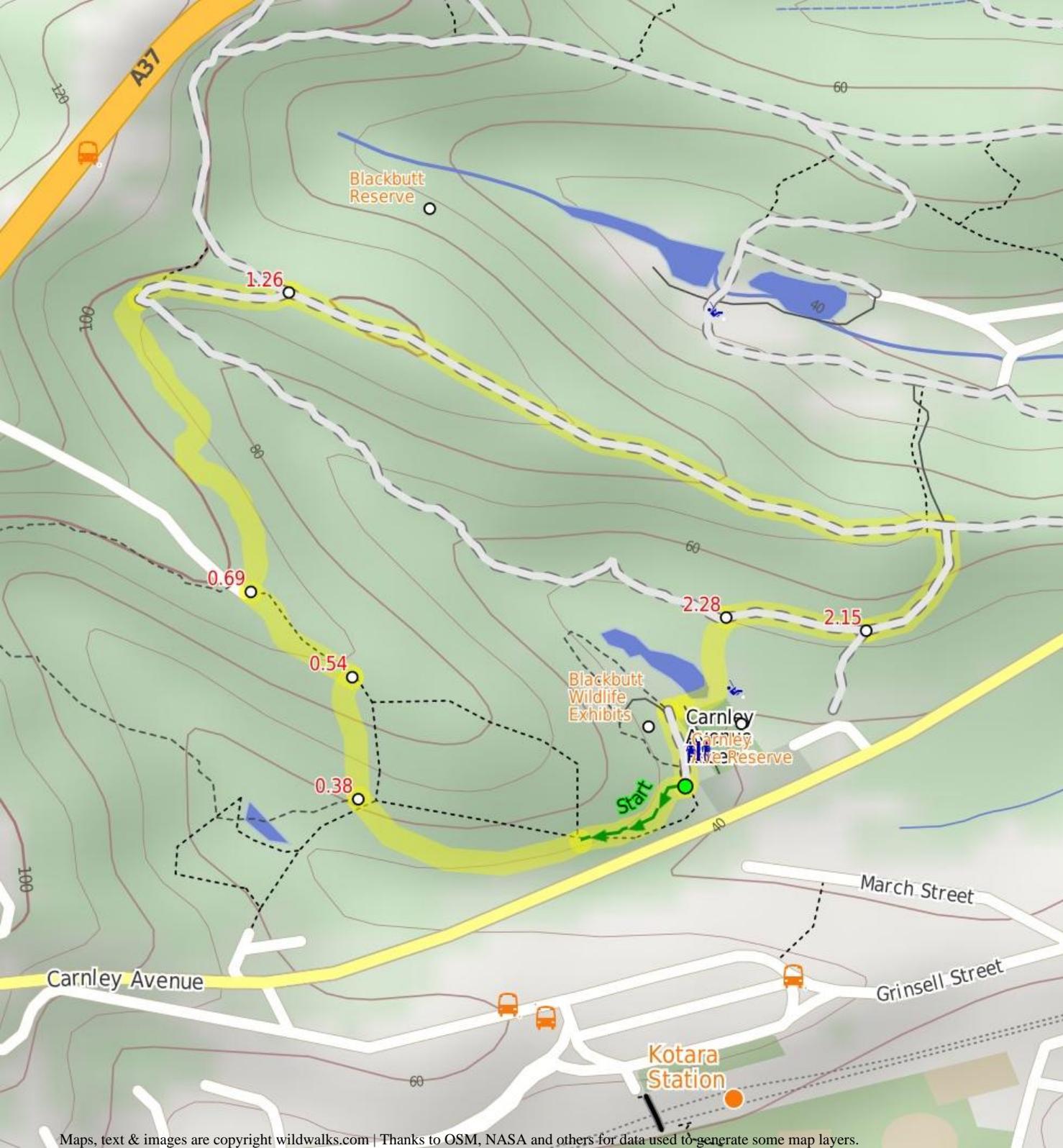


Main Ridge Circuit Walk



1 Hr

2.5 km Circuit

Moderate track

↑ 92m

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This walk follows a wide trail along eucalyptus lined broad ridges as it circumnavigates Black Duck Creek. This walk starts and finishes at Carnley Reserve and while there, why not enjoy a picnic and/or visit to the Wildlife Exhibits. Combined with the excellent facilities at Carnley Reserve, this walk is recommended for everybody, on all but the hottest days of summer.

12m

101m

Are you ready to have fun?

Please ensure you and your group are well prepared and equipped for all possible hazards and delays. Check park closures, weather information and Fire Danger Rating before setting out. Optional side trips and alternate routes noted are not included in this walks overall grade, length or time estimate. Please allow extra time for resting and exploring areas of interest. The authors, staff and owners of wildwalks take care in preparing this information but will not accept responsibility for any inconvenience, loss or injury you may experience. Please take care, have fun - Happy Walking.

Getting there You can get to Int of Boardwalk & Main Ridge Trail (gps: -32.9379, 151.6981) by car or bus. Car: There is free parking available.

This is a circuit, so you will finish back at the start.

Find up to date and more information including; travel directions, weather, park closures and walker feedback at <http://wild.tl/2l>

0 | Blackbutt Reserve

Blackbutt Reserve, near Newcastle, occupies over 182 hectares of land and provides visitors with the chance to enjoy nature trails, wildlife exhibits, children's playgrounds and recreational facilities. The reserve is the perfect place for a relaxing family picnic or to explore on a bushwalk. Native wildlife, such as the Powerful Owl and the Grey-headed flying fox can be seen within the park. There is an information cottage at Carnley Avenue, which is open 7am to 5pm, or 7am to 7pm during daylight savings. The reserve has car parking at Carnley Avenue, Richley Reserve, Lookout Road and Mahony Drive. For more information, phone 02 4904 3344.

0 | Carnley Ave Reserve

The Carnley Avenue Reserve, within Blackbutt Reserve, is wheelchair accessible and has toilets, drinking fountains, gas/electric barbecues, sheltered picnic tables, a children's playground, fenced displays of kangaroos and emu, a large black duck pond and an information centre that is housed within a replica pioneering cottage. The information cottage has a range of souvenirs, focusing on quality and affordable products. A fee of \$4 per vehicle can be paid from the automatic machines in the car park. The information centre is open 7am to 5pm, or 7am to 7pm during daylight savings. For further information phone: 02 4904 3344.

0 | Int of Boardwalk & Main Ridge Trail

(380 m 8 mins) From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road gently uphill, while initially keeping the timber fenced boardwalk to the Wildlife Exhibits on your right. This walk continues through forest for about 140m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a 'Lookout Road Carpark 400m' sign (on the right). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Rainforest Walk' sign and sealed road gently downhill. This walk continues undulating for about 260m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a sealed road (on the right) and a 'Rainforest Walk to Lookout Rd Carpark' sign (on the left).

0.38 | Main Ridge & Rain Forest Walks

(160 m 4 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road gently uphill, while leaving the 'Rainforest

Walk to Lookout Rd Carpark' sign directly behind you and initially passing a small picnic area on your right. This walk continues through dense forest for about 170m until coming to a level three-way intersection, with a picnic area directly ahead and 'Rainforest Walk' sign on the right.

0.54 | Int of Lookout Road & Main Ridge Trail

(150 m 3 mins) Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed road gently uphill, while moving directly away from the face of the 'Rainforest Walk' sign. This walk continues, heading through a picnic area for about 160m, passing two square brick buildings, and then coming to a three-way intersection with a gently downhill sealed road (on the right) and a gently uphill sealed car park, past yellow metal posts (directly ahead).

0.69 | Int of Rain Forest Walk and Lookout Road

(580 m 12 mins) Veer right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Main Ridge Walk (loop)' sign and sealed road gently downhill, initially keeping the sign on your left and the valley on your right. This walk continues, undulating through attractive forest for about 400m until coming to a three-way intersection with a trail (on the right) and a 'Tall Trees Walk' sign (on the left). Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Main Ridge Walk to Carnley Ave Carpark' sign and sealed trail gently uphill, while leaving the gently downhill trail behind on your right. This walk continues through dense forest for about 170m until coming to a level T-intersection, with a 'Main Ridge Walk to Carnley Carpark' sign directly ahead.

1.26 | Int of Main Ridge & Tall Trees Walks

(880 m 18 mins) Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Main Ridge Walk to Carnley Ave Carpark' sign and sealed trail gently uphill, while keeping the sealed gently downhill trail on your right. This walk continues through forest on a ridge for about 70m, to find an open gravel area (on the left). Then this walk continues straight ahead, undulating for about 600m, until coming to a four-way intersection, with a 'Main Ridge Walk (loop)' sign (on the left). Turn right: From the intersection, this walk follows the trail gently downhill, while moving directly away from the face of the 'Richley Car Park' sign and keeping the valley on the left. This walk continues, undulating for about 170m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a trail and metal ring fence (on the left).

2.15 | Main Ridge & Carnley Trails

(140 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the trail gently downhill, while initially passing the trail (next to the metal ring fence) on the left and keeping the fence on your left. This walk continues through forest for about 170m, until coming to a three-way intersection, with a trail and 'Main Ridge Walk (loop)' sign on the right and the metal ring fence on the left.

2.28 | Int of Blueberry Ash Walk & Carnley Trail

(130 m 2 mins) Veer left: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Black Duck' sign and sealed road gently downhill, while keeping the metal ring fence on your left. This walk continues for about 150m, passing a sheltered picnic area and children's playground (on the left),

until passing Black Duck Pond (on your right) and coming to a four-way intersection, with a replica pioneering cottage directly ahead.

2.41 | Carnley Avenue Reserve

(110 m 2 mins) Continue straight: From the intersection, this walk follows the 'Animal' sign and sealed trail gently uphill, while initially passing the replica pioneering cottage on the right. This walk continues for about 20m until coming to a three-way intersection, with a large timber fenced gate (on the right).

Turn left: From the intersection, this walk follows the sealed trail gently uphill, while initially passing the large timber fenced gate on the right and keeping the valley on the left. This walk continues for about 90m, passing an 'Animals' sign and 'Information' sign (on the right) and concrete stairs (on the left), until coming to a four-way intersection, with an 'Animals' sign and elevated boardwalk (on the right) and disabled parking and general car parking (on the left).

2.53 | Blackbutt Wildlife Exhibits

This boardwalk in the Blackbutt Reserve offers wildlife exhibits on an elevated timber boardwalk which is wheelchair accessible. Some of the wildlife that you are likely to encounter are kangaroos, koalas, wombats, Lace monitors, Wonga Pigeons, Red-winged Parrots, Black-winged Stilt, Buff-banded Rail, Herons, Eastern long-necked Turtle, Kingfishers, Turquoise Parrot, Banded Plover, Peaceful Dove, Cockatoos, Lorikeets, True Parrots, Major Mitchell Cockatoo, Bush Stone Curlew, Long-tailed Finch and Barking Owls. Entry is free and the exhibit is open from 9.00am to 5.00pm every day (closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and until 1pm ANZAC Day). Personal koala encounters are available at 2pm daily and cost \$3.50/person. For further information, phone: 02 4904 3344. [More info.](#)