

Currie Rd Track to Ferguson St via Magazine Buildings and Davidson Park



4 hrs 30 mins **Hard track**

11.2 km One way **↑ 575m**



Starting at Currie Road in Forestville, this walk explores much of the northern shore of Middle Harbour Creek. There are some great side trips, in particular to Natural Bridge and to Flat Rock Beach. Davidson Picnic area has great facilities if you are looking for a BBQ picnic lunch, otherwise there are some quieter spots like Flat Rock Beach for your snacks.

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Garigal National Park

Natural Bridge

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Bantry Bay View

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Flat Rock Beach

Flat Rock Beach is a small, south-facing beach on Middle Harbour, in Garigal National Park. The sand is deposited on a rock shelf that pokes through in places, forming interesting sculptures. The beach is frequented by walkers and boaters enjoying their day by the water. The beach can be accessed by a bush track from the end of Killarney Drive, Killarney Heights. Historically, the beach was a popular picnic area and serviced by a ferry in the early 1900's. Today, there are no facilities, but some shade is provided by the trees at the back of the beach.

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](#))
- 3) Park Alerts ([Garigal 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 One way
Time	4 hrs 30 mins
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Directional signs along the way (3/6)
Experience Required	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
Weather	Weather generally has little impact on safety (1/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



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.

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 Start of Currie Road service trail (gps: -33.7601, 151.2247) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from End of Ferguson St (gps: -33.7566, 151.2105) by car or bus. 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/crttfsymbadp>

0 | Start of Currie Road service trail

(560 m 10 mins) From the intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and along the service trail for a short distance before coming to some power lines. This trail follows the power lines through the bush, winding along beside the telegraph poles for a little while before coming to the intersection with the service trail that heads up the hill to the right.

0.56 | Int of Currie Road and Cannons Parade service trail

(350 m 6 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat service trail heading south, in the opposite direction of the closest telegraph pole, winding alongside the power lines for a little while. The trail then breaks away from the power lines, heading through thicker vegetation until it comes to the signposted intersection of the Natural Bridge Track.

0.91 | Optional sidetrip to Natural Bridge

(250 m 6 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Natural Bridge' sign along the bush track, heading down the rocky hill which steepens as it winds down a few sets of wooden steps. The track then flattens out to a gentle descent, and winds down through the bush until coming to a wide stone arch referred to as the Natural Bridge, crossing a creek that feeds into Bantry Bay. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

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0.91 | Int of Natural Bridge and Currie Road Tracks

(180 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the H/H walker on the 'Currie Road Track' sign south, along the service trail. The track soon comes to a four-way intersection with a large gum tree in the centre.

1.09 | Optional sidetrip to Bantry Bay View

(1.2 km 22 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading south east, gently down hill. The track gently winds down the hill passing some interesting rocky outcrops along the way. As the track starts to steepen it passes two service trails on the left (same track looping around), then becomes steeper before coming to an end at a small clearing (with a bush track heading down to the water).

Continue straight: From the end of the service trail, this walk follows the bush track down the rocky path for a short distance to the waters edge where there is a great view of Bantry Bay from the rocky shoreline. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

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1.09 | Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks

(730 m 13 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading through the dense vegetation. After a little while, the track starts to zigzag down the rocky hill and through the bush until it flattens out and crosses Bates Creek. The walk then turns left and continues through the bush, meandering along the flat bush track until coming to the signposted intersection with the Magazine Track.

1.82 | Int of Magazine Track and Tipperary Road service t

(1.1 km 27 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Magazine Track' sign along the wide, flat trail which winds around behind some houses (on the right). The track continues along a narrower, rocky bush track which steadily winds down a long hill to the bottom of the valley, where it flattens out just above the water. From here, the walk continues along the bush track, winding up and down along the side of the hill until it follows a track marker up to the magazine buildings' fence line. The track runs parallel to this fence as it heads along to an open, square concrete tank just off to the left of the track, from which the roofs of the magazine buildings and Middle Harbour Creek are both visible.

2.97 | Bantry Bay Explosives Magazine complex

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2.97 | Back of Magazine Buildings

(1.1 km 23 mins) Continue straight: From the open concrete tank, this walk follows the bush track, with the ground sloping up to the right, as it heads down a short rocky hill. The track flattens out and follows the fence line to the end, where it turns left and continues down the rocky hill, along the bush track running parallel to a shorter fence. Soon, the track turns right and leaves the fence line. The walk follows the bush track heading away from the buildings and down the rocky hill, to the waters edge where it continues along the side of the hill, following Middle Harbour Creek for a long while. In time, the track winds around behind a small beach to the intersection of a narrow bush track heading down a short hill on the left.

4.02 | Optional sidetrip to Flat Rock Beach

(30 m 1 mins) Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow bush track heading down the hill to the small beach at the bottom. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

4.02 | Flat Rock Beach

Flat Rock Beach is a small, south-facing beach on Middle Harbour, in Garigal National Park. The sand is deposited on a rock shelf that pokes through in places, forming interesting sculptures. The beach is frequented by walkers and boaters enjoying their day by the water. The beach can be accessed by a bush track from the end of Killarney Drive, Killarney Heights. Historically, the beach was a popular picnic area and serviced by a ferry in the early 1900's. Today, there are no facilities, but some shade is provided by the trees at the back of the beach.

4.02 | Int of Magazine and Flat Rock Beach Tracks

(190 m 5 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track with the ground sloping up to the right, heading up the wooden steps. The track flattens out and turns right, following the track marker through the bush and up the rocky hill, using the spread-out sets of wooden steps. The walk comes to an intersection and a signpost for the 'Magazine Track'.

4.21 | Int of Flat Rock and Magazine Tracks

(1.5 km 39 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Flat Rock Track' sign along the bush track heading down the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the right. The walk winds down the rocky track for a little while, before flattening out as it passes by a small pipeline and then continues along the side of the hill. The track meanders through the bush for a while before coming to the four-way intersection with a bush track (which heads up the rocky hill to the right, and down to a private property at the bottom of the hill on the left).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track along the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the right. The track meanders through the dense bushland, occasionally catching a nice view over Middle Harbour Creek down to the left, and continues to the intersection of a rough service trail on the right, which heads uphill.

5.75 | Int of Downpatrick Road Servicetrail and Flat Rock

(690 m 16 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track along the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the right as it heads through the bush. The walk stays above Middle Harbour Creek for a while before it drops down a steep set of wooden steps to the intersection with the Davidson Park driveway, at a wooden picnic seat.

6.44 | Int of Davidson Park driveway and Flat Rock Track

(920 m 16 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat driveway towards the Roseville Bridge, heading under a pipe bridge and coming to the intersection with the driveway to Davidson Park.

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Davidson Park driveway, crossing under Roseville Bridge with Middle Harbour Creek on the left. The walk passes a small car park and bends to the right, winding around the large picnic areas (on the left), passing a building with some toilets (also on the left), and continuing along for a little while before coming to the signposted intersection of the Rotary Rotunda footpath.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the road, keeping the park and Middle Harbour on the left. After a little while, this walk comes to the signposted intersection at the bottom of the 'Casuarina Stairway', uphill on the right.

7.36 | Davidson picnic area

Davidson Picnic Area is in Garigal National Park, under Roseville Bridge (access via Warringah Road, south bound lanes, or via many walking tracks in the area). The picnic area has a boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible toilets, large open grassy areas, picnic tables, free electric BBQ's, and a large rotunda. There are plenty of shady spots provided by the trees. The northern

section of the picnic area has a small beach swimming area, and the southern section boasts a boat ramp. The park is open 6am to 8pm (6:30pm outside daylight savings time). Ticket machines are provided to pay the car access fee.

7.36 | Bottom of the Casuarina Steps

(130 m 2 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Casuarina Stairway up the long wooden staircase, climbing the long hill to the top where it comes to the lookout (and a bush track continuing along the side of the hill).

7.49 | Casuarina Lookout

(1.7 km 46 mins) Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track, meandering along the side of the hill for a little while before it climbs up a short but steep rocky hill. The walk flattens out again and continues along the side of the hill for a while before crossing a small stream at some boulders. After the stream crossing, this walk climbs up a small hill and across a few rock platforms as it starts to undulate along the side of the hill. It then passes under some power lines, and climbs steeply up the hill to the large power line tower, which it passes around (keeping the tower to the right), to the intersection of the Boree Road service trail at the Casuarina Track sign.

9.23 | Int of Casuarina Track and Boree Road service trail

(1.4 km 34 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track opposite the service trail, heading north away from the power line tower and along the rocky bush track. The walk undulates up and down the side of the hill for a while before coming to a large rocky outcrop. After this, the track starts to wind down the long hill, until it flattens out again and passes under a long rock overhang, then continues down the side of the hill until it comes down to the signposted intersection of the 'Carrol Creek Track' at the end of a service trail, and at the top of some concrete stairs.

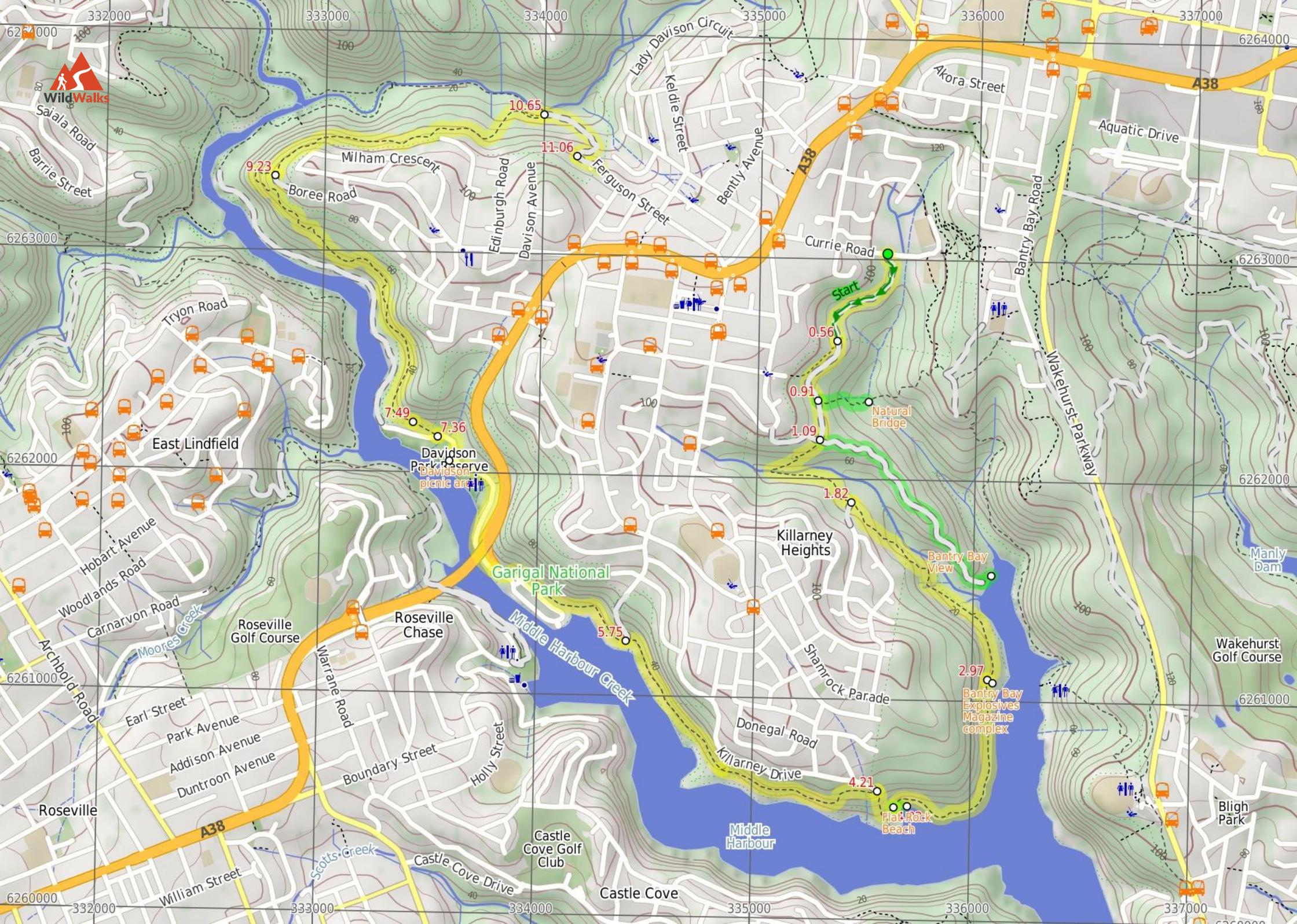
10.65 | Int of Casuarina and Carroll Creek Tracks

(410 m 11 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading up the long gentle hill which progressively steepens as it passes a short loop trail on the right, and winds up to the intersection with an asphalt service trail. (Note: The National Parks Depot is just down the hill along the asphalt trail to the right)

11.06 | Int of Carrol Crk and Northern Beaches Area Depot

(120 m 1 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the driveway, crossing under the power lines and passing the 'Northern Beaches Area Office and Depot' on the right (and a small car park on the left). Not much further up, the driveway passes through a white gate and comes to the end of Ferguson Rd, Forestville.





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km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Start of Currie Road service trail -33.7601,151.2247 (GR Parramatta River, 356630)	10 -16	560 m 10 mins	From the intersection, this walk heads through the metal gate and along the service trail for a short distance before coming to some power lines.
0.56	Int of Currie Road and Cannons Parade service trails -33.7637,151.2222 (GR Parramatta River, 354626)	5 -12	350 m 6 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat service trail heading south, in the opposite direction of the closest telegraph pole, winding alongside the power lines for a little while.
0.91	Int of Natural Bridge and Currie Road Tracks -33.7661,151.2212 (GR Parramatta River, 353624)	0 -39	250 m 6 mins	Optional sidetrip to Natural Bridge. Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Natural Bridge' sign along the bush track, heading down the rocky hill which steepens as it winds down a few sets of wooden steps.
0.91	Int of Natural Bridge and Currie Road Tracks -33.7661,151.2212 (GR Parramatta River, 353624)	5 -1	180 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the H/H walker on the 'Currie Road Track' sign south, along the service trail.
1.09	Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks -33.7677,151.2213 (GR Parramatta River, 353622)	7 -89	1.2 km 22 mins	Optional sidetrip to Bantry Bay View. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail heading south east, gently down hill.
1.09	Int of Bates Creek and Currie Rd tracks -33.7677,151.2213 (GR Parramatta River, 353622)	5 -35	730 m 13 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track, heading through the dense vegetation.
1.82	Int of Magazine Track and Tipperary Road service trail -33.7703,151.2229 (GR Parramatta River, 354619)	45 -79	1.1 km 27 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Magazine Track' sign along the wide, flat trail which winds around behind some houses (on the right).
2.97	Back of Magazine Buildings -33.7776,151.2296 (GR Parramatta River, 361611)	44 -53	1.1 km 23 mins	Continue straight: From the open concrete tank, this walk follows the bush track, with the ground sloping up to the right, as it heads down a short rocky hill.
4.02	Int of Magazine and Flat Rock Beach Tracks -33.7828,151.2249 (GR Parramatta River, 357605)	0 -6	30 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Flat Rock Beach. Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the narrow bush track heading down the hill to the small beach at the bottom.
4.02	Int of Magazine and Flat Rock Beach Tracks -33.7828,151.2249 (GR Parramatta River, 357605)	36 0	190 m 5 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track with the ground sloping up to the right, heading up the wooden steps.
4.21	Int of Flat Rock and Magazine Tracks -33.7821,151.2241 (GR Parramatta River, 356606)	86 -116	1.5 km 39 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Flat Rock Track' sign along the bush track heading down the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the right.
5.75	Int of Downpatrick Road Servicetrail and Flat Rock Track -33.776,151.2117 (GR Parramatta River, 344612)	32 -41	690 m 16 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track along the side of the hill, with the ground sloping up to the right as it heads through the bush.
6.44	Int of Davidson Park driveway and Flat Rock Track -33.7733,151.2059 (GR Parramatta River, 339615)	14 -15	920 m 16 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat driveway towards the Roseville Bridge, heading under a pipe bridge and coming to the intersection with the driveway to Davidson Park.
7.36	Bottom of the Casuarina Steps -33.7676,151.2024 (GR Parramatta River, 335622)	9 0	130 m 2 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the Casuarina Stairway up the long wooden staircase, climbing the long hill to the top where it comes to the lookout (and a bush track continuing along the side o...
7.49	Casuarina Lookout -33.767,151.2012 (GR Parramatta River, 334622)	182 -111	1.7 km 46 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, this walk follows the bush track, meandering along the side of the hill for a little while before it climbs up a short but steep rocky hill.
9.23	Int of Casuarina Track and Boree Road service trail -33.7569,151.1944 (GR Parramatta River, 328633)	45 -101	1.4 km 34 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the bush track opposite the service trail, heading north away from the power line tower and along the rocky bush track.
10.65	Int of Casuarina and Carroll Creek Tracks -33.7544,151.2077 (GR Parramatta River, 340636)	51 0	410 m 11 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the service trail, heading up the long gentle hill which progressively steepens as it passes a short loop trail on the right, and winds up to the intersection wit...

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11.06	Int of Carrol Crk and Northern Beaches Area Depot Servicetrails -33.7561,151.2093 (GR Parramatta River, 342634)	6 -3	120 m 1 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk heads up the driveway, crossing under the power lines and passing the 'Northern Beaches Area Office and Depot' on the right (and a small car park on the left).