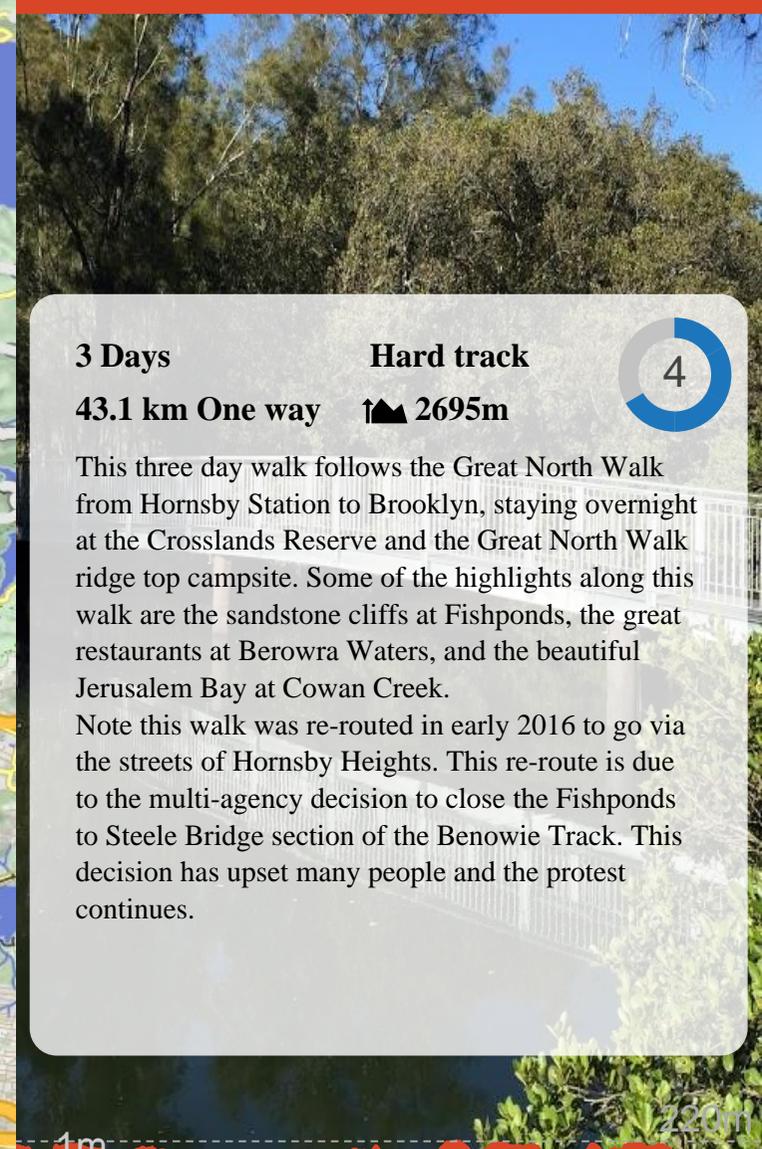
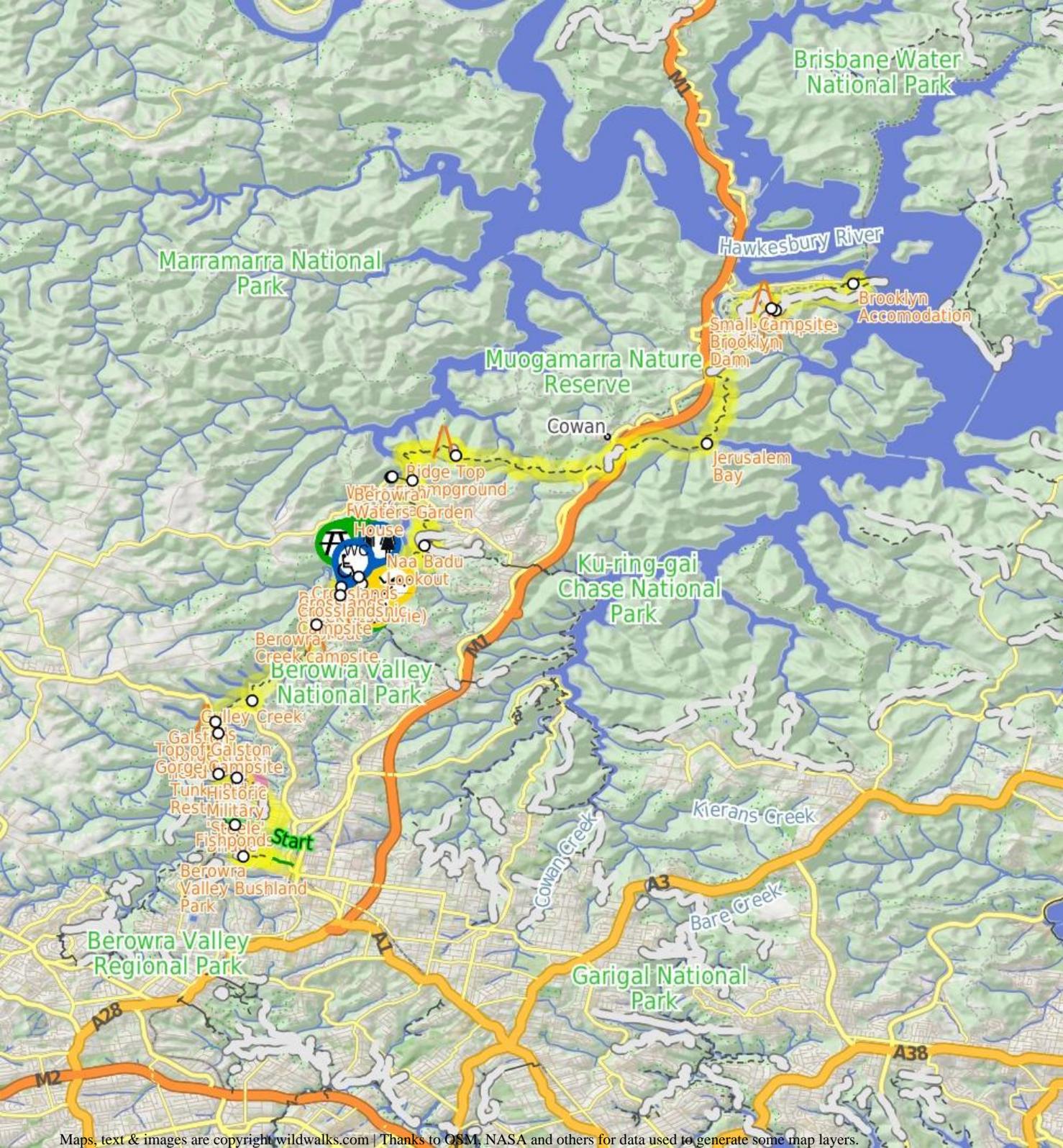


Hornsby to Brooklyn three day walk



3 Days

Hard track

43.1 km One way

▲ 2695m



This three day walk follows the Great North Walk from Hornsby Station to Brooklyn, staying overnight at the Crosslands Reserve and the Great North Walk ridge top campsite. Some of the highlights along this walk are the sandstone cliffs at Fishponds, the great restaurants at Berowra Waters, and the beautiful Jerusalem Bay at Cowan Creek.

Note this walk was re-routed in early 2016 to go via the streets of Hornsby Heights. This re-route is due to the multi-agency decision to close the Fishponds to Steele Bridge section of the Benowie Track. This decision has upset many people and the protest continues.

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Berowra Valley National Park

Berowra Valley Bushland Park

'Berowra Valley Bushland Park' is also known as Rosemead Rd Park and is found at the bottom end of Rosemead Rd, Hornsby. This is an open area park surrounded by shady eucalyptus trees, making a pleasant spot to rest on a walk. It has a picnic table with bench seats, and a sheltered free electric BBQ. There is a water tap in the park, near the road. There is also a 'Welcome to Old Mans Valley' information sign with information about the traditional country of the Darug and Guringai peoples.

Fishponds

Fishponds is a long waterhole on Berowra Creek in Berowra Valley Regional Park. The waterhole is lined with tall cliffs and a few sandstone caves. At the southern end, there are stepping stones to help cross the creek, and a small timber bridge at the northern end. This is a beautiful spot and a worthy place to rest and enjoy the water passing by. The waterhole is fairly popular with local teens in summer, cooling off. Swimming and jumping at the Fishponds waterhole has resulted in fatalities - please heed the signs and Cora's parents' plea and enjoy the water from the edge.

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Tunks Ridge Rest Area

Tunks Ridge Rest Area is a large, shady and gently sloping campsite at the junction of three management trails. There is no water or other facilities (you will need to carry your own in). A sign at the top of the campsite reminds campers that there is a one night limit and that it is a fuel stove only area (no campfires). Please note that the composting toilet has been removed and no longer available.

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 ([Berowra Valley National Park, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Muogamarra Nature Reserve](#))
- 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:91304S HORNSBY, 91304N COWAN

1:40 000 Map Series:CMA Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Tourist Map

1:100 000 Map Series:9130 SYDNEY

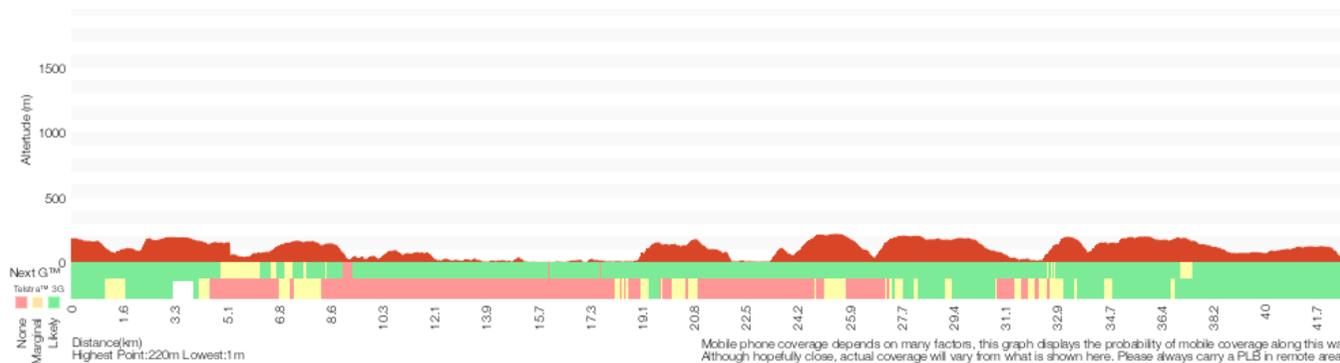
Grade

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	43.1 km One way
Time	3 Days
Quality of track	Rough track, where fallen trees and other obstacles are likely (4/6)
Signs	Minimal directional signs (4/6)
Experience Required	Moderate level of bushwalking experience recommended (4/6)
Weather	Forecast, unforecast storms and severe weather may impact on navigation and safety (4/6)
Infrastructure	Limited facilities (such as cliffs not fenced, significant creeks not bridged) (4/6)



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 Hornsby Train Station (gps: -33.7035, 151.098) by car, train or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

You can get back from Hawkesbury River Railway Station (gps: -33.5472, 151.2266) 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/htbdw>

0 | Hornsby Train Station

(720 m 14 mins) From the western side of Hornsby Railway Station, this walk first crosses the bus lane, then follows the large 'To the Great North Walk' sign across the Station St pedestrian crossing, and then across the Pacific Highway at the traffic lights. Here the walk turns right and follows the footpath (across 'Dural Lane') past some shops to cross 'Dural St'. The walk then turns left and follows the footpath down along 'Dural St', past a few more shops. Continuing past the units, this walk then turns right onto 'Quarry Rd' and follows the road down the gently hill for about 180m to an intersection with 'Old Mans Valley' management trail and locked gate (on your right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Quarry Road down the gentle hill, leaving the houses behind to come to an intersection with a track, signposted with a 'Great North Walk' sign (on your left).

0.72 | Int of Quarry Road and GNW

(540 m 14 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign up the hill. The track leads up over the rise, then continues down to the intersection with the Quarry Rd Management trail.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign down the steep rock steps. The walk winds steeply down a number of sets of stone steps, passing some large rock walls for a bit over 100m, to find a welcome flat section of track midway the hill. As the track leads past some houses (through the trees on your left), this walk heads down more steps before coming to the open area of 'Berowra Valley Bushland Park', at the end of Rosemead Road.

1.26 | Berowra Valley Bushland Park

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1.26 | Berowra Valley Bushland Park

(890 m 20 mins) Veer right: From the lower side of Berowra Valley Bushland Park (at the end of Rosemead Rd, Hornsby), this walk follows the 'Fishponds 1.2km' arrow on the large sign, down the track for approximately 30m, to the intersection with the Rosemead management trail, marked with a Great North Walk arrow.

Veer right: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill along the wide rocky management trail as it bends left (and passing some houses off to the

left). The trail then bends right and leads across Old Mans Creek using some concrete stepping stones. The walk then continues by heading up the moderately steep hill and then through a thick blue gum and bracken fern forest. The wide trail leads to the top of the hill then bends left, (ignoring the track on the right) to pass over a saddle. Here the trail leads down the gentle hill, through the turpentine forest for just over 300m to find an intersection with narrower track on the right, marked with arrow posts.

2.15 | Int of Blue Gum Walk and Joes Mountain Service Tra

(30 m 1 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk' arrow down the narrower track a short distance to find a three-way intersection marked with a large 'Great North Walk' signpost.

2.18 | Optional sidetrip to Fishponds crossing

(340 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign along the flat narrow track past the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign. The track soon bends left (passing along the top of an unfenced cliff) then winds down some steep carved rock steps (with a hand rail). The rocky track then leads down along the side of the valley for just over 100m to cross a timber foot bridge. The track then continues for another 70m to find a fenced rock platform and signposted intersection.

Turn right: From the lookout, this walk follows the 'Galston Gorge' sign along the fenced rock shelf (keeping the fence to your left). The track leads down the rocky steps to the edge of Berowra Creek. The walk crosses the creek using the stepping stones, and comes to a small cave on the other side. This creek may be impassable after rain. At the end of this side trip, retrace your steps back to the main walk then Veer left.

2.18 | Fishponds

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2.18 | Int of GNW and Manor Rd Bushtrack

(230 m 13 mins) Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Alternative Route' arrow on the GNW sign. The track dips before heading steeply uphill, zigzagging in several sections. The walk leads you up a large metal staircase to the top of the cliffs, coming to the intersection of Manor Rd and Dilkera Cl.

2.4 | Corner of Dilkera and Manor Rd

(1.7 km 31 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Manor Rd as it initially heads up a gentle hill. After about 600m, Manor Road turns to skirt about Mount Wilga Hospital, and the road changes name to Rosamond St. The walk continues along to the intersection with Stewart Ave on the left (this is a four-way intersection, with Carrington Rd on the right).

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads north along Rosamond St following the Great North Walk arrow. The walk then turns left into Clarinda St and follows it to the end of the road, to find the 'Clarinda Wetlands' sign.

4.06 | End of Clarinda St

(1.1 km 24 mins) Turn right: From the end of Clarinda St Hornsby, this walk heads around the green gate with the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign on it, keeping the 'Clarinda wetlands' to the left. The walk follows the

management trail, which soon bends left and gently winds through the bushland. There are some interesting rock formations on the right and the occasional valley view on the left. The track is fairly flat most of the way, until a left-hand bend that leads down to cross a small creek, and then up the other side of the valley. Once the track flattens out again, it comes to an intersection with the Simon Pl management trail on the right, at a fairly large clearing.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the flat management trail, heading away from Simon Place past the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park', 'Dogs Prohibited' sign. The walk gently meanders along the trail, enjoying the ferns and sandstone rocks for a while until coming to a 'Great North Walk' sign highlighting the intersection with small track on the left.

5.14 | Int of Clarinda St and waterfall track

(470 m 13 mins) Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill along the narrow track, following the 'Great North Walk' sign. The track is rocky and steep in a few places. Take care as the track turns at the top of some smaller cliffs while winding down the hill. Steps have been made from rocks and logs, making this track a bit more gentle, and there are some carved steps in the steeper sections. At the bottom of a small flight stone stairs, the walk crosses the creek on the rocks just in front of the waterfall.

Turn left: From the waterfall, this walk climbs the stone stairs (keeping the waterfall initially on the left) and then turns right, heading up out of the gully. Once at the top of the stairs, the walk heads through the bush until soon coming to a 'T' intersection with the Stewart St management trail, signposted with a large 'Great North Walk' sign.

5.61 | Int of Stewart Ave service trail and waterfall tra

(400 m 8 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Galston Gorge 4km' arrow down the hill along the wide management trail. For the most part, the trail gently heads downhill then bends around to the left, leading to an intersection just before Steele Bridge.

6 | Historic Military 'Steele' Bridge

This large steel and timber bridge spans Berowra Creek north of Fishponds. The creek is fairly wide at this point and the bridge provides a great view of the sandstone overhangs along the creek's edge. The bridge was commissioned in 1965 to allow access for fire trucks. The bridge was designed by Major General Sir Clive Steele in 1942. Bridges of this type were critical during the WWII South West Pacific campaigns. The bridge is designed on the Warren truss style and is one of only 4 'Steele' bridges still in use in NSW. [More info.](#)

6 | Steele Bridge

(1.8 km 44 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the 'Historic Military Steele Bridge' and turns right to follow the 'Crosslands' sign uphill along the wide management trail. After about 200m, the trail becomes steeper (and is concreted) for around 150m, then flattens out just before the left bend. The trail continues to climb (enjoying the valley views to the right) for another 400m, after which the trail becomes quite steep again for for about 600m (here the trail is sealed then concreted in two sections). From the top of the second concreted section, the trail leads gently uphill for just shy of 300m to the well-signposted 'Tunks Ridge Rest Area', where a sign points back down the trail to 'Stewart St Hornsby Trackhead'.

7.78 | Tunks Ridge Rest Area

Tunks Ridge Rest Area is a large, shady and gently sloping campsite at the junction of three management trails. There is no water or other facilities (you will need to carry your own in). A sign at the top of the campsite reminds campers that there is a one night limit and that it is a fuel stove only area (no

campfires). Please note that the composting toilet has been removed and no longer available.

7.78 | Tunks Ridge Rest Area

(1.4 km 28 mins) Turn right: From the top of the rest area, this walk follows the 'Galston Gorge' AND 'Crosslands Reserve' signs along the wide management trail, keeping the valley to your right. The trail winds along the side of the ridge (passing along the base of a long rock wall, up to your left) for about 700m, until the trail comes to the top of the ridge. From here, the trail leads for another 500m, down across a saddle then up to a clear Y-intersection. The walk takes the left branch and passes a few 'Regeneration Area' signs over about 250m, coming to a well-signposted intersection with narrower track (on your left), partway around the right-hand bend.

9.14 | Top of Galston Gorge Campsite

This campsite can be found on the Great North Walk, off the service trail just before it descends into Galston Gorge (when coming from the south). There is plenty of room for a group of tents, however there is no available water or facilities. Although this is an official campsite for the Great North Walk, there are some threatened species in the area, therefore Tunks Ridge Reserve (1.4km South) would make a better alternative, with better facilities.

9.14 | Int of GNW and Galston Gorge track

(550 m 16 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Galston Gorge' sign down the steep rocky track as it zigzags down towards the valley. About 40m down the hill, the track comes to a 'Great North Walk - Walkers Registration' box. After leaving your comments, this walk continues downhill, passing through a crack in the rock where the walk bends right and follows along the particularly rocky section for about 150m and comes to a fence. The fence guides down a steep section, passing a cave, and comes to the top of a metal peg ladder. This walk climbs down the ladder, then follows the rock wall (keeping the road to your left), heading down through a crack and along another fence, then coming to a flat area beside the road. Here the walk follows the GNW arrow to the right and down under the bridge. The walk crosses the creek, usually a bit more than ankle deep. This creek maybe impassable after rain - the road bridge above offers an alternate way across, but watch and listen for traffic. On the other bank, the walk turns left to follow the track uphill. The track well-formed track climbs to the well-signposted and paved Galston Gorge trackhead, where a 'Fishponds' sign points back down the track.

9.68 | Galston Gorge track head

Galston Gorge track head is located at a small car park on the eastern side of Berowra Creek, near the bottom of the gorge on Galston Road. This track head is a good access point for those wanting to do sections of the Great North Walk and is well signposted. Keep an eye open for the local chickens.

9.68 | Galston Gorge track head

(1.3 km 41 mins) Turn left: From the Galston Gorge trackhead, this walk follows the 'Crosslands' sign up the timber steps, away from the road. The track soon bends left then mostly flattens out as it winds along the side of the valley for almost 200m, where it passes above an old rusted car (some distance down the hill, to your left). Here the narrowing, rocky track winds down through a lovely grass tree and boulder forest for about 600m, coming to a small flat rock platform. The walk then bends right (ignoring the steep track down to the left). The track then leads among more grass trees for another 100m and crosses a mossy and rocky gully. Once across this gully, the track begins to climb steeply, then up a steep set of steps (through a crack in the rock). At the top of the steps, the track continues to climb for another 70m before mostly flattening out. Soon the track starts to wind downhill, crossing a wider mossy gully with larger boulders and a small waterfall. The

gully is marked with a few GNW markers.

10.95 | Gulley Creek Falls

This is a nice little creek crossing on the Great North Walk in Galston Gorge. The small falls flow just upstream of the track, even after a small amount of rain. Enjoy the cool shade of the trees at the creek crossing from the track.

10.95 | Unnamed Falls

(3.4 km 1 hr 28 mins) Continue straight: From the waterfall, this walk follows the GNW markers out of the gully, initially keeping the waterfall up to your right. The rocky track leads up the side of the hill, moderately steeply at times, for about 600m and then passes along the base of a long rock wall (on your right). At the end of this wall, the walk climbs the carved steps. The walk continues along the track for about 600m, walking along the series of unfenced rock platforms (passing under the high-tension power-lines) to then head down to a section of fenced track. There are some good valley views from this lookout. From the end of the fence, the track soon starts to lead further downhill for about 150m, coming to a clearing on a flat rock platform which is marked with a GNW arrow post. Here, the walk turns left and winds quite steeply downhill for about 120m, to then follow a flatter section of track with plenty of grass trees. After about 300m (passing close to the creek a couple of times), the walk crosses a rocky gully (where you can see the creek again on your left). Continuing along the side of the valley for about 250m, the track then leads across another rocky gully and finds another nice spot beside Berowra Creek just beyond. The track continues near the creek (passing under the power lines) for another 300m and climbs down a rock with a couple of metal pegs. Over the next 600m, the track crosses a couple of small, flat timber bridges and passes alongside the lovely creek to then climb up through a crack in a rock, where there is a handrail in place. On the other side of this little climb, the track passes under a small overhang and continues alongside the creek for another 300m, where it comes to an intersection with a track on your right (which leads to a clearing and campsite).

14.38 | Berowra Creek campsite

This shady campsite is located on the Benowie Track a short distance back from Berowra Creek, south of the Crosslands Reserve. Providing plenty of tree cover, flat ground and an established fire scar, this campsite is a great spot for those walkers who want a quiet night's sleep away from the more popular Crosslands Reserve. The creek water is brackish at this point, so it is not drinkable (except after heavy rain and lower tide, but then the water is more polluted) - best to bring your own water.

14.38 | Berowra Creek campsite track

(1.4 km 33 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection near the campsite, this walk follows the clear track alongside Berowra Creek, whilst keeping the creek to your left. After about 30m, the track crosses a small, flat, timber bridge, then continues to wind along near the creek for about 300m before crossing a rocky gully, with a small creek. After another 250m of walking through the fern and turpentine forest, the track leads to an overgrown but signposted campsite (on your left). The track then crosses a small creek using a timber bridge with a handrail then almost 200m later, the track passes a more open area that has been used as a campsite. The track continues mostly flat for another 100m, coming to a view across the creek (to the grassy area of Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre). Here the walk climbs the stone steps, to pass another (unfenced) view across the creek. The track continues to wind downhill for another 250m, then heads along the flat, past the 'Crosslands Reserve' sign, to come to the large corrugated iron toilet block.

15.74 | Crosslands Campsite

On the far southern end of Crosslands Reserve is a toilet block and campsite.

The campsite is well set up and managed by Hornsby Council. There are picnic tables, electric barbecues, toilets, a children's playground, garbage bins and town water. There is a large flat grassy areas to camp and a single authorised fire pit. The campsite must be booked and fees apply - \$9 per night for adults and \$6 for children (infants under 4 are free). The gate at the top of the hill is locked at 5.30pm EST and 7.30pm (daylight savings time). A pleasant and well established campsite beside the river. [More info.](#)

15.74 | Crosslands southern toilet block

(340 m 5 mins) Veer left: From the toilet block, this walk follows the dirt footpath nearest the creek, towards the main area of Crosslands reserve, whilst keeping the creek to your left. The track soon leads past a 'Boats destroyed' information sign, then past the only 'Authorised fire pit' and main camping area. This walk then continues along the path, passing the 'Climate change and the river' information sign and timber viewing platform. Here the path leads past the picnic shelters and BBQ's to then continue along the concrete footpath. The path leads past another viewing platform (and information sign), then past the children's play equipment and comes to the end of the path where there is a car park (on your right) and sign pointing to 'Crosslands Conventions Centre AND Field Study' across the creek (on your left)

16.07 | Crosslands

Crosslands Reserve is lovely and long mixed use picnic area, spanning along the edge of Berowra Creek. There are picnic tables, electric barbecues, toilets, car parking, a children's playground, garbage bins, camping area, toilets and town water. The southern part of Crosslands is managed by Hornsby Council and the northern half by the NPWS within the Berowra Valley National Park. The first inhabitants of this area were a subgroup of the Dharug people who enjoyed the sandstone caves, fish and abundant plant life in the area. It is now managed by Hornsby Shire Council, but in 1856 Matthew Charlton asked Burton Crossland to be caretaker on this area. Burton built a house and made a living by harvesting timber, growing fruit, fishing and boat-building.

16.07 | End of day 1

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.

16.07 | Crosslands Carpark

(250 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the car park, this walk follows the flat dirt path between the road (on the right) and creek (on the left). The path leads through the casuarina trees for about 120m to pass the boat ramp. After another 120m this walk comes to a locked gate at the northern end of the car park. There is also a wetland through the trees to the right worth noticing.

16.32 | Northern end of Crosslands Carpark

(260 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the northern end of Crosslands car park (at the far northern end of Somerville Rd, Hornsby Heights), this walk follows the 'Newcastle' arrow on the large 'Great North Walk' sign around the locked gate and along the sealed old road. The walk continues along the old road for just over 150m passing 4 picnic tables to come to a y-intersection. At the intersection this walk veers right, past the 'Place of Winds' sign and wetland (on your right). This walk continues along this old road for a little longer, coming to an intersection marked with a large 'Crosslands' information board and 'Great North walk' sign. This is just on the edge of the northern picnic area, not far from the toilet block.

16.58 | Crosslands North Picnic area

The northern section of Crosslands is in Berowra Valley NP and is a less formal picnic area compared with the southern area. There is a toilet block and a few sandy beaches with direct access to the water. Here you will find a few picnic tables and shelters, as well as garbage bins. The eastern side is home to a boardwalk exploring the estuarine wetland. A pleasant area to rest and enjoy the water. Fires are only permitted in formally established fire places .

16.58 | Crosslands North

(220 m 4 mins) Turn right: From the intersection at the northern picnic area, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the timber boardwalk. The timber boardwalks winds through the mangroves for about 60m, coming to a firm dirt track which leads for another 70m to a second timber boardwalk. The second boardwalk leads for another 70m, past 'Mangrove Food Cycle' information signs to come to an 3-way intersection in the boardwalk with the estuaries viewing platform boardwalk (on your left).

16.8 | Berowra Creek (Estuarie) Lookout

The Estuarie lookout over Berowara Creek is found at the end of the wheelchair-accessible walk in Crosslands area. The timber lookout platform provides views great views over Berowra Creek, the timber fence is 95cm high. There are also information signs about the local flora and fauna and the 'Original Inhabitants'. There are two timber bench seats encouraging you to take some time to soak up this view.

16.8 | Estuaries viewing platform

(780 m 20 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection at the estuaries viewing platform, this walk follows the timber ramp down to the dirt track and heads past the 'unsuitable for wheelchair access' sign. The track leads alongside the wide creek for about 200m to the 'All creatures great and small' information sign, then down a little way further to head along a short section of timber boardwalk. About 100m further along the rocky track, this walk comes to a lookout and a 'Catch the Threats' information sign, where the track continues past the bench seat and alongside the creek to the 'The Rock Club' information sign. The track then leads among some grass tress for just over 100m to the 'Bush Supermarket' information sign. Just past this sign, the track begins to climb fairly steeply up the stone and timber steps to the ridge line, marked with a GNW arrow and a 'Stop! Look! Listen! and Smell!' information sign.

Continue straight: From the ridge line, this walk follows the GNW arrow east

downhill, initially keeping the 'Stop! Look! Listen! and Smell!' information sign on your right. The track bends left and follows the timber steps as the track winds steeply down the side of the hill. Near the bottom of the hill, the track passes a 'Rock n Roll' information sign then comes to a long, metal footbridge. The walk crosses the bridge over Calna Creek and comes to a signposted intersection, with a 'Fragile Marsh' information sign

17.58 | Calna Creek Bridge intersection

(1.1 km 27 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign along the timber boardwalk. The boardwalk leads for about 80m across the large open flat saltmarsh into the casuarina forest on the other side. Here the track bends left and leads along the side of the saltmarsh for almost 200m, where the rocky track leads a little further before coming alongside Berowra Creek's mangroves. The track continues to gently undulate along the side of Berowra Creek for about 650m among the casuarinas and grass tress, before heading up a fairly short, steep climb. At the top of this climb, the walk comes to a small, flat, pleasant clearing surrounded by large boulders.

18.73 | Sams Creek ridge clearing

(500 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk leads down the north eastern side of this ridge, keeping the main valley to your left. After about 100m this walk comes to another flat saltmarsh , where the track bends right to soon come to a large flat clearing beside Sams Creek (subject to flooding). The track then leads alongside Sams Creek (on your left) for about 350m when, just after climbing over a rock, the track comes to a 'Crosslands' sign pointing back along the track, beside the creek.

19.23 | Sams Creek Crossing

(670 m 30 mins) Turn left: From the south side of the creek, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign across the rocky Sams Creek. This creek may become impassable after heavy or prolonged rain. On the other side, the track veers left, crossing a rocky gully and heads up the timber steps. The track now starts to climb steeply, zigzagging up the timber steps and a couple of staircases for just over 300m to find a bench seat in a small sandstone cave. After a rest, this walk continues up more steps (and staircases) for just over 150m, coming to a T-intersection with a wide service trail, where a 'Crosslands' sign points back down the track.

19.9 | Int of GNW and Berowra Link tracks

(260 m 7 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign gently down along the management trail, keeping the valley to your left. The trail gently undulates along the side of the hill, enjoying some glimpses up to the cliff faces (on the right). After about 180m, the trail crosses a concrete drain, then leads up the hill to find the signposted 'Naa Badu' lookout and its great view.

20.16 | Naa Badu Lookout

Naa Badu Lookout offers magnificent views south over Berowra Creek as well as over Sams and Calna Creeks. Naa Badu means 'See water' in the Aboriginal tribal language of the Dharug people. It is believed that Berowra Creek was the boundary between the Dharug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples. The lookout is fenced, has a bench seat, picnic table and a fair amount of natural shade.

20.16 | Int of Naa Badu Lookout

(540 m 11 mins) Continue straight: From the 'Naa Badu' lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left. The trail leads around the side of the hill for about 300m, gently undulating to come to an intersection with a narrow track and small clearing (on your left, as the trail bends right), just

past the large scribbly gum. (This informal track leads down to an unfenced rock platform, with filtered views over Berowra Creek).

Continue straight: From the intersection, the walk follows the wide trail gently downhill as it bends right, keeping the valley to your left. After about 140m, the trail narrows a bit, leading down a few short but steeper sections to an intersection (with some steps on your left), where a 'The Great North Walk' sign points back up along the trail.

20.71 | Int of GNW and Berkeley Close service trail

(1.9 km 51 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign down the timber steps. The walk then crosses Banggarai Creek using a timber bridge, and leads up some timber steps. The rocky track then leads up some more timbers steps, between two rocks then over a few rocks, where the track then flattens out. The now flat, sandy track winds through the forest for about 150m and passes a timber seat, then leads down across a small gully before the track begins to climb again. The track leads up some more timber steps, then the walk climbs two metal pegs in the rock and continues to climb steeply up the rock and timber steps. After 60m, the track flattens out again, leading gently up through the scribbly gum and angophora forest for just over 100m to a three-way intersection marked with a couple of GNW arrow posts.

Turn left : From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post north-west down the sandy track, directly towards the valley. The track soon becomes rocky and leads fairly steeply down the hill for about 150m before mostly flattening out and coming close to the top of an unfenced cliff with good views over Berowra Creek. Here the rocky track continues more gently down along the top of the ridge for about 200m and comes to a large rock platform. This walk veers right to lead down the gap in the rock, climbing down some steel pegs to where the track flattens out again. The track leads across the saddle for about 60m then veers left and follows along the base of a long rock wall (on your right). Here the track leads down around the side of the ridge for just over 400m, passing some unfenced views for rock platforms then down some sandstone steps to find a tall sandstone overhang with a timber seat. From this cave, this walk continues along the base of the rock wall, and soon bends left and winds fairly steeply down a series of rock and timber steps to come to the edge of Berowra Creek (where there is a 'no wash' sign facing the water from the rock platform). The track leads along the shore line for a short time to head onto the rock platform in Washtub Gully.

22.59 | Washtub Gully Creek

(320 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From Washtub Gully, this walk crosses the creek and follows the track, keeping Berowra Creek not far to your left. After about 50m, the track passes an old partially sunken boat, then about 100m further on, the track passes a view point that is an obviously popular (but not recommended) jumping spot. The track then soon leads up some steps and over a rise behind the 'Berowra Waters Garden House' restaurant, then heads down the steps to come to the signposted 'Berowra Waters Trackhead' on 'Berowra Waters Rd'.

22.91 | Berowra Waters Garden House

#####CLOSED##### This picturesque little restaurant sits on the eastern side of Berowra Creek and is just a hop, skip and a jump from the ferry. With breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, the Garden House Restaurant is a great spot for those looking to tap into the Berowra Valley's full potential. For information on bookings and opening hours phone (02)9456 2955.

22.91 | The Fish Café

This seafood restaurant is located on the western side of the Berowra Waters Ferry, and offers casual dining with a great menu, overlooking the marina and river. The restaurant is open 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch, with dinner available on Friday through Sunday. The cafe is open 8:30 – 9pm Wed-

Sun and closes at 3pm Mon & Tuesdays. Takeaway is also available, and the nearby reserve provides picnic tables, toilets, children's playground and parking. Kayak hire is available from the marina building. The Fish Café is located at 199 Bay Road, Berowra Waters, and the phone number is (02)9456 4665.

22.91 | Waterview Restaurant

On the western side of Berowra Waters Ferry (free trip), just a short walk up the road, is the Waterview Restaurant, upstairs at the marina. The restaurant specialises in seafood, but also caters for other tastes in restaurant style dining. Some sittings offers A la Carte meals from \$25, and other sittings offer a fresh and cooked seafood buffet. Please call ahead, as the restaurant is also a popular venue for weddings. Open Friday-Sunday for lunch and dinner. Phone (02) 9456 2633 199 Bay Rd Berowra Waters, NSW 2082

22.91 | Berowra Waters track head

(390 m 8 mins) Continue straight: From 'Berowra Waters Trackhead', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along 'Kirkpatrick Way' and across the culverted Franks Gully creek. As the walk crosses the gully, there is a picnic area and public toilet (and tap water) on your right. The walk continues along the road, keeping the water to your left for about 180m, then passing under the yellow boom gate. About 30m later, the walk stays left to head alongside the fenced car park. At the far end of this car park, the walk comes to a turning area at the end of Kirkpatrick Way.

23.3 | End of Kirkpatrick Way

(470 m 9 mins) Continue straight: From the end of Kirkpatrick Way, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the track, keeping the water just to your left. This walk follows the rocky shoreline, enjoying the views of the water, the boats and houses on the other shore and the large rocks (up to your right). After about 450m, the track passes a large boulder and then turns right and climbs up a staircase, finding a small seat and viewing platform.

23.77 | Berowra Waters view seat

(730 m 26 mins) Veer right: From the seat and view, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign steeply uphill, following the series of timber and rock steps. After about 50m, the track leads up beside a rock wall, and at the top, turns right and mostly flattens out for about 80m before starting to climb again. At the top of this hill, this walk comes to a small clearing (on the left, that has been used as a campsite) and a large unfenced rock platform with great views back over the valley (on your right).

Continue straight: From the view at the top of the ridge, this walk follows GNW arrow post east, directly away from the Berowra Water views and over the small rise. The track soon leads down off a rock, where the track bends right and starts to lead fairly gently downhill. The track then leads down a few short, steep, rocky sections before crossing a lovely creek, flowing over the sandstone rock platform. This creek may be slippery and can be particularly risky to cross after rain.

24.5 | Deep Bay Creek crossing

(840 m 32 mins) Continue straight: From beside the creek, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east, away from the creek, up the steep rocky hill. The track soon passes between two rock slabs, then passes a handrail to climb up two metal pegs beside some more hand railing. The track then continues to climb up for another 50m before mostly flattening out for about 150m. The track then starts to climb again and soon steps up a rock with two more metal pegs. Then after another 70m, the track climbs up past a sandstone cave and heads up a crack in the rock with four metal pegs, then just past the next cave, goes up another rock with a single peg. A short time later, this walk leads up another rock with two pegs, where the track then leads up the steps through a cleft of a rock. Here the track mostly flattens out and leads gently

uphill for almost 200m until crossing a small saddle, marked with a two GNW arrow post beside each other. The track then leads steeply up to a fair sized rock platform, with rewarding views back over Berowra Creek (on your left). From this view point, the track leads fairly gently uphill for almost 150m, coming to a T-intersection with a wide sandy management trail.

25.34 | Int of GNW and Coreen Close service trail

(220 m 4 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the sandy management trail, heading south. The trail immediately bends left and passes a track (on your right, that runs generally parallel to this trail). This trail leads down through the scribbly gum and heath forest, where the trail widens (after about 70m) and then comes to an intersection beside the large ridge top campsite. There is a 'Berowra Waters' sign here, pointing back along the trail.

25.56 | Ridge Top Campground

About 800m from Turners Rd, Berowra Heights lies this pleasant ridge top campsite. This is a fairly popular campsite on the Great North Walk, providing a flat area with plenty of shade. There are no facilities (or water) at this large campsite. A faint track leads west from the campsite to an unfenced cliff with great views over the Berowra Waters Valley.

25.56 | End of day 2

This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.

25.56 | Int of ridge top campsite and GNW

(1.7 km 37 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan Station' sign, directly away from the campsite along the clear track. The track leads over a small rise and then heads down to a four-way intersection with a management trail (and the GNW track continuing ahead). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east along the track as it leads very gently downhill along the top of the ridge. Over the next 300m, the track passes a rock platform and comes to a second rock platform with more views and a 'Great North Walk' log book box on a post. After leaving your note (and reading through a few entries), this walk continues down along the top of the ridge for another 200m to step down off another rock platform (ignoring the track to your left). Here the walk starts to head downhill for the next 1km - initially the track leads down a series of short rocky steep sections, and passes some interesting large rock boulders along the way. As the track moves further into the valley, it becomes consistently steeper until leading down leading into the ferns and beside Joe Crafts Creek.

27.21 | Joe Crafts Creek crossing

(660 m 26 mins) Continue straight: From the western bank, this walk crosses Joe Crafts Creek and heads east up the clear track. This creek may be particularly dangerous to cross after heavy or prolonged rain. The track climbs up a series of stone steps, passing through a couple of cracks in the rock before a 'Great North Walk' sign about 60m from the creek. The rocky track continues to climb steeply up for about 300m, then climbs up a timber (and metal) staircase, followed by a few sections of handrail. Here the walk leads up around the base of rock wall and then climbs up the side to the top of the large, unfenced rock platform with great valley views. The walk continues up the ridge line for another 200m, very gently at first, then more steeply up the rocky sections. The track heads along the base of another rock wall, then up the stone steps and past the handrail to come to an intersection marked with a 'Great North Walk - Viewing Area' sign. The short track (on your right) leads to a seat at the edge of an unfenced cliff with views and a seat.

27.87 | Valley viewing area

(880 m 16 mins) Turn left: From the intersection near the 'viewing point', this walk heads gently uphill directly away from the viewing area, keeping the valley on your right. The track leads up a few short, moderately steep sections for about 100m, then the track heads much more gently up through the open scribbly gum forest for about 400m before passing under the power lines. Here, the walk turns left and follows the wide trail for about 40m and turns right (before the locked gate), following a GNW arrow post under another set of power lines. The walk follows the track through the pleasant forest for just shy of 300m then crosses the dirt Glendale Rd to find 'Berowra Waters' sign pointing back across the intersection.

28.75 | Int of GNW and Glendale Road

(830 m 19 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign away from the dirt road and down along the rocky and sandy track. The track winds through the forest (with some interesting twisted, thin scribbly gums) for about 600m before bending left and following under a set of power lines. Near the Pacific Hwy (up to your right), this walk continues for about 150m and crosses over a very short section of timber boardwalk before climbing up a few steps to a T-intersection with a wide management trail.

29.58 | Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail

(500 m 11 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill, keeping the valley views to your left. The trail

gently winds behind some houses (up to your right) for about 400m before bending right and heading up through a weedy section. The walk then passes around a locked gate to come to an intersection with a footpath, just before the Pacific Hwy and across from Cowan station. There is a large 'Great North Walk' sign here, pointing back to 'Sydney Cove'.

30.08 | Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail

(40 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow across the Pacific Highway (be careful of traffic) to the ramp at the front of Cowan Railway Station.

30.12 | Cowan Station

(300 m 6 mins) Continue straight: From the front of Cowan station, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the concrete ramp, turning right to cross the track at the controlled 'Pedestrian Railway Crossing'. The walk follows the ramp onto platform 1 (Sydney-bound side) then around the shelter to follow the GNW arrow post right, down the steps and through the gate. Here the walk crosses the train lines (train storage area) and turns left, following the 'Brooklyn' sign along the wide management trail. After 130m, the trail leads past an electrical switching area then turns right at the large 'Great North Walk' signposts. Here, the narrower trail leads between the fences over a small rise to cross the freeway on a large, fenced concrete bridge.

30.42 | Freeway Bridge

(2.2 km 50 mins) Continue straight: From the overpass, this walk heads away from the freeway and down the wide track. The track leads down a series of timber steps, then over a small rise (among the scribbly gums) where the track begins to narrow and lead more steeply down a rocky section. The walk then heads down a series of timber steps (passing a 'Great North Walk' sign), and crosses a short section of timber boardwalk. At the other end of the boardwalk, this track leads left over a rock platform (with a small creek flowing after rain) and then turns right to step off the rock platform.

Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk heads downhill along the rocky track. The track leads past a few rock walls over about 350m, then turns right onto, then steps down off, a long thin rock platform. The track continues down along the side of the valley for another 200m, passing into a much more lush and dense forest, where the track then crosses the creek at a large rock platform. On the other side of the creek, the track leads right down along the other side of the valley, passing a few small sandstone overhangs then a particularly broad angophora tree after about 500m. Soon after this angophora, the track leads down some rock steps then begins to widen for about 300m, and passes a small track (on your right) marked with a 'No Camping or fires allowed' sign. By this point, the broad waters (or mud flats, depending on the tide) of Cowan Creek are obvious, on your right. The walk now continues along the generally broad and flat track for another 500m, then climbs up a set of concrete steps, marked with a GNW arrow post. At the top of these steps is a large, fairly flat clearing with a 'No Camping' and a 'Great North Walk' sign and a great view up the middle of Jerusalem Bay.

32.58 | Jerusalem Bay

Jerusalem Bay, Ku-ring-gai National Park, is a nice bay east of Cowan Station. The bay is popular with bushwalkers as it is part of the Great North Walk. The bay is sometimes known for an iconic photo of the single palm in front of the water. The bay itself is also popular with boaters who can anchor in the bay. Jerusalem Bay can be accessed by the Hawkesbury River and Broken Bay or from Brooklyn or Cowan Railway Stations.

32.58 | Jerusalem Bay

(1.8 km 55 mins) Continue straight: From the clearing at Jerusalem Bay, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign, keeping the water to your right. The track bends left then leads down some sandstone steps (with a handrail).

The track soon becomes fairly rough and follows the shoreline for about 200m before crossing a rocky and mossy gully. On the other side of this gully, the track tends right, following the GNW arrow post past a sandstone overhang, and over a small flat timber bridge. Just past this bridge, the track bends left and starts to climb steeply up the particularly rocky track. After about 300m of climbing, the track passes a small clearing with a small seat (on your right). Over the next 400m, the rocky track still heads up, but is generally less steep. The walk then comes to a large rock outcrop, where the track turns right to head up through a rocky gully. About 60m after this climb, the track leads up another short climb to a rock platform, then a third consecutive climb leads up through a crack in a rock to find a much welcomed bench seat and 'Great North Walk - Track Register' log book box. From here, the walk follows the the track gently uphill for another 60m to a 'Jerusalem Bay' sign pointing back along the track, at the top of the ridge.

Continue straight: From the top of the ridge, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Dam' sign, gently uphill, heading north through the tall heath. The mostly flat track leads through the forest, with an occasional glimpse to the freeway and down to Brooklyn. After about 400m, the track bends left and leads through a long cleft in the rock. Here the track start to head more and more steeply down for the next 350m, until heading down some timber steps which lead to Campbells Creek. The walk steps over the small (orange, polluted) creek to find a flat sandy clearing a few metres past the creek.

34.42 | Campbells Ck

(1.2 km 34 mins) Continue straight: From the small clearing, this walk follows the clear track away from the creek, and soon bends left then begins to climb. The rocky track climbs steeply for about 200m, passing among the grass trees and eucalyptus. The track flattens out and passes alongside a rock wall, then resumes the climb up the hill. At the top of this climb, the track passes a couple of small rock overhangs then climbs about halfway up a section of rock to follow the longer section of rock platform to the right. The track then gently undulates along the side of the hill, passing a section of hand rail after about 70m. The track then follows a series of small rock walls (on your left) for about 250m before climbing up onto a flat, sandy track. This soon leads to a faint intersection (with a track on your right, which goes to a large rock platform). From here, the sandy track stays mostly flat for about 300m before veering left at a GNW arrow post, leading up a more rocky section of track and then climbing up some steel pegs in the rock wall at the next GNW arrow post. Here the track leads up the short hill and comes to a T-intersection with a wide management trail, where a 'Jerusalem Bay' sign points back down the hill.

35.61 | Int. Jerusalem Bay Trk and Brooklyn Dam Service Tr

(2.8 km 57 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn' sign down along the wide management trail, initially keeping the power lines to your right. The trail gently undulates along the top of the ridge for about 700m, passing a few short side tracks (which lead to the power poles) and distant valley glimpses. The trail leads over a solid rock platform and less than 100m later, the walk leads past a track (on your right, which leads to a unfenced view over the valleys, from the power pole). The walk continues along the main trail for another 90m then follows a GNW arrow post as the trail bends left, then right, to head downhill notably steeply for a short time. The trail then continues to undulate along the top of the ridge for about 1.2km, passing more side tracks to power poles (some with unfenced views). The walk then comes to a point where the trail bends sharply right, and there is a filtered view over the Hawkesbury River to Peats Ferry Bridge. From here, the walk heads quiet steeply down for about 400m to pass under some power lines, where the trail then bends sharply left (enjoying some filtered views down to Brooklyn Dam and the Hawkesbury, on your right), passing under then same power lines again. The trail soon flattens out, coming to a faint three-way intersection (with a re-vegetating track on your

right), marked with a 'Great North Walk' sign.

38.4 | Upper Int. of Brooklyn Dam Service Track and Brook

(1.3 km 28 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the wide management trail as it initially leads over a small rise then heads downhill, keeping the valley to your right. After about 300m, the trail turns sharp right at the T-intersection with another wide trail. This flat wide trail follows the power lines for about 250m to then veer left (at the Y-intersection), heading downhill away from the power lines. The trail leads downhill for just shy of 300m, passing the speed hump signs to then bend right at the large clearing (ignoring the fenced trail on your left). Then about 100m later, this walk ignores another fenced trail (on your left) as this trail is still bending right. Here the trail heads around the side of the hill for 400m to come to an intersection with a track (on your left, leading a few meters to the signposted campsite) marked with a GNW arrow post.

39.74 | Small Campsite Brooklyn Dam

The small campsite next to Brooklyn Dam, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, is a small grassy campsite which has room for approximately four sites. The close proximity to Brooklyn Dam means close water. The campsite also has a few tall shady trees and is a fuel-stove only site.

39.74 | Alternate Route NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite to NE Bro

(180 m 4 mins) Turn left: From this intersection, this walk follows the track east, away from the main trail and through the small 'Brooklyn Dam' campsite. On the other side of the campsite, the narrow track bends right and leads down into the gully, down a few concrete steps then heading alongside the small creek. Just before the dam wall, the track bends left, across the creek and up the short rocky hill to find a larger clearing. There is a good view over the dam (on your right). The track continues bending right through the clearing, and up a short hill to an intersection with the wide trail. Now Turn left to rejoin the main walk .

39.74 | NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite intersection

(790 m 15 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrows post south along the wide trail, soon passing alongside the dam (on your left). About 40m after passing edge of the dam wall, this walk comes to an intersection with a re-vegetating track (on your right) and a large 'Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park - Brooklyn Dam' sign (on your left). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the wide trail, keeping the dam to your left. (This section of trail leads around to the far side of the dam.) After just over 250m, the trail crosses a small creek (at the apex of the dam) then continues bending left. The track passes some old concrete pipes (on your left) then after about 400m, the trail comes to an intersection with a clearing and dam wall (to your left).

40.54 | Large Campsite Brooklyn Dam

The large campsite next to Brooklyn Dam, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, is a spacious and well-maintained campsite which has room for plenty of tents. The close proximity to the dam means accessible water (treat before drinking). The campsite has many tall, shady trees and is a fuel stove only site. The concrete dam wall was built in 1884 to provide water for the steam trains passing about 500m to the north. The dam was enlarged six times before 1924, then in 1989 the dam was added to the expanded Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

40.54 | NE Brooklyn Dam Campsite

(1.6 km 34 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the management trail, directly away from the dam. After about 30m, the trail bends right and passes a 'Ku-ring-gai Chase

National Park - Brooklyn Dam' sign and continues uphill for another 150m, to where the trail becomes less steep (enjoying some filter views over the Hawkesbury on your left) for about 180m. Here a GNW arrow post guides along a short track (on the left), that runs parallel before re-joining the main trail again a short distance later. The walk then continues uphill to veer right at a three-way intersection, under the power lines, then about 120m later, this walk veers right again at another three-way intersection. About 70m up from here, the walk veers left at another three-way intersection, this time the trail generally follows the power lines along the side of the ridge. After another 300m, the trail bends right and passes under a set of high tension power lines, then continues to gently undulate for another 600m to come to a three-way intersection (with a clearing and trail on your left) and a 'Cowan' sign pointing back along the trail.

42.09 | Int of Hawkesbury Track and Brooklyn Trail

(1.1 km 25 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Station' sign gently downhill along the management trail, keeping the Hawkesbury River glimpses to your left. The trail gently undulates for about 600m before bending left to find a large clearing and water glimpses. From the clearing, the trail starts to lead downhill towards the water, and after nearly 100m, the trail leads steeply down a short section of concreted trail. Just after this, the trail leads steeply again over a longer section of concrete, where the trail then leads through a rock cutting to find an even longer and steeper section of concrete trail. This section of concrete leads down for about 220m, sweeping left to head around a locked gate, past a large 'Great North Walk' sign to find the southern end of William St. Here the walk turns right to head down William St then across George St to find a few 'Great North Walk' signs on the corner.

43.22 | Int of George & William Sts

(200 m 4 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Direct Route' sign gently uphill along the footpath beside George St. At the top of this hill, the walk turns right onto 'Bridge St' and heads down past a cafe, post office and 'The Anglers Rest' (on the other side of the road) and crosses 'Brooklyn Rd' to find a phone box on the other side.

43.42 | Brooklyn Accomodation

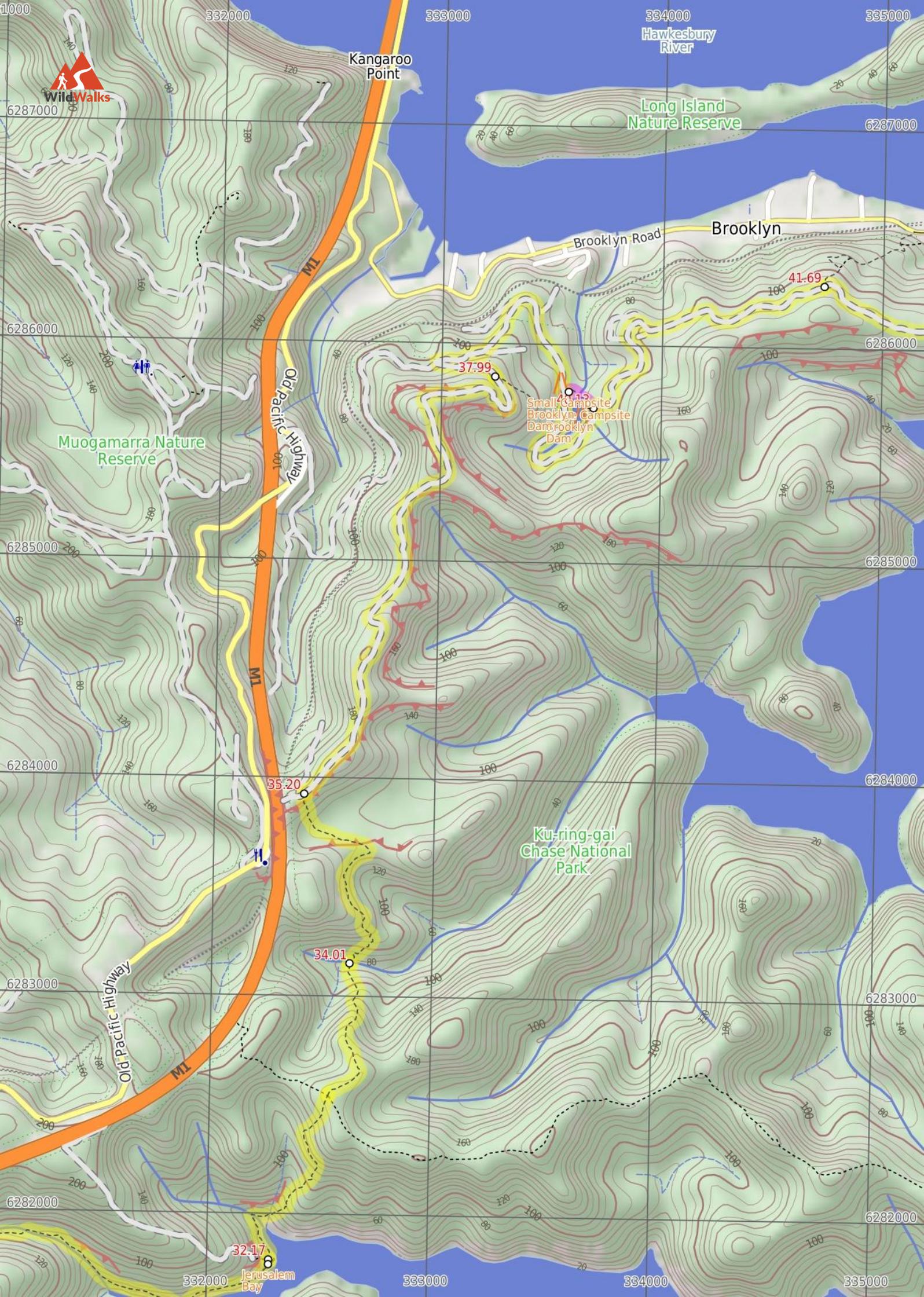
Brooklyn is a lovely little village with plenty of holiday style accommodation. There are several small cafe/restaurants in the area, good choice for cooked meals. There are two options for overnight visits, both need to be booked in advance. Brooklyn Motel: Newly renovated accommodation on Bridge St, nearly opposite The Anglers Rest. This studio style accommodation starts from \$120 per night with a spa, television and free wifi. Ph: 99858540 or 0410454530. Breakfast can be organised for an extra fee. The Anglers Rest: Pub style accommodation on the intersection of Brooklyn & Dangar Rds. There are shared bathroom facilities. From \$60 single and \$90 a double. Breakfast not included (but you can grab breakfast from a cafe) PH:(02)9985-7257

43.42 | Int of Brooklyn AND Dangar Rds

(90 m 1 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath down along Dangar Road past the phone box, keeping the train line and road to your left. The path soon leads past the community centre then the blue painted 'JJs Brooklyn' fish and chip store to come to the sandstone 'Obelisk' commemorating the naming of the Hawkesbury River. This is just on the other side of the road, opposite some large 'Great North Walk' signs and the Hawkesbury River Railway Station.







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Hawkesbury River

Long Island Nature Reserve

Muogamarra Nature Reserve

Brooklyn

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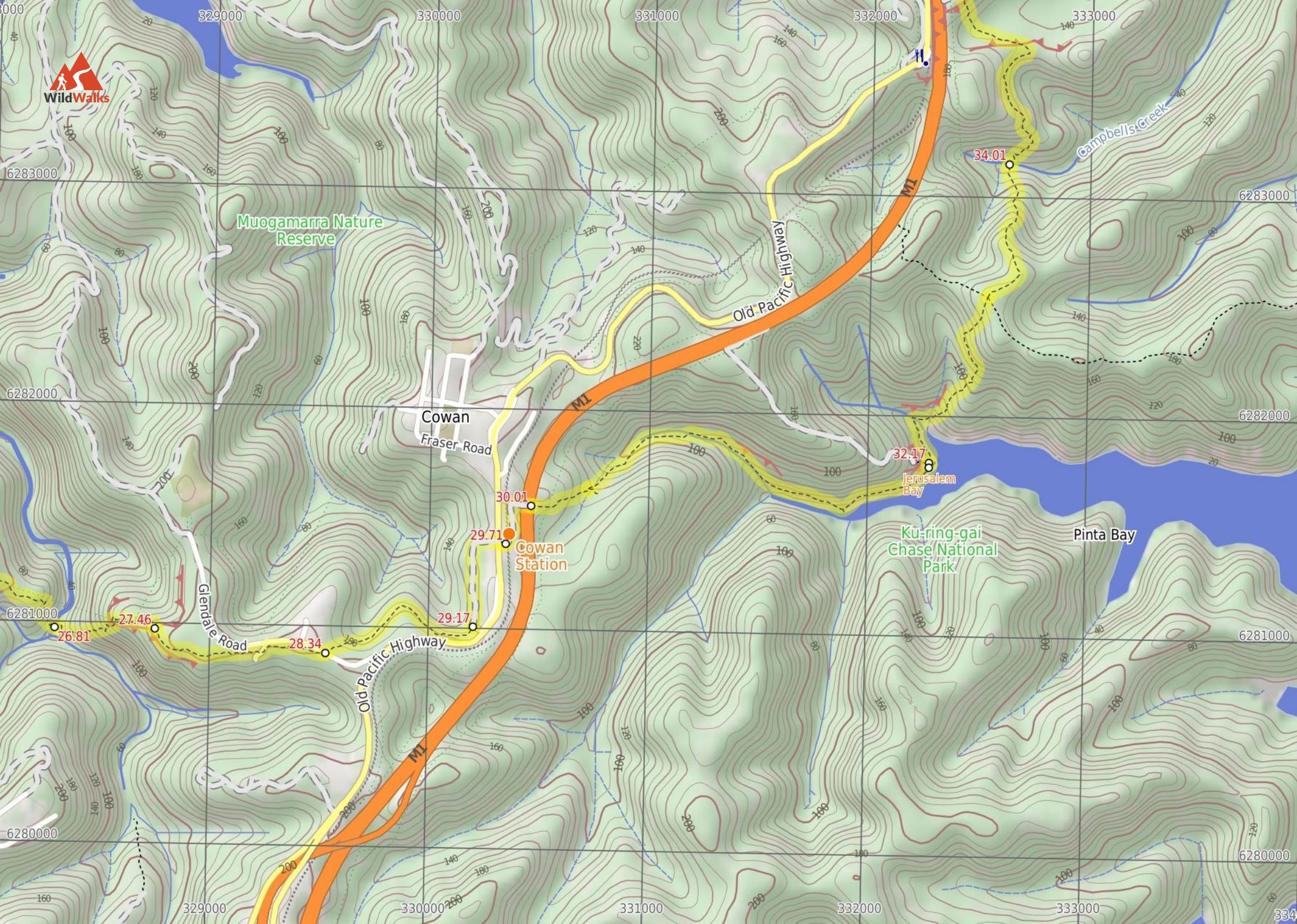
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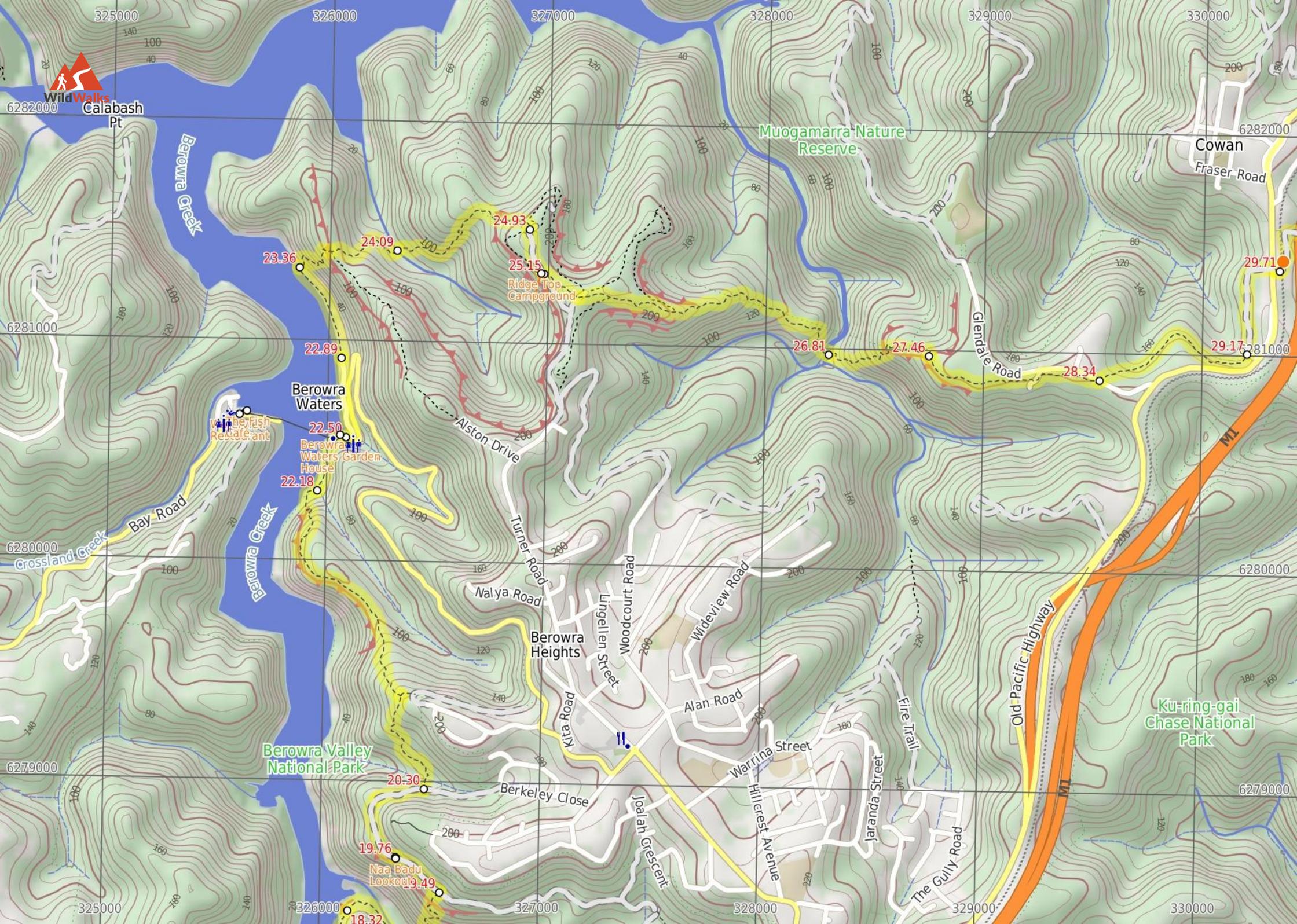
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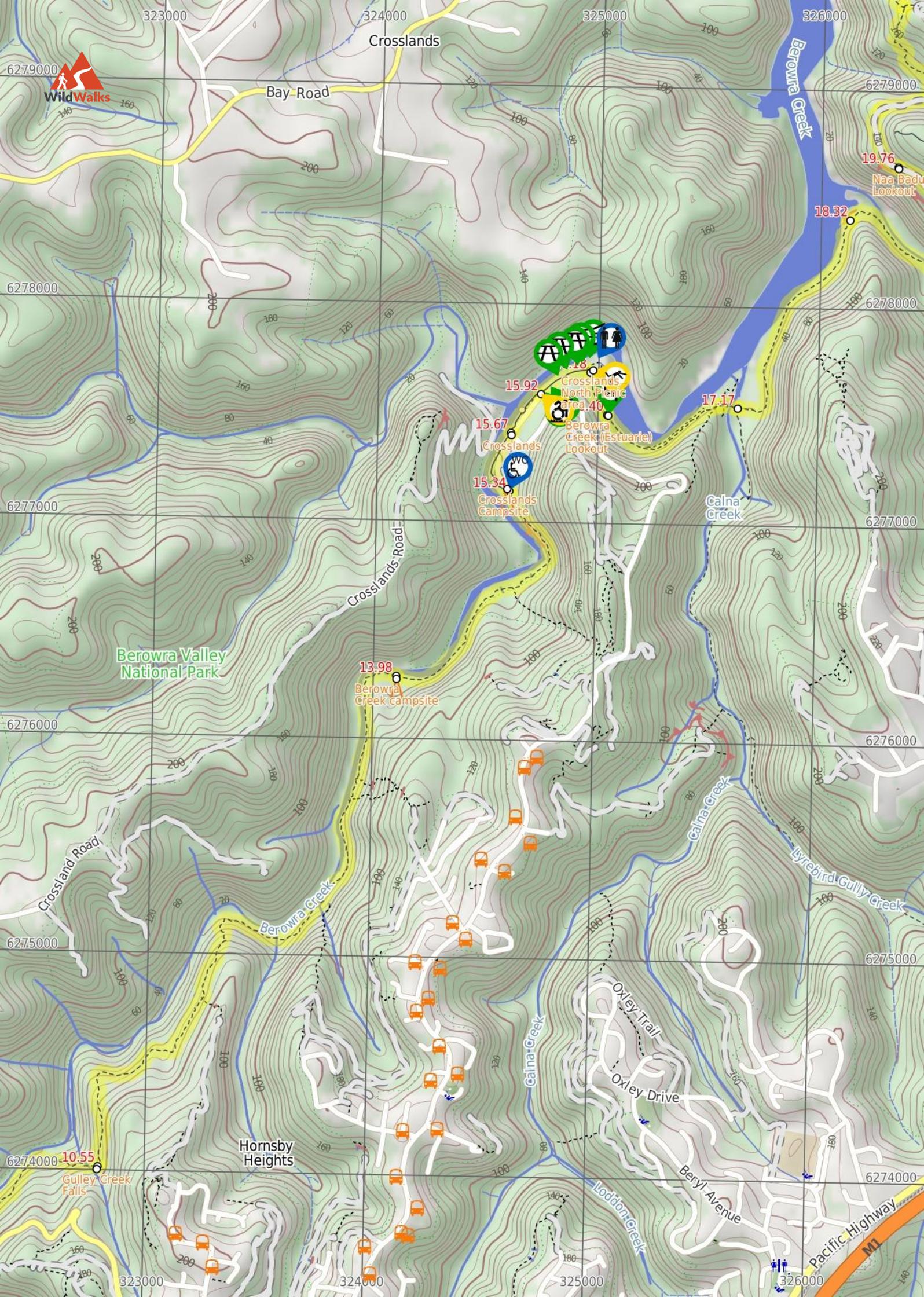
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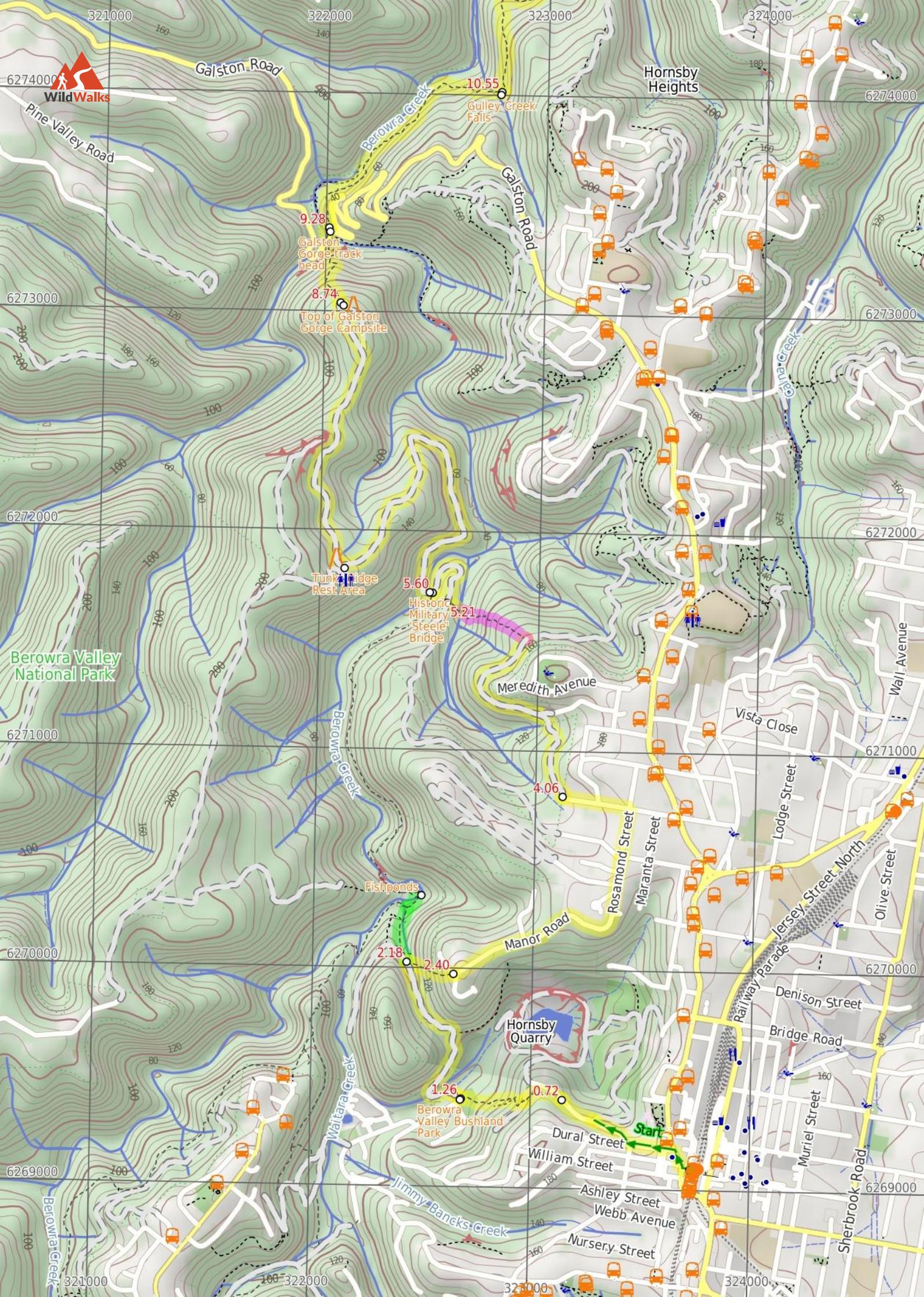
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Start	Hornsby Train Station -33.7035,151.098 (GR Hornsby, 237691)	8 -34	720 m 14 mins	From the western side of Hornsby Railway Station, this walk first crosses the bus lane, then follows the large 'To the Great North Walk' sign across the Station St pedestrian crossing, and then across the Pacific Hi...
0.72	Int of Quarry Road and Great North Walk -33.7006,151.0917 (GR Hornsby, 231694)	12 -89	540 m 14 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign up the hill.
1.26	Berowra Valley Bushland Park -33.7005,151.0867 (GR Hornsby, 227694)	45 -39	890 m 20 mins	Veer right: From the lower side of Berowra Valley Bushland Park (at the end of Rosemead Rd, Hornsby), this walk follows the 'Fishponds 1.2km' arrow on the large sign, down the track for approximately 30m, to the int...
2.15	Int of Blue Gum Walk and Joes Mountain Service Trail -33.6951,151.0842 (GR Hornsby, 224700)	0 -3	30 m 1 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Great North Walk' arrow down the narrower track a short distance to find a three-way intersection marked with a large 'Great North walk' signpost.
2.18	Int of Great North Walk and Manor Rd Bushtrack -33.6949,151.0841 (GR Hornsby, 224700)	3 -40	340 m 8 mins	Optional sidetrip to Fishponds crossing. Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Fishponds' sign along the flat narrow track past the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign.
2.18	Int of GNW and Manor Rd Bushtrack -33.6949,151.0841 (GR Hornsby, 224700)	95 0	230 m 13 mins	Turn sharp right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Alternative Route' arrow on the GNW sign.
2.40	Corner of Dilkeria and Manor Rd -33.6954,151.0864 (GR Hornsby, 226700)	36 -49	1.7 km 31 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows Manor Rd as it initially heads up a gentle hill.
4.06	End of Clarinda St -33.6881,151.0917 (GR Hornsby, 231708)	51 -66	1.1 km 24 mins	Turn right: From the end of Clarinda St Hornsby, this walk heads around the green gate with the 'Berowra Valley Regional Park' sign on it, keeping the 'Clarinda wetlands' to the left.
5.14	Int of Clarinda St and waterfall track -33.6816,151.09 (GR Hornsby, 229715)	9 -98	470 m 13 mins	Turn left : From the intersection, this walk heads down the hill along the narrow track, following the 'Great North Walk' sign.
5.61	Int of Stewart Ave service trail and waterfall track -33.6801,151.0861 (GR Hornsby, 226717)	5 -29	400 m 8 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Galston Gorge 4km' arrow down the hill along the wide management trail.
6.00	Steele Bridge -33.6797,151.0854 (GR Hornsby, 225717)	160 -33	1.8 km 44 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk crosses the 'Historic Military Steele Bridge' and turns right to follow the 'Crosslands' sign uphill along the wide management trail.
7.78	Tunks Ridge Rest Area -33.6785,151.0809 (GR Hornsby, 221718)	38 -68	1.4 km 28 mins	Turn right: From the top of the rest area, this walk follows the 'Galston Gorge' AND 'Crosslands Reserve' signs along the wide management trail, keeping the valley to your right.
9.14	Int of Great North Walk and Galston Gorge track -33.6677,151.0809 (GR Hornsby, 221730)	14 -119	550 m 16 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Galston Gorge' sign down the steep rocky track as it zigzags down towards the valley.
9.68	Galston Gorge track head -33.6646,151.0803 (GR Hornsby, 220734)	161 -109	1.3 km 41 mins	Turn left: From the Galston Gorge trackhead, this walk follows the 'Crosslands' sign up the timber steps, away from the road.
10.95	Unnamed Falls -33.659,151.0888 (GR Hornsby, 228740)	217 -297	3.4 km 1 hr 28 mins	Continue straight: From the waterfall, this walk follows the GNW markers out of the gully, initially keeping the waterfall up to your right.
14.38	Berowra Creek campsite track -33.6387,151.1034 (GR Hornsby, 241763)	85 -84	1.4 km 33 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection near the campsite, this walk follows the clear track alongside Berowra Creek, whilst keeping the creek to your left.
15.74	Crosslands southern toilet block -33.6311,151.109 (GR Hornsby, 246771)	2 -5	340 m 5 mins	Veer left: From the toilet block, this walk follows the dirt footpath nearest the creek, towards the main area of Crosslands reserve, whilst keeping the creek to your left.
16.07	End of day 1 -33.6287,151.109 (GR Hornsby, 246774)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 1, happy camping.
16.07	Crosslands Carpark -33.6287,151.109 (GR Hornsby, 246774)	1 0	250 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the car park, this walk follows the flat dirt path between the road (on the right) and creek (on the left).

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16.32	Northern end of Crosslands Carpark -33.6271,151.1105 (GR Hornsby, 247776)	1 -2	260 m 4 mins	Continue straight: From the northern end of Crosslands car park (at the far northern end of Somerville Rd, Hornsby Heights), this walk follows the 'Newcastle' arrow on the large 'Great North Walk' sign around the lo...
16.58	Crosslands North -33.6262,151.1129 (GR Hornsby, 250777)	7 -5	220 m 4 mins	Turn right: From the intersection at the northern picnic area, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the timber boardwalk.
16.80	Estuaries viewing platform -33.628,151.1137 (GR Hornsby, 250775)	54 -57	780 m 20 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection at the estuaries viewing platform, this walk follows the timber ramp down to the dirt track and heads past the '..unsuitable for wheelchair access' sign.
17.58	Calna Creek Bridge intersection -33.6277,151.1202 (GR Hornsby, 256775)	67 -58	1.1 km 27 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign along the timber boardwalk.
18.73	Sams Creek ridge clearing -33.6199,151.1257 (GR Cowan, 261784)	20 -23	500 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the clearing, this walk leads down the north eastern side of this ridge, keeping the main valley to your left.
19.23	Sams Creek Crossing -33.6219,151.1295 (GR Cowan, 265782)	181 -44	670 m 30 mins	Turn left: From the south side of the creek, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign across the rocky Sams Creek.
19.90	Int of Great North Walk and Berowra Link tracks -33.6192,151.1302 (GR Cowan, 265785)	19 -22	260 m 7 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign gently down along the management trail, keeping the valley to your left.
20.16	Int of Naa Badu Lookout -33.6178,151.128 (GR Cowan, 263787)	16 -26	540 m 11 mins	Continue straight: From the 'Naa Badu' lookout, this walk follows the management trail over the small rise and across the concrete ditch, keeping the valley to your left.
20.71	Int of Great North Walk and Berkeley Close service trail -33.615,151.1294 (GR Cowan, 265790)	109 -232	1.9 km 51 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, the walk follows the 'Berowra Waters' sign down the timber steps.
22.59	Washtub Gully Creek -33.6027,151.1242 (GR Cowan, 260803)	31 -30	320 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From Washtub Gully, this walk crosses the creek and follows the track, keeping Berowra Creek not far to your left.
22.91	Berowra Waters track head -33.6006,151.1256 (GR Cowan, 261806)	10 -15	390 m 8 mins	Continue straight: From 'Berowra Waters Trackhead', this walk follows the 'Newcastle' sign along 'Kirkpatrick Way' and across the culverted Franks Gully creek.
23.30	End of Kirkpatrick Way -33.5973,151.1254 (GR Cowan, 261809)	12 -8	470 m 9 mins	Continue straight: From the end of Kirkpatrick Way, this walk follows the GNW arrow post along the track, keeping the water just to your left.
23.77	Berowra Waters view seat -33.5936,151.1233 (GR Cowan, 259813)	119 -79	730 m 26 mins	Veer right: From the seat and view, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign steeply uphill, following the series of timber and rock steps.
24.50	Deep Bay Creek crossing -33.5929,151.1282 (GR Cowan, 263814)	187 -25	840 m 32 mins	Continue straight: From beside the creek, this walk follows the GNW arrow post east, away from the creek, up the steep rocky hill.
25.34	Int of GNW and Coreen Close service trail -33.592,151.1347 (GR Cowan, 269815)	2 -4	220 m 4 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow along the sandy management trail, heading south.
25.56	End of day 2 -33.5939,151.1354 (GR Cowan, 270813)	0 0	0 m	This is the planned overnight stay for the end of day 2, happy camping.
25.56	Int of ridge top campsite and Great North Walk -33.5939,151.1354 (GR Cowan, 270813)	24 -196	1.7 km 37 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan Station' sign, directly away from the campsite along the clear track.
27.21	Joe Crafts Creek crossing -33.5972,151.1494 (GR Cowan, 283810)	158 -5	660 m 26 mins	Continue straight: From the western bank, this walk crosses Joe Crafts Creek and heads east up the clear track.
27.87	Valley viewing area -33.5972,151.1544 (GR Cowan, 287810)	25 -14	880 m 16 mins	Turn left: From the intersection near the 'viewing point', this walk heads gently uphill directly away from the viewing area, keeping the valley on your right.

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28.75	Int of GNW and Glendale Road -33.5982,151.1628 (GR Cowan, 295809)	33 -59	830 m 19 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Cowan' sign away from the dirt road and down along the rocky and sandy track.
29.58	Int of GNW and Pacific Highway service trail -33.5972,151.1701 (GR Cowan, 302810)	27 -13	500 m 11 mins	Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post gently downhill, keeping the valley views to your left.
30.08	Int of Great North Walk and Pacific Highway service trail -33.5936,151.1713 (GR Cowan, 303814)	0 -2	40 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the Great North Walk arrow across the Pacific Highway (be careful of traffic) to the ramp at the front of Cowan Railway Station.
30.12	Cowan Station -33.5938,151.1717 (GR Cowan, 303814)	8 -15	300 m 6 mins	Continue straight: From the front of Cowan station, this walk follows the GNW arrow up the concrete ramp, turning right to cross the track at the controlled 'Pedestrian Railway Crossing'.
30.42	Freeway Bridge -33.5922,151.1729 (GR Cowan, 305816)	61 -222	2.2 km 50 mins	Continue straight: From the overpass, this walk heads away from the freeway and down the wide track.
32.58	Jerusalem Bay -33.5905,151.1926 (GR Cowan, 323818)	204 -144	1.8 km 55 mins	Continue straight: From the clearing at Jerusalem Bay, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign, keeping the water to your right.
34.42	Campbells Ck -33.5782,151.1966 (GR Cowan, 326832)	146 -39	1.2 km 34 mins	Continue straight: From the small clearing, this walk follows the clear track away from the creek, and soon bends left then begins to climb.
35.61	Int. Jerusalem Bay Trk and Brooklyn Dam Service Trail -33.5712,151.1943 (GR Cowan, 324839)	86 -133	2.8 km 57 mins	Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn' sign down along the wide management trail, initially keeping the power lines to your right.
38.40	Upper Int. of Brooklyn Dam Service Track and Brooklyn Dam Bushtrack -33.554,151.2037 (GR Cowan, 332858)	31 -95	1.3 km 28 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk' sign along the wide management trail as it initially leads over a small rise then heads downhill, keeping the valley to your right.
39.74	NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite -33.5547,151.2071 (GR Cowan, 336858)	7 -7	180 m 4 mins	Alternate Route NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite. Turn left: From this intersection, this walk follows the track east, away from the main trail and through the small 'Brooklyn Dam' campsite.
39.74	NW Brooklyn Dam Campsite intersection -33.5546,151.2071 (GR Cowan, 336858)	15 -15	790 m 15 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrows post south along the wide trail, soon passing alongside the dam (on your left).
40.54	NE Brooklyn Dam Campsite -33.5553,151.2085 (GR Cowan, 337857)	86 -38	1.6 km 34 mins	Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the GNW arrow post uphill along the management trail, directly away from the dam.
42.09	Int of Hawkesbury Track and Brooklyn Trail -33.5503,151.2198 (GR Cowan, 347863)	14 -127	1.1 km 25 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Brooklyn Station' sign gently downhill along the management trail, keeping the Hawkesbury River glimpses to your left.
43.22	Int of George & William Sts -33.5489,151.2272 (GR Cowan, 354865)	2 -5	200 m 4 mins	Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Great North Walk - Direct Route' sign gently uphill along the footpath beside George St.
43.42	Int of Brooklyn AND Dangar Rds -33.5478,151.2261 (GR Cowan, 353866)	1 0	90 m 1 mins	Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the footpath down along Dangar Road past the phone box, keeping the train line and road to your left.