Beach Camping Area Trk

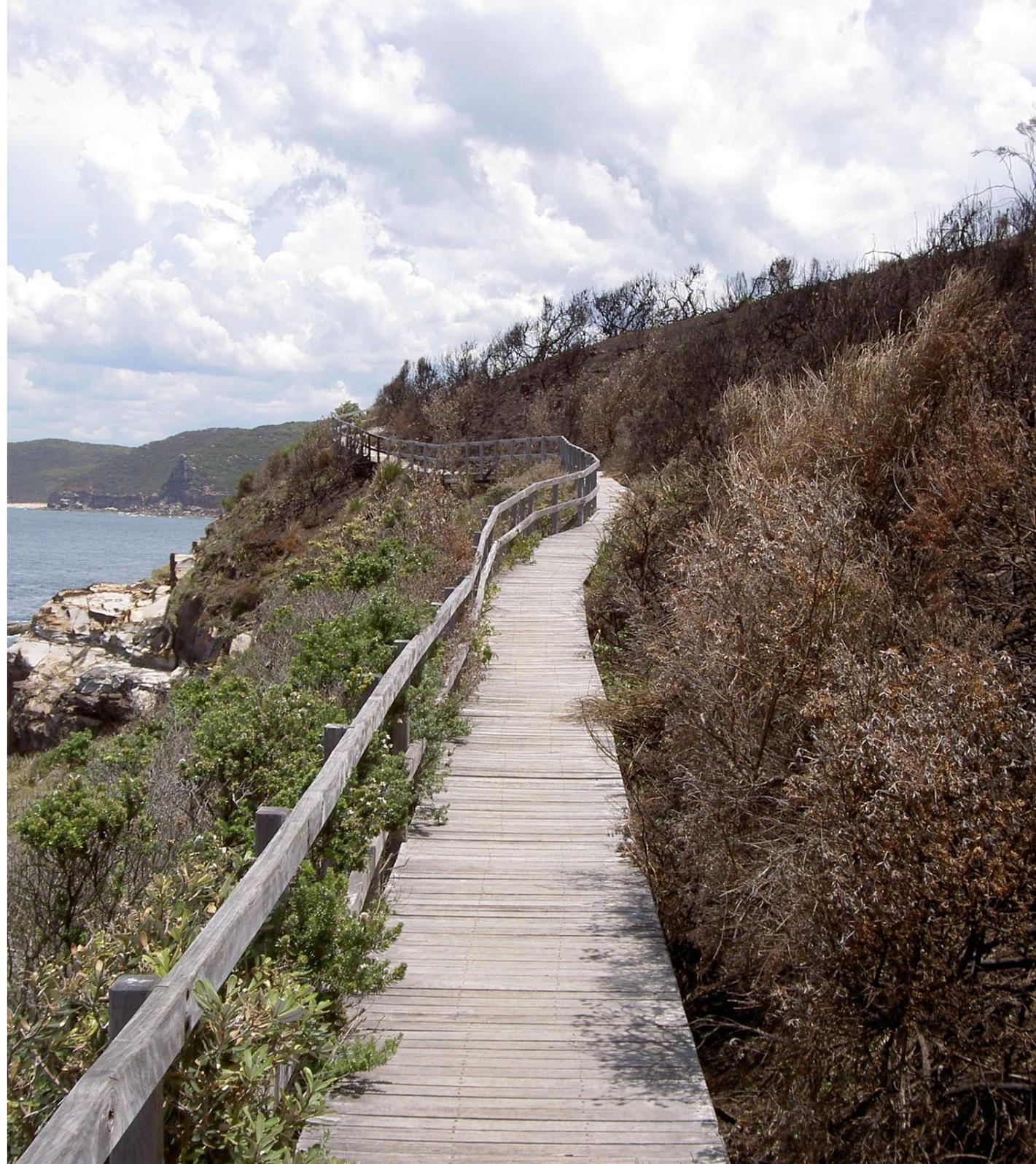
(1.1 km 18 mins) Continue straight: From a spot on the beach opposite a white-roofed building behind the dunes, this walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the left. The walk continues past numerous beach access routes, on the right, until it comes to the lifeguard tower (near the car park).

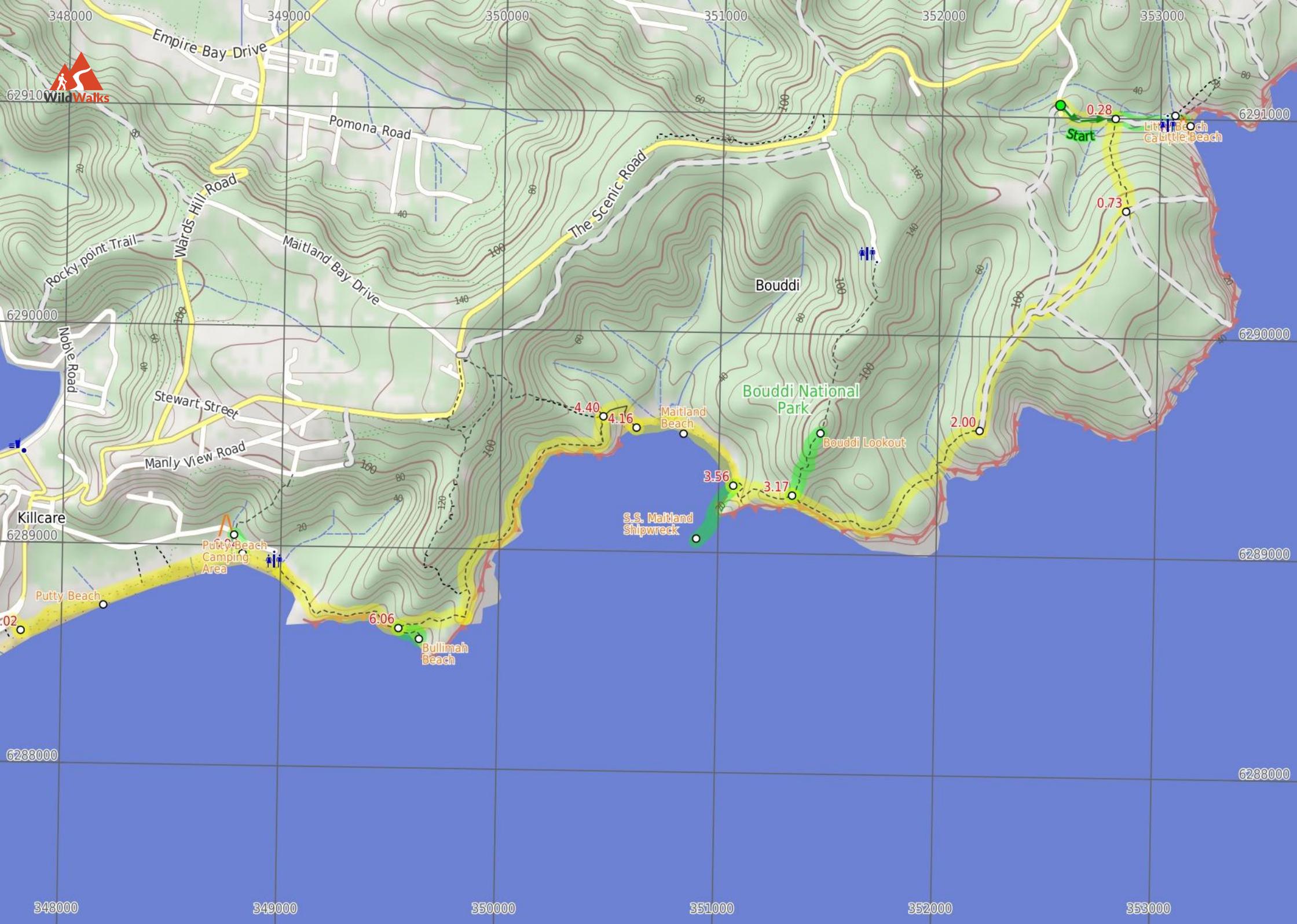
8.02 | Putty Beach

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.

8.02 | Putty Beach

(60 m 1 mins) Turn right: From the beach, this walk heads up the hill along a stony path, to the car park behind the beach.





Summary navigation sheet for the Bouddi Coastal Walk



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Grahame Dr car park -33.5099,151.4123 (GR Broken Bay, 525911)	1 -20	280 m 5 mins	From the car park, this walk follows the 'Little Beach' sign along the management trail, passing around a gate.
0.28	Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk -33.5104,151.4151 (GR Broken Bay, 528910)	0 -26	320 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Little Beach. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill, following the 'Little Beach 200m' sign.
0.28	Int. Bouddi Trail Access and Little Beach Trk -33.5104,151.4151 (GR Broken Bay, 528910)	77 0	460 m 15 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the 'Maitland Bay' sign.
0.73	Sandy Clearing Little Beach Access Trail Int. -33.5142,151.4156 (GR Broken Bay, 528906)	13 -50	1.3 km 23 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Bombi Point' arrow along the sandy track, going down the hill.
2.00	End of Caves Bay management trail -33.5232,151.4083 (GR Broken Bay, 522896)	96 -105	1.2 km 33 mins	Turn right: From the clearing, this walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill and keeping the ocean to the left.
3.17	Int. Bouddi Trail and Dingeldei Picnic Trail -33.5259,151.3991 (GR Broken Bay, 513893)	56 0	350 m 8 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bouddi Lookout. Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Bouddi' arrow up the hill.
3.17	Int. Bouddi Coastal Trk and Dingeldei Picnic Trail -33.5259,151.3991 (GR Broken Bay, 513893)	7 -67	390 m 13 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Maitland Bay' arrow along the bush track, going down the hill.
3.56	Eastern corner of Maitland Beach -33.5255,151.3962 (GR Broken Bay, 511893)	14 -15	310 m 7 mins	Optional sidetrip to S.S. Maitland Shipwreck. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the cliff line out towards the sea, beneath the rocky headland.
3.56	Eastern corner of Maitland Beach -33.5255,151.3962 (GR Broken Bay, 511893)	7 -6	600 m 10 mins	Turn right: From the eastern end of the beach, this walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the left.
4.16	Maitland Beach West End -33.5231,151.3914 (GR Broken Bay, 506896)	39 0	250 m 6 mins	Veer right: From the western end of Maitland Beach, the walk follows the paved track up the hill at the point marked by the sign.
4.40	Int. of Maitland Bay Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5226,151.3898 (GR Broken Bay, 505896)	80 -104	1.7 km 38 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the hill, following the track marked by the 'Bouddi Coastal Walk' sign.
6.06	Int. of Bullimah Beach Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5313,151.3797 (GR Broken Bay, 495886)	2 -12	140 m 3 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bullimah Beach. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads down the boardwalk track following the 'Bullimah Beach' sign.
6.06	Int. of Bullimah Beach Trk and Bouddi Coastal Walk -33.5313,151.3797 (GR Broken Bay, 495886)	28 -47	880 m 18 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads along the edge of the headland following the railed pathway, with the ocean below on the left.
6.94	Putty Beach Camping Area Trk -33.5282,151.372 (GR Broken Bay, 488890)	1 0	90 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Putty Beach Camping Area. Turn right: From the beach, this walk heads away from the ocean towards the white-roofed building behind the beach.
6.94	Putty Beach Camping Area Trk -33.5282,151.372 (GR Broken Bay, 488890)	10 -6	1.1 km 18 mins	Continue straight: From a spot on the beach opposite a white-roofed building behind the dunes, this walk heads along the beach, keeping the ocean to the left.
8.02	Putty Beach -33.5314,151.3611 (GR Broken Bay, 478886)	6 0	60 m 1 mins	Turn right: From the beach, this walk heads up the hill along a stony path, to the car park behind the beach.