

## Girrakool to Woy Woy station via Mt Wondabyne



**8 hrs 30 mins**

**Hard track**

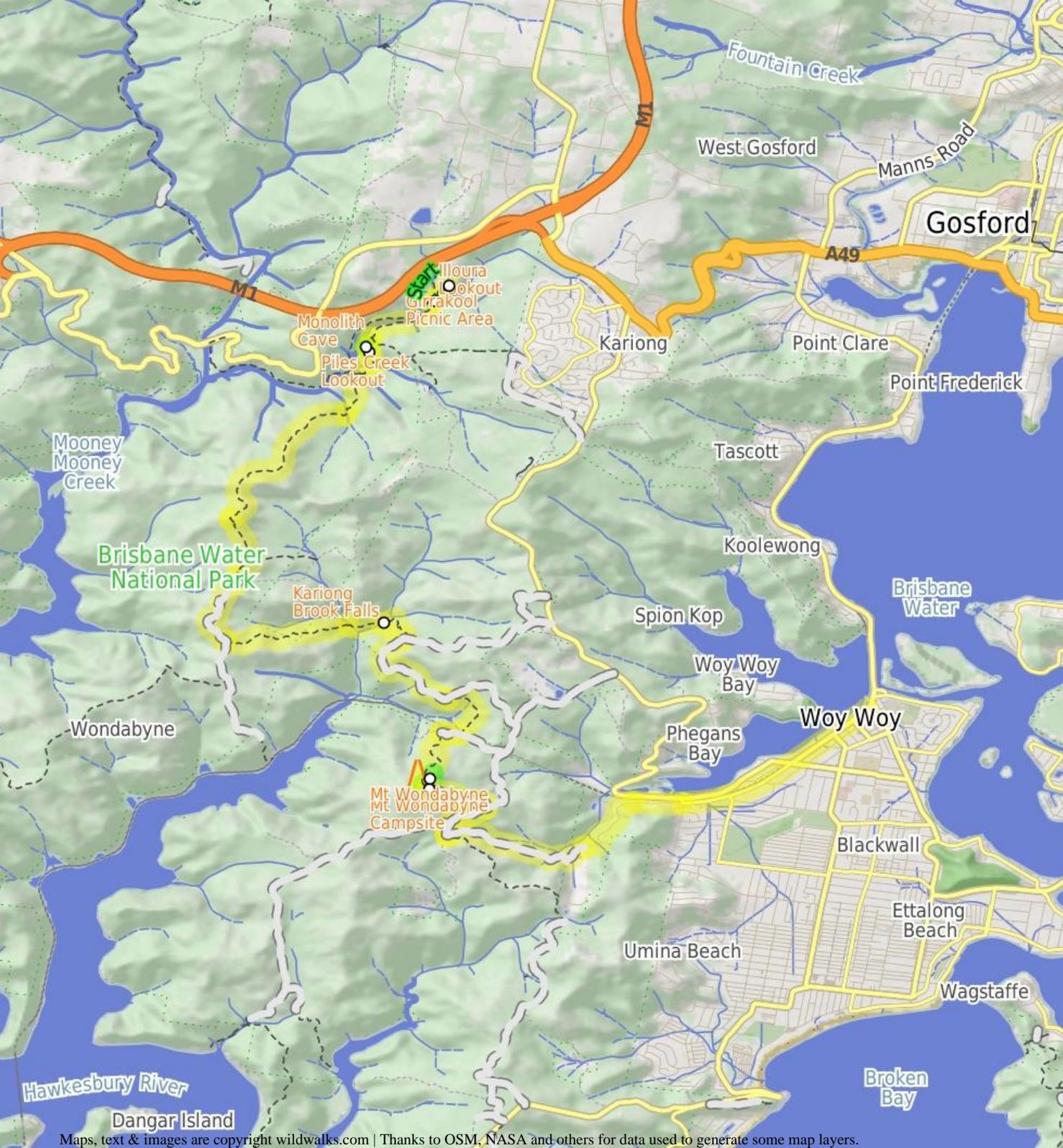
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**20.7 km One way**  **870m**

This long day-walk starts from the Girrakool picnic area and works its way south, alongside Piles creek and through the Brisbane Waters National Park. The walk climbs over Scopas Peak and passes the Kariong brook falls, before winding to the top of Mt Wondabyne and finishing at the Woy Woy train station, (passing the Woy Woy landfill site). If doing a car shuffle, you can park a car near the landfill and save the road section.

227m

Brisbane Water National Park



## Girrakool Picnic Area

Girrakool picnic area is a wonderful family destination, just 5 minutes' drive from Kariong. The picnic area provides all the necessary facilities for a full day's activities, including barbecues, tables, shelters, water and toilets. National Park fees apply. The main picnic area is on the eastern side of the car park, and smaller, older picnic area is at the north-eastern corner of the car park. The southern Girrakool picnic area is located near the toilets. The picnic area is dedicated to John 'Jack' Higgs, the first superintendent of Brisbane Water National Park, and Mrs Vera Murdoch, who provided the funds. 'Girrakool' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'place of still waters'. [More info.](#)

## Illoura Lookout

Illoura Lookout, Brisbane Water National Park, can be found a short walk south-west of the Girrakool picnic area, following the Great North Walk sign. This lookout provides a filtered view up and down the Leask and Piles Creek junction. There is a view of a waterfall from Piles Creek. Illoura is an Aboriginal word referring to a pleasant or peaceful place.

## Piles Creek Lookout

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## Monolith Cave

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## Kariong Brook Falls

This tranquil spot of the Great North Walk is home to some lovely falls and a water hole. The eastern side of the creek has a tall sandstone cave and wall. After rain these falls can become very spectacular, other times is a cool place to rest. A great spot to stop for a snack.

## 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 ([Brisbane Water 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:**91313S GUNDERMAN, 91312S GOSFORD, 91301N BROKEN BAY

**1:100 000 Map Series:**9131 GOSFORD, 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

<b>Length</b>	20.7 km One way
<b>Time</b>	8 hrs 30 mins
<b>Quality of track</b>	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
<b>Signs</b>	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
<b>Experience Required</b>	Some bushwalking experience recommended (3/6)
<b>Weather</b>	Storms may impact on navigation and safety (3/6)
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Limited facilities, not all cliffs are fenced (3/6)



### 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 Girrakool picnic area car park (gps: -33.4317, 151.2766). Car: A park entry fee is required for driving into the park.

You can get back from Woy Woy train station (gps: -33.4858, 151.3236) by car, train 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/gtwssymw>

### 0 | Girrakool Picnic Area

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### 0 | Girrakool picnic area car park

*(270 m 6 mins)* From the lower side of the car park, this walk follows the 'To The Great North Walk' sign down the path to the lower picnic area. The walk passes the toilet block (on the left) and comes to another picnic area. The path passes through this picnic area to turn right following the 'Piles Creek Loop Track' sign down the steps. The footpath then leads to an intersection with the Broula Lookout track (on the left) and a 'car park' sign pointing back up the hill.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Girrakool Loop' sign down along the stone path. The path soon heads down some steps and comes to a fenced and signposted 'Illoura Lookout'.

### 0.27 | Illoura Lookout

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### 0.27 | Illoura Lookout

*(70 m 2 mins)* Turn left: From Illoura Lookout, the walk follows the left-hand 'Piles Creek' and GNW arrow down the wooden steps (keeping the valley to the right). The track soon passes a 'Caution Low Water Level Crossing Only' sign and crosses Piles Creek using the concrete stepping stones (the creek may be impassable after rain). The track then opens up on an unfenced rock platform, at the top of the waterfall.

### 0.34 | Piles Creek Waterfall

*(1 km 25 mins)* Veer left: From the top of Piles Creek waterfall, this walk follows the track heading south away from the waterfall (keeping the big valley to the right). The clear track winds through the thick bush crossing a

few small tributaries and though four sandstone caves. The caves provide good shelter and a great spot to rest. The track then flattens out and comes to a 3-way intersection and a 'Girrakool' sign.

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk heads south along the wide track in the opposite direction of the 'Girrakool' sign. Soon the track heads down a short wooden staircase to the intersection at the bottom (Piles Creek Lookout visible to the right).

### 1.38 | Optional sidetrip to Piles Ck Lookout

*(20 m 1 mins)* Turn right: With the stairs to the right, this walk follows the short track to the fenced lookout. There are a few steps that then lead down the the lookout platform. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn right.

### 1.38 | Piles Creek Lookout

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### 1.38 | Int of Girrakool and Piles Ck lookout tracks

*(80 m 2 mins)* Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the steps and lookout to soon pass a rock wall. A short time later the track leads through the cleft in a rock to reveal a cave on the right.

### 1.46 | Monolith Cave

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### 1.46 | Monolith Cave

*(220 m 7 mins)* Continue straight: From the cave, this walk heads south following the track away from the rock to soon come to another large and interesting monolithic rock. Soon after this large rock the track starts to head down the hill to come to an old fenced lookout, looking over Rat Gully.

### 1.68 | Rat Gully Lookout

*(1 km 29 mins)* Continue straight: From the lookout, the track follows the bush track heading downhill. The track soon does a sharp left hand switch back (at the 'Girrakool' sign) and continues down to Rat Gully. The track then crosses the creek and boulder field following the cut steps (and passing the old bridge). On the other side the track heads right, under the fallen tree and then climbs up the hill. After a short meander through the bush the track drops down and crosses another gully (passing a sign pointing back to 'Girrakool') and coming to a 'Great North Walk' signpost and intersection.

Turn sharp left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Patonga Ferry' sign up the side of the gully, keeping the intermittent creek to your left. The track leads past a 'Patonga' sign then winds steeply up the hill for about 130m, through a cleft in the rock and past a few rock walls, and then the track mostly flattens out with some filtered distant views. The track continues gently uphill for another 300m, becoming progressively flatter before passing along the side of a long rock wall, with a tall sandstone overhang. The track then crosses a small gully and leads past another overhang, where the track begins to lead downhill. The rocky track winds steeply downhill for about 130m to then cross an intermittent creek which flows over the solid sandstone platform.

### 2.69 | Tributary Crossing

*(2.4 km 57 mins)* Continue straight: From the west side of the creek, this walk climbs uphill following the rocky track. The track climb for about 600m, fairly steeply for a while then becoming progressively less steep. The track passes a couple of rocky outcrops to then come to a large flat rock platform, with distant views. The rocky track then leads off this rock platform and continues up the ridge for just shy of 300m to come to the edge of a much larger rock platform with more views. A series of GNW arrow posts lead across this rock platform, generally leading towards Scopas Peak for about 400m where the arrows lead off the rock platform and back onto a heathy track. Keeping Scopas Peak up to the left, this track leads around the side of the hill for about 150m to pass a view across the valley to Mooney Mooney Bridge. Over the next 800m, the track leads up across a few more rock platforms then climbs fairly steeply up to a view point, just to the west of Scopas Peak.

### 5.11 | Scopas Peak

*(1.2 km 23 mins)* Veer left: From the view point, just west of Scopas Peak, this walk heads south steeply down the rocky track, initially keeping the distant view to your right. The track leads steeply down past a few rock walls then climbs down over some rocks with cut steps, enjoying more views for about 230m, and then the track mostly flattens out to lead gently down across the narrow saddle. The track gently undulates along this ridge for about 750m to come to a green painted metal box on a post (on your left), containing a Great North Walk intentions book.

Continue straight: From the Great North Walk intentions book, after leaving your comments, this walk heads south, gently downhill along the clear track. After about 150m, the walk comes to a T-intersection with the Gosford Rifle Range trail - At this intersection is a 'Girrakool' sign, pointing back along the track.

### 6.27 | Int of GNW and Gosford Rifle Range trail

*(1.1 km 22 mins)* Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow past downhill along the management trail (directly away from the 'No Entry Past This Point' sign). The trail undulates moderately steeply in a few places) along the ridge line for about 900m, to then walk over a large rock platform. From the top of this platform, there are some distant views over Mooney Mooney Creek. On the large rock platform, this walk tends left to follow the scrape marks on the rock and soon find the wide trail again. The trail leads downhill for about 50m, coming to a signposted intersection with a track on your left and a 'Girrakool' sign pointing back up the trail.

### 7.4 | Int of GNW and Wondabyne Station Trail

*(1.6 km 36 mins)* Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign heading east down along the rocky track. The track soon bends right and heads around a rock outcrop then continues down through the heath and scribbly gums for about 400m to come to a flat rock platform. Here the track continues downhill over several more rock platforms, becoming progressively steeper for just over 1km to head into the cool valley and come to the bank beside Myron Brook.

### 8.96 | Myron Brook crossing

*(400 m 11 mins)* Continue straight: From the western side of Myron Brook, this walk crosses the creek on the sandstone rock platform to follow the track up a few stone steps and up the short steep hill. The track then flattens out as it leads around the side of the hill for about 200m to pass alongside a long rock wall (on your left). Now leading downhill, the track continues for another 100m then heads down a short steep section into the dense moist gully, coming to a faint intersection in front of Kariong Brook Falls (on your left) (just before crossing the creek, which is often underground).

### 9.36 | Kariong Brook Falls

This tranquil spot of the Great North Walk is home to some lovely falls and a water hole. The eastern side of the creek has a tall sandstone cave and wall. After rain these falls can become very spectacular, other times is a cool place to rest. A great spot to stop for a snack.

### 9.36 | Kariong Brook crossing

(690 m 24 mins) Continue straight: From Kariong Brook, the walk crosses the creek and heads up the hill towards the cave (keeping the waterfall to the left). The track leads under the overhang and then winds up the rocky path for about 400m, past a few rock walls and among the grass trees. The walk then heads up some more stone steps, bending left on the steps with a metal handrail. The rocky track continues up for another 130m over a few more rocks to come to a flat clearing (on your right, that has been used as a campsite). From the clearing, the track continues uphill, passing another rocky outcrop after about 60m, then after about 80m more, the track leads to a T-intersection with a management trail (and a sign pointing back to 'Girrakool').

### 10.05 | Int of the GNW and Patonga service trail

(1.5 km 28 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Patonga' sign downhill along the management trail. The trail then winds along the side of the hill for about 1.3km (passing a pleasant grove of large Sydney Redgums) to then step up onto a particularly large rock platform. After crossing this rock platform, the trail continues for another 120m to come to a Y-intersection (at another rock platform) where a 'Girrakool' sign points back along the track.

### 11.54 | Int of GNW and Thommos Loop trail

(1 km 22 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Patonga' sign east, gently downhill along the narrow track. After about 250m, the track leads to a notably large rock platform with a clear view across the valley to Mt Wondabyne. Here the track continues gently downhill, crossing more rock platforms for about 300m to head over a section of timber boardwalk and past a few disused power poles. The track then continues over another rock platform for another 200m to cross a small ephemeral creek. From the creek, the track leads up a short distance up under the power lines to come to a T-intersection with a wide trail, where a sign points back to 'Girrakool'.

Turn right: From the intersection, the track follows the GNW arrow post along the management trail, initially keeping the power lines to your right. The trail soon bends left and leads uphill. As the trail flattens out again, it comes to a three-way intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk' and 'Wondabyne Station' sign, pointing back along the trail.

### 12.58 | Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail

(950 m 21 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Wondabyne' sign south up the trail. The trail soon begins to narrow and after almost 200m, the track steps up to cross a rock platform, following a few GNW arrow posts to find a GNW 'Walker Register' tube. After writing a comment, the walk continues uphill along the track for about 700m, as the track become progressively flatter, passing beside the Mt Wondabyne Peak (up to your left). Then about 50m after leaving the trees and entering a section of low heath, this track then comes to a three-way intersection (the Mt Wondabyne peak track, on the left), marked with a GNW arrow post.

### 13.53 | Optional sidetrip to Mt Wondabyne Peak

(210 m 5 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Mt Wondabyne peak track north-east as it heads uphill directly towards Mt Wondabyne. The track is leads gently at first then starts to climb up a series of rock ledges. After about 60m, the track passes a small cave (large enough

for 2 or 3 people to lie in). The track then continues to climb for another 90m, up the rocky track then for through a grove of small trees, to come to the first peak. The faint track continues along the ridge for another 60m then comes to the main peak, where there is an old trig station and great panoramic views. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Turn left.

### 13.53 | Mt Wondabyne

Mount Wondabyne is one of the most prominent peaks in Brisbane Water National Park. The long cone-shaped hill has a rocky top and is home to a trig station. Walkers can enjoy full 360-degree panoramic views from the top. To the east are good views over the Brisbane Water, Woy Woy and other central coast suburbs. West, down next to Mullet Creek, you can see some buildings near Wondabyne Station and the train line. Otherwise, most of the expansive views are over much of Brisbane Water National Park. There are some small trees providing limited shade, a great place to soak up the views.

### 13.53 | Int of GNW and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks

(90 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south over a small rise then gently downhill along the rocky track, leaving Mt Wondabyne peak behind and to your left. After about 90m, the track leads down to a clearing at the end of a management trail, where there is a sign pointing back to 'Mooney Mooney rest area'. This is the Mt Wondabyne campsite.

### 13.62 | Mt Wondabyne Campsite

This basic campsite is found at the end of a management trail, near the base of Mt Wondabyne. The campsite is at the bottom of a small (east facing) rock wall and has trees surrounding much of the area, providing some shelter. There is an established fire circle and a basic seat. There is no water or other facilities. (There is also small cave suitable for sleeping a few people about half way up Mount Wondabyne).

### 13.62 | Mt Wondabyne Campsite

(760 m 16 mins) Turn left: From the clearing (campsite), this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign down the wide management trail. The trail winds downhill for about 300m, enjoying some views back to Mount Wondabyne as well as to Woy Woy and Brisbane Water. From here, the trail continues downhill through the heath for another 400m to come to a T-intersection with another management trail (Tunnel Track), where there is a 'Mt Wondabyne' and 'Girrakool' sign pointing back up the hill.

### 14.37 | Int of Tunnel Track and Mt Wondabyne trail

(470 m 9 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post west, gently down along the wide management trail, keeping the main wide valley to your left. The trail winds along the side of the hill for just over 450m to come to a clear three-way intersection with the signposted with the 'Rocky Ponds Trail' (on your right). There is a sign here, pointing back up the trail to 'Girrakool'.

### 14.84 | Int of Rocky Ponds Trail and Tunnel Track

(190 m 3 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign south, downhill along the wide trail. After just over 100m, the trail passes through a metal gate and fence then continues for another 50m to come to an intersection with a narrow track (on your left), marked with a GNW arrow post and 'Tunnel Trail' (on your right).

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post directly away from the face of the 'Tunnel Trail' sign along the narrow track. After about 20m, this short track leads to an intersection with the signposted 'Dillons Trail'.

### 15.02 | Int of GNW service trail and Patonga track

(1.8 km 34 mins) Turn left: With the Patonga-bound bush track on the right, this walk follows the management trail east, down the long, gentle hill. The trail gradually steepens as it winds down to the Woy Woy Landfill site. The walk then follows the landfill fence past a building and steps through a gap in the fence. The walk then heads along the gravel driveway to the landfill road.

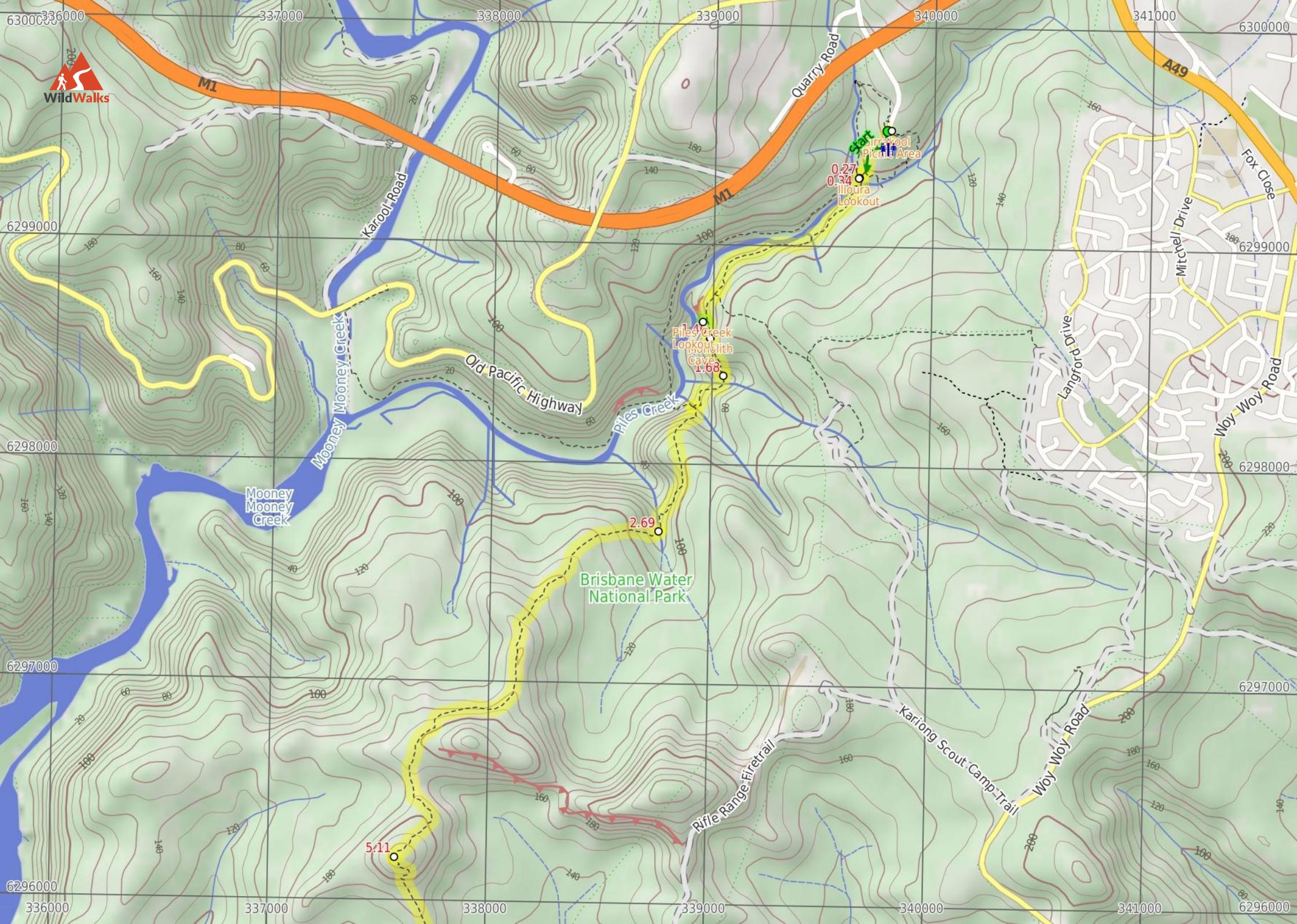
### 16.78 | Woy Woy Landfill

(1 km 23 mins) Veer left: From the Woy Woy landfill site, this walk down the road, winding to the bottom where it flattens out at the Woy Woy Landfill front gates (these gates are locked at night but there is a gap for walkers to get through just up to the right of the gates).

### 17.79 | Woy Woy Landfill site front gates

(2.9 km 45 mins) Continue straight: From the landfill gates, this walk follows Nagari Road past the large self-storage facility on the right, and along to the intersection of Shoalhaven Drive.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Railway Street through the residential area, past the shopping centre to the Woy Woy train station.



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Karoor Road

Quarry Road

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Fox Close

Mitchell Drive

Langford Drive

Woy Woy Road

Old Pacific Highway

Piles Creek

Mooney Mooney Creek

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Illoura Lookout  
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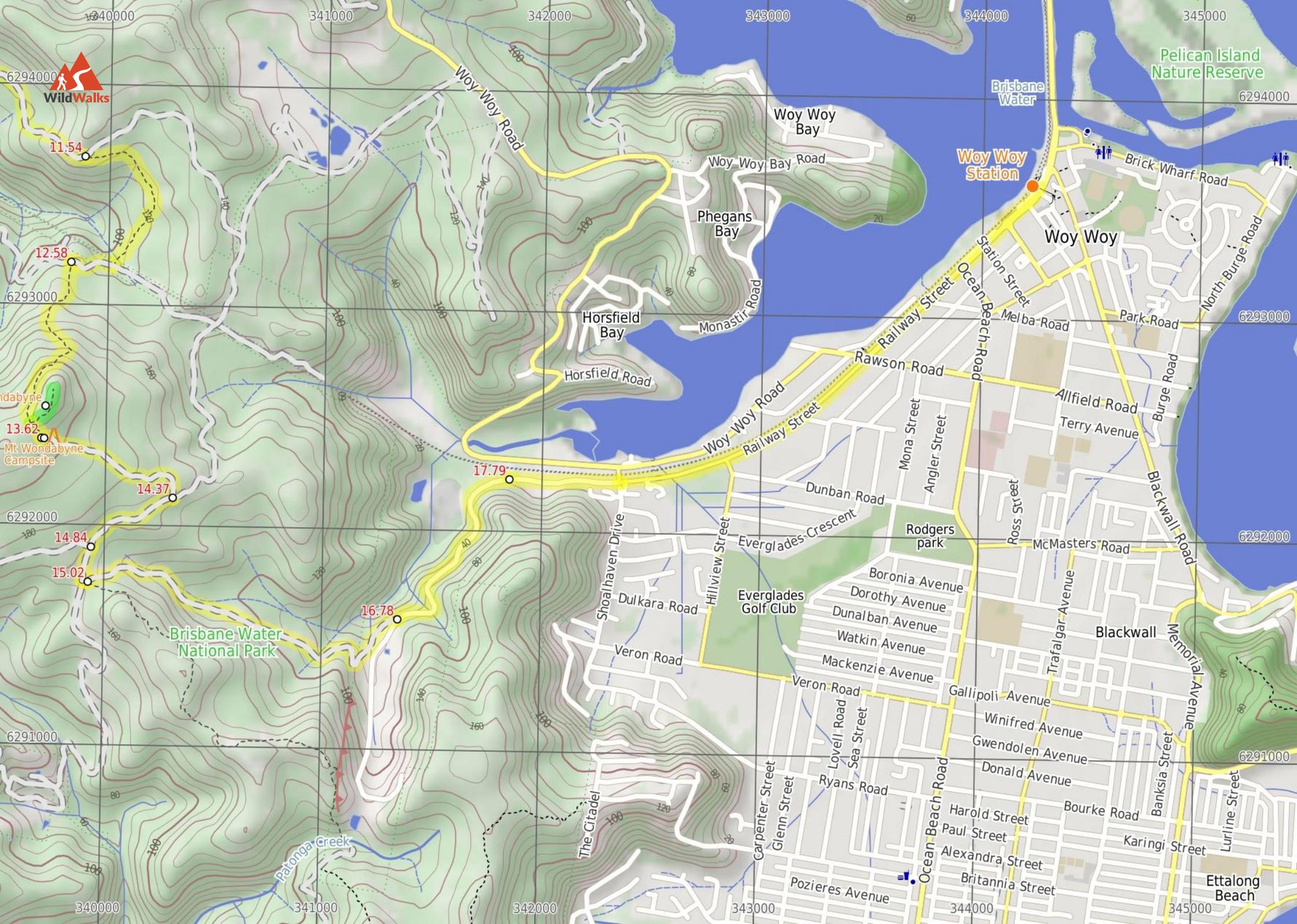
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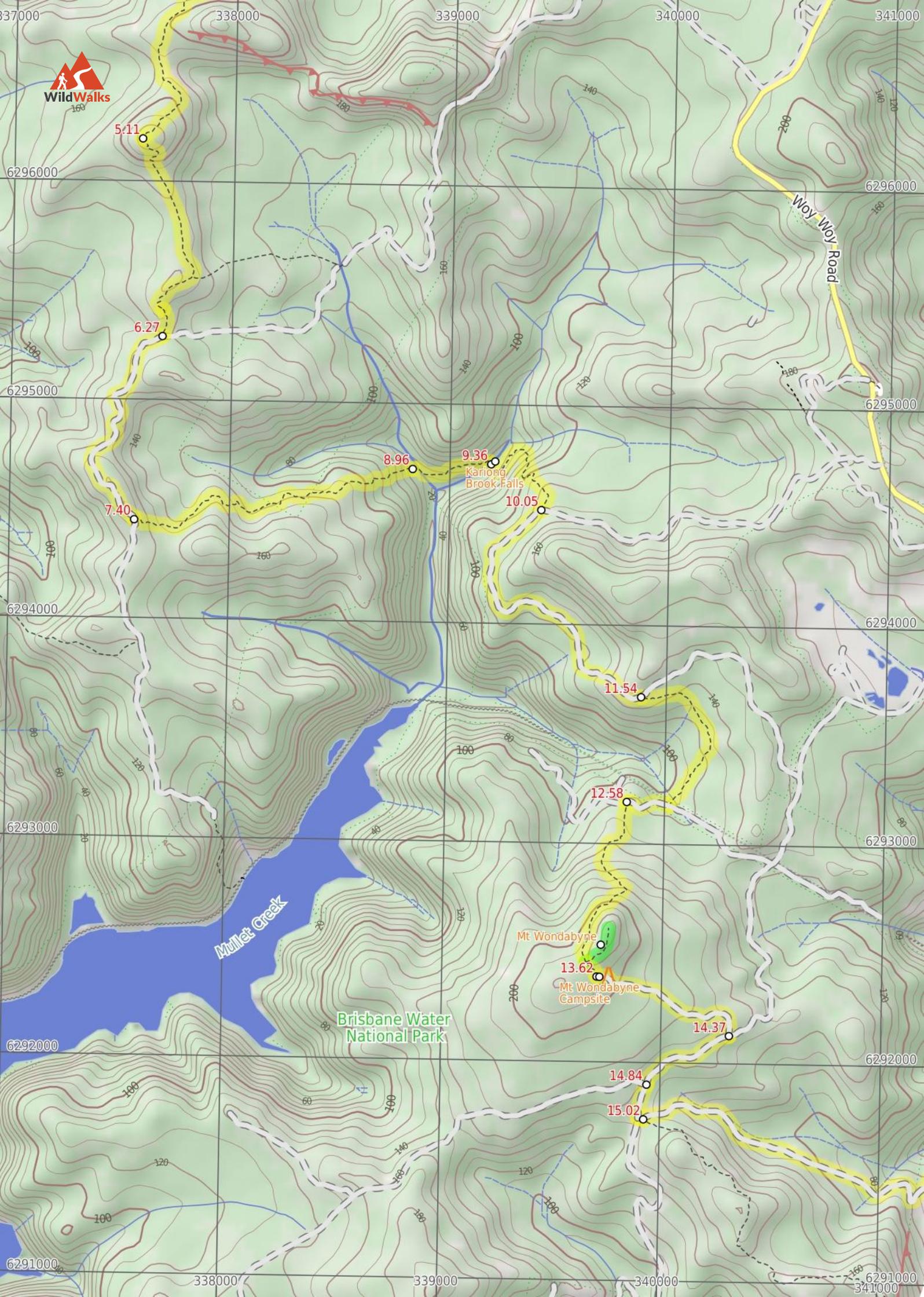
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Rifle Range Firetrail

Kariong Scout Camp Trail

Woy Woy Road





## Summary navigation sheet for the Girrakool to Woy Woy station via Mt Wondabyne



km	From	Up/Dwn	Length	Initial directions (Use full tracknotes and maps for more detail)
Start	Girrakool picnic area car park -33.4317,151.2766 (GR Gosford, 398995)	0 -33	270 m 6 mins	From the lower side of the car park, this walk follows the 'To The Great North Walk' sign down the path to the lower picnic area.
0.27	Illoura Lookout -33.4336,151.2752 (GR Gosford, 397993)	0 -10	70 m 2 mins	Turn left: From Illoura Lookout, the walk follows the left-hand 'Piles Creek' and GNW arrow down the wooden steps (keeping the valley to the right).
0.34	Piles Creek Waterfall -33.4341,151.275 (GR Gosford, 396993)	47 -73	1 km 25 mins	Veer left: From the top of Piles Creek waterfall, this walk follows the track heading south away from the waterfall (keeping the big valley to the right).
1.38	Int of Girrakool and Piles Ck lookout tracks -33.4395,151.2677 (GR Gosford, 390987)	0 -8	20 m 1 mins	Optional sidetrip to Piles Ck Lookout. Turn right: With the stairs to the right, this walk follows the short track to the fenced lookout.
1.38	Int of Girrakool and Piles Ck lookout tracks -33.4395,151.2677 (GR Gosford, 390987)	16 0	80 m 2 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk heads away from the steps and lookout to soon pass a rock wall.
1.46	Monolith Cave -33.4402,151.2678 (GR Gosford, 390986)	13 -29	220 m 7 mins	Continue straight: From the cave, this walk heads south following the track away from the rock to soon come to another large and interesting monolithic rock.
1.68	Rat Gully Lookout -33.4417,151.2685 (GR Gosford, 391984)	96 -81	1 km 29 mins	Continue straight: From the lookout, the track follows the bush track heading downhill.
2.69	Tributary Crossing -33.4481,151.2653 (GR Gosford, 388977)	189 -33	2.4 km 57 mins	Continue straight: From the west side of the creek, this walk climbs uphill following the rocky track.
5.11	Scopas Peak -33.4614,151.2523 (GR Gosford, 376962)	14 -80	1.2 km 23 mins	Veer left: From the view point, just west of Scopas Peak, this walk heads south steeply down the rocky track, initially keeping the distant view to your right.
6.27	Int of GNW and Gosford Rifle Range trail -33.4696,151.2532 (GR Gosford, 377953)	40 -27	1.1 km 22 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post downhill along the management trail (directly away from the 'No Entry Past This Point' sign).
7.40	Int of GNW and Wondabyne Station Trail -33.4771,151.2518 (GR Gosford, 376944)	36 -178	1.6 km 36 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign heading east down along the rocky track.
8.96	Myron Brook crossing -33.4751,151.2655 (GR Gosford, 388947)	28 -33	400 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the western side of Myron Brook, this walk crosses the creek on the sandstone rock platform to follow the track up a few stone steps and up the short steep hill.
9.36	Kariong Brook crossing -33.4749,151.2693 (GR Gosford, 392947)	122 -21	690 m 24 mins	Continue straight: From Kariong Brook, the walk crosses the creek and heads up the hill towards the cave (keeping the waterfall to the left).
10.05	Int of the Great North Walk and Patonga service trail -33.4768,151.2717 (GR Gosford, 394945)	54 -34	1.5 km 28 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Patonga' sign downhill along the management trail.
11.54	Int of GNW and Thommos Loop trail -33.4845,151.2766 (GR Gosford, 399937)	29 -54	1 km 22 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post and 'Patonga' sign east, gently downhill along the narrow track.
12.58	Int of GNW and Mullet Creek Trail -33.4888,151.2759 (GR Gosford, 398932)	109 -11	950 m 21 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Mt Wondabyne' sign south up the trail.
13.53	Int of Great North Walk and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks -33.4954,151.2739 (GR Gosford, 397925)	20 -1	210 m 5 mins	Optional sidetrip to Mt Wondabyne Peak. Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the Mt Wondabyne peak track north-east as it heads uphill directly towards Mt Wondabyne.
13.53	Int of Great North Walk and Mt Wondabyne Peak tracks -33.4954,151.2739 (GR Gosford, 397925)	0 -6	90 m 2 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post south over a small rise then gently downhill along the rocky track, leaving Mt Wondabyne peak behind and to your left.

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13.62	Mt Wondabyne Campsite -33.496,151.2744 (GR Gosford, 397924)	0 -49	760 m 16 mins	Turn left: From the clearing (campsite), this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign down the wide management trail.
14.37	Int of Tunnel Track and Mt Wondabyne trail -33.4985,151.2809 (GR Gosford, 403921)	8 -15	470 m 9 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post west, gently down along the wide management trail, keeping the main wide valley to your left.
14.84	Int of Rocky Ponds Trail and Tunnel Track -33.5005,151.2769 (GR Broken Bay, 399919)	1 -8	190 m 3 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Patonga' sign south, downhill along the wide trail.
15.02	Int of Great North Walk service trail and Patonga track -33.5019,151.2767 (GR Broken Bay, 399917)	24 -112	1.8 km 34 mins	Turn left: With the Patonga-bound bush track on the right, this walk follows the management trail east, down the long, gentle hill.
16.78	Woy Woy Landfill -33.5035,151.292 (GR Broken Bay, 413916)	38 -84	1 km 23 mins	Veer left: From the Woy Woy landfill site, this walk down the road, winding to the bottom where it flattens out at the Woy Woy Landfill front gates (these gates are locked at night but there is a gap for walkers to ...
17.79	Woy Woy Landfill site front gates -33.4977,151.2975 (GR Gosford, 419922)	6 -21	2.9 km 45 mins	Continue straight: From the landfill gates, this walk follows Nagari Road past the large self-storage facility on the right, and along to the intersection of Shoalhaven Drive.